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Attn: Ministry Fund Committee

Re: Mission Trip Ministry Fund

In June of 2012, we reserved a week in Mississippi at the Mission House not knowing what the year ahead held, but this being our third year to go back, we felt that there would be a need. Planning the trip to go back in 2013 seemed like a must. As the time approached, people began to get excited and started inquiring to go. I received a call from the Director in Mississippi that they needed help at a local church for VBS. That was great news for us because that is exactly what we enjoy doing. I agreed that we would help this church with VBS, and we also found out it was a church that we had helped 2 years earlier. The planning continued, and when the time finally arrived for us to leave to travel to Mississippi, we had 21 people going to do what God had opened the door for us to do. A few weeks before leaving on the trip, we received another call that a little church out of town needed help with their VBS as well, so we agreed to help them too. We found out later that when they called, they were in dire need of assistance and, without our help, they would have had to cancel 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 Red Creek Baptist. This was a big challenge 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! The first night at Red Creek, we had 1 saved. The next morning, we had 3 more saved, and before the week was over, a total of 24 had made commitments to follow Jesus. This week ended up being one of the most amazing God-filled, God-controlled obedient weeks we have ever experienced.

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, 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 24 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!

I am sad that David will not get to read this, but he will forever be joyed by those he will see in heaven because of the efforts of Concord Baptist Association.

Jason Smith
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