

REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES  
MISSIONS DIVISION/MARC JOHNSTON, DIRECTOR  
FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION  
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The Church and Community Ministries Department partners with churches and associations in equipping God's people to reach out to their communities with the love of Christ by ministering to human need. This is accomplished by assisting churches in discovering community needs, developing models of ministry, equipping individuals and providing resources for ministry. Some of the ministries that the department has responsibility are literacy missions, hunger ministries and the World Hunger Awareness Day materials, migrant ministries, medical missions including the Mobile Dental Unit, blind ministries, resort ministries, chaplaincy, Campers on Missions, and refugee resettlement ministries.

Marc Johnston serves as the director of the department. Misael Castillo serves as state migrant ministries consultant. Cathy Lentz serves as Literacy Missions coordinator. We are currently using Team Dental Unit coordinators for the Mobile Dental Unit. The Central Florida Team coordinators are Marti Consuegra and Brenda Taylor. In the South Florida Team, the coordinator is Dr. Al Warren and the Panhandle Team is Fred and Betty Jones. The Transportation/ Maintenance coordinator is Jim Mitchell. There are three NAMB appointed missionaries who serve as Church and Community Ministries Director for their association: Mike Daily, Miami; Lynn Latham, Greater Orlando; and David Garrett, Jacksonville. One NAMB appointed missionary, Suzette Wood, serves as Resort Ministries Director in Greater Orlando. In addition, two missionaries are jointly funded by the Florida Baptist Convention and their association: Vicki Lawrence, Santa Fe River and Marie Toussaint, Gulf Stream. Mike Cople, Director of Mission Tampa (Seminole Heights Baptist Church) and Phyllis Poland, Church/ Community Ministries Director, Northwest Coast Association also relate to our department. All NAMB appointed missionaries are jointly funded with our Convention.

Listed below are some of the major accomplishments of the department during the past year:

- Coordinated 26 projects with the Mobile Dental Unit where 1950 patients were given dental care, and 51 professions of faith were recorded.
- Published and distributed materials for the annual Florida Baptist Hunger Awareness Day and Offering and distributed hunger funds to Florida churches, feeding 188,629 people which resulted in 1958 reported professions of faith with 595 following through to baptism.
- Through State Literacy Missions, 164 professions of faith and three new bible studies, 7 new citizens, 1 new Spanish Sunday school, several people were called into mission work overseas as result of working in ESL, and many potential opportunities for professions of faith were reported.
- Provided assistance for 22 church-based/associational based medical and dental clinics.
- Spiritual Care for Disaster Relief has grown to 1489 Barnabas team members and 157 Chaplains.
- Conducted three Migrant camps at Lake Yale and migrant churches with 546 people in attendance; conducted six block parties in migrant areas; conducted six Hispanic and three Haitian migrant fellowship meetings, three migrant youth events, a VBS clinic, and a prophet school for migrant pastors, and provided ongoing consultations for churches. We also had Basic Chaplaincy training in Spanish for migrant pastors.
- Conducted six block parties with a total of 1,234 people in attendance in Migrant Areas, conducted six Hispanic and three Haitian Migrant Fellowships with a total number of 430 people in our Hispanic Fellowship and 234 in our Haitian Fellowships, also three Migrant Youth Event with 276 youth in attendance, two VBS clinics with 130 in attendance, two prophet schools, one in Gainesville FL with 75 people in attendance and one in Sebring with 97 in attendance, providing ongoing church consultations, three basic Chaplaincy training with 146 people in attendance and Migrant Bible Institute with 92 students.
- Provided consultations to churches interested in reaching their communities through ministry evangelism.
- Provided salary assistance for 9 migrant pastors.
- Jointly funded missionaries have reported 779 professions of faith.