

Living Springs Baptist Church

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Attn: Ministry Fund Committee

Re: Mission Trip Ministry Fund

In July 2014, we took a team of twelve (12) to Pascagoula, Mississippi, for a fourth year to help local churches with their VBS.

Once we arrived in Mississippi, our schedule was to do a 3-hour VBS in the morning at Graceland Baptist Church and a 3-hour VBS at night at East Moss Point Baptist. We realized that this was a big challenge and would be a lot of work, but we felt that, where God opens doors, He always provides a way. And boy, was it a week! Between both churches, we had 20 saved and a great turn out! In the afternoons, we made it our mission to clean and organize the Association Building where we stayed. We pressure washed the building, cleaned baseboards, and organized. Our group impressed the Association so much that they didn't end up charging us to stay for the week (usually \$400-\$700 depending on the size of the group). We were especially blessed by this since our grant from the Concord Association had been reduced this year by half. I do, however, want to thank you for this avenue of funding, which allows us to help these needy churches and see the life-changing impact it has on the local children. The week ended up being an amazingly God-filled, God-controlled obedient week.

I have learned that, if you are willing, God will place you where you need to be. We had an amazing week of God pouring out His blessings on us and these two little churches. I was awed at the impact they made on us, and we have made some lifelong friends. Both churches were so appreciative of our being there. You could tell a burden had been lifted from them, and most of all, that their prayers had been answered. I have learned to always be obedient when God opens a door, and He will provide. We charged a fee of \$100 per person to go on the trip, however, since that was not enough to cover the cost for us to make this mission trip happen (our costs totaled \$2,905.42), the only way our church could afford to go was with the funds Concord Association provided to us through your mission funds assistance program. In this way, Concord Association was most definitely a big part of affecting all these lives, and most definitely a part of 20 lives being saved. Thank you for the funds and the opportunity to make a difference. We could not have made this trip without your help. Our lives, as well as all the people involved and especially those saved, will never be the same. Keep up the amazing work!

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