

REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
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The Partnership Missions Departments has seen a year that has been full of opportunities. We have seen a shift in the emphasis on “mission trips.” Before the emphasis was placed more on the “trip” than on the “mission.” No the focus has become the “mission.” We now have churches that want to find a place where they can be “on mission.” The shift has been wonderful for us.

Dennis and I have been very busy. We have been in 44 associations, 116 churches, met with 126 pastors and have been able to respond to 1350 requests for mission help. Combined, both of us have traveled close to 76,000 miles around Florida. We have also traveled to our partnership partners – Cuba, Haiti, Brazil, Indiana, Nevada and West Virginia – 22 times. We are seeing great results from these partnerships.

One of the greatest privileges we have is to work closely with our Directors of Missions. I see them as our ‘local missionaries.’ We have been able to meet with 44 of them in group settings and in one-on-one settings. I am honored to serve alongside these men.

We will be losing a valuable team member this year. Charis Williams is leaving August 31st. She has served faithfully for the last 13 years. Charis, we will miss you. Phoebe Bryan who has served on our team for 10 years has been so faithful. We could not do it without her.

As we look to the future we see our Responsibility (John 4:34). Jesus told his disciples, we are here to “finish the work.” We must keep urging folks to be on mission. It is about going to the finish. We also see our Response (John 4:35). We must keep our eyes on the harvest. Jesus told His disciples “the fields are ripe.” We must remember to stay focused. We have One Mission – to see lives changed forever! We also see our Results (John 4:36). Jesus told His disciples that it’s about others. It’s about changing lives for eternity. These results will allow us to celebrate.

We are honored to serve Florida Baptists. If we can help you, your church, or your association, please give us a call, text, or email.

Hope to see you ‘On Mission.’