

Your church is having Great Commission impact and fulfilling the command of Acts 1:8, witnessing gospel impact locally, nationally and globally through your generous Cooperative Program missions giving in the following ways:

The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention – Through your Cooperative Program giving, you support 3,604 International Mission Board missionaries who are engaged daily in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Visit <http://www.sbc.net/resource-library/52-Sundays/> to learn about the missionaries and their work.

- 535,325 people heard a gospel witness last year as IMB missionaries and their close indigenous partners continue to share the gospel boldly.
- 89,325 people became believers, committing to follow Jesus Christ in their lives, with 47,929 following through with believer's baptism.
- 12,368 new churches were planted as your missionaries continue to disciple new believers, and then do the all-consuming work of pulling those new believers together in the birth of a new church. Missionaries also reported 174,393 people who are ongoing Bible study participants.
- And an incredible 90,532 people received theological training, which includes pastoral training, church-planting training, advanced training and more.

North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention – Through the North American Mission Board you support:

- 2,218 missionaries and students in varying ministry categories.
- 3,720 Southern Baptist Chaplains serving in the U.S. military, in state and federal prisons, hospice, hospitals, disaster relief and as volunteers in many settings around the world.
- Through SEND Relief churches were mobilized around strategic ministry centers. They served over 300,000 meals, served more than 41,000 people and shared the gospel 1,260 times.

Six Seminaries – Six Southern Baptist seminaries trained 23,818 God-called leaders for ministry roles in churches and other Christian ministries. Our seminaries are located in Louisville, Kentucky; Ontario, Canada; Kansas City, Missouri; Wake Forest, North Carolina; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Fort Worth, Texas. Your giving through the Cooperative Program allows these students to receive a world class education at a reduced rate of tuition.

Southern Baptist Entities – Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, GuideStone Financial Resources and the SBC Executive Committee are also supported through Cooperative Program giving. Lifeway Christian Resources and National Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) are other SBC entities but they do not receive Cooperative Program funding. For more information on these entities visit: <https://www.sbc.net/about/what-we-do/sbc-entities/>.

Visit www.sbc.net for more information on the work and impact of Southern Baptist Convention ministries.

Here is how you are having Great Commission impact in Kentucky:

Orphan Care – Sunrise Children’s Services provides care for nearly 1,000 kids and family members throughout the state of Kentucky. They operate three therapeutic residential centers, one psychiatric residential treatment center, five foster care regions with 11 foster care offices, family services and an independent living program that helps maturing kids.

Campus Ministry – Regional campus ministers partner with local churches as they serve on eight primary campuses in Kentucky and seek to start new church-based Baptist Campus Ministry work on additional campuses. Approximately 100 campuses in Kentucky do not have a BCM presence. Christians account for only 6% of a typical college campus population in the United States.

Disaster Relief – KBC Disaster Relief teams witnessed 21 professions of faith this year and 30 other decisions. Volunteers served 23,558 hours and made 1,669 ministry contacts with those facing grief and loss. Disaster Relief Chaplains made 1,265 ministry contacts with hurting people. Volunteers distributed 762 Bibles, provided 44,261 meals, completed 208 flood recovery and 20 chainsaw jobs, served 115 heavy equipment hours, provided 1,355 showers for those facing loss, purified 2,492 gallons of drinking water and washed 582 loads of laundry.

Disaster Relief trained new volunteers, mobilizing them in ministry as they brought help, hope and healing to hurting survivors. READY CHURCH is a strategy and tool that was offered to assist churches to be prepared to minister in their community during times of crisis or disaster.

Church Planting – There are 29 church plants and seven church apprentices in Kentucky. These new works are partially funded and fully supported by every church that gives faithfully through the Cooperative Program.

State Government – Through the Public Affairs Committee, the Cooperative Program helps place a legislative agent in the state Capitol and a non-partisan state chaplain to raise the banner of Christ to those working in state government in Frankfort.

Providing News and Current Information – Kentucky Today keeps Kentucky Baptists informed. Over 11,000 subscribers receive the Kentucky Today Morning Briefing every day and 16,000 users follow us on Facebook. From July 2020 through June 2021, we've welcomed more than 1.8 million unique visitors to the site.

State Missionary Support – 111 missionaries share the gospel in Kentucky prisons and jails, serve in pregnancy resource centers and homeless shelters and meet needs in food and clothing ministries, literacy education, job skills training and a host of other ways. Cooperative Program dollars help create a vast network of mission endeavors across the state and give churches from Kentucky and throughout the nation the opportunity to know about and get more involved in these kingdom ministries in our state, resulting every year in tens of thousands of volunteers serving in Kentucky on short-term mission projects.

KBC Mission Board Staff – These staff members provide consultations, practical training and resources to churches all across Kentucky. A team of trained and experienced consultants is available to assist any of the 2,336 KBC churches in:

- Evangelism training and equipping
- Worship ministry
- Missions strategies
- Legal and financial issues
- Sunday school, small groups, and disciple-making strategies
- Senior adult ministry
- Children and youth ministry
- Women's ministry
- Dealing with conflict
- Pastor search team resources and training

Crossings Ministries (gospel-centered camps) – 13,922 students heard the gospel as they participated in Crossings Camps this past year. Crossings saw 638 profess faith in Jesus and 692 experienced and witnessed a call to some type of Christian ministry. Campers sacrificially gave a total of \$125,000 to missions.

Christian Education – Thousands of students from Kentucky and around the world are benefitting from a Christian education through Oneida Baptist Institute and Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Oneida Baptist Institute provides a structured living, learning and working environment for students in grades K-12 with a mission that involves helping students grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College provides educational preparation for those feeling called of God into Christian service.

Missions Engagement through WMU – Kentucky WMU engaged disciples of Jesus on mission in Kentucky and throughout the world by connecting Christ followers with tools and opportunities to obediently engage in God’s mission through missions discipleship, leadership development and compassion ministries while they helped churches intentionally learn about missions, pray for missions, give to missions and engage in missions. In 2021, four Kentucky Baptist churches relaunched their missions discipleship groups, over 190 students and leaders helped bring hope to families through construction projects during Kentucky Changers and 70 children took their first steps in on the mission field during Changers Kids as they worked at ministry sites across Kentucky.

Estate Planning – Our Kentucky Baptist Foundation partners with PhilanthroCorp to provide estate planning services for KBC churches and church members across the commonwealth. Pastors receive this planning service without fees in part thanks to funds from the KBC and KBF. The foundation additionally provides assistance with investing, endowments and stewardship services.

What is the result of your generous and sacrificial giving? Kentucky Baptists are cooperating to reach Kentucky and the world for Christ. Visit www.kybaptist.org for more information on the work and ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Want more information about the Cooperative Program? Visit www.kybaptist.org/cpresources to learn more and order a Cooperative Program Training Kit for your church.

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