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Concord Baptist Association
P.O. Box 1884
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Attn: David Pittman

Re: Mission Trip Ministry Fund

Dear David:

In 2011, after several of our members attended a mission trip with Stones River Baptist Church to Pascagoula, Mississippi, Living Springs decided to plan a mission trip for 2012. After trying to plan the trip, the week that was available in Mississippi for us to go was going to be a struggle, but after finally giving up and turning it over to the Lord, I received a phone call from the Mississippi Association that the week that we could go had opened up, but that there was now no church that needed any help, so I was frustrated yet again. However, God opened the door for that as well, as we were told that a new church needed help growing their congregation. Another concern was how we were going to finance the trip without excluding people who wanted to participate but might not be able to because of the costs, and then we learned about the Mission Trip Ministry Fund through Concord Association. Because of that Fund, we were able to match the \$2,000 awarded to us, with our volunteers only having to pay \$50/person, which opened the door allowing us to go.

With "27" of us eager for God's Will, on June 9, 2012, we traveled to Pascagoula on a 7-day trip.

- Every morning, we fed 125 homeless at Our Daily Bread Ministry.
- In the afternoons, we held a Backyard Bible Club VBS in a trailer park, where we had 12 kids average daily (2 of which were saved before the week was over).
- One evening, we were able to go to a women's shelter where we shared the Gospel and songs, which was a true blessing.
- Another evening, we went to Hope House, where we had church like never before -- WOW -- over two hours of sharing and worship. What a time of Holy Spirit anointing!
- Another evening, we went to Beach Park and gave out hot dogs, drinks and tracts to everyone we met and sang a few songs to electrify the atmosphere.

I don't know what God has planned for this area of Mississippi, but He opened door after door for us to be able to be there, and we planted the seed for His work to be done ONE PLANTS, ONE WATERS, AND GOD GIVES THE INCREASE!

Thank you so much for the allowing us the opportunity to share God's Word and all the blessings we each received in being a part of this Mission Trip -- and it all came together because of the funding you all have set up with the Mission Trip Ministry Fund through Concord Association.

Anyone wishing to take a mission trip should never take it for granted that God can handle all of our problems. Where there is a will, He will make a way. God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called!



Jason Smith
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