



MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship North Carolina

“Jesus said, ‘Go and do likewise.’”

Luke 10:37b



Since our beginning CBFNC has taken seriously the call as Christ followers to go and serve. We embrace our neighbors, near and far, by resourcing local church mission engagement and supporting missional catalysts. With this resource it is our hope that you will find meaningful opportunities for you and your congregation to engage with mission work happening in our state, our nation and our world.

This resource is split into two parts. In the first section you will be introduced to our CBF field personnel with NC roots. Each field personnel profile will provide you with a summary of their work as well as ways you can engage with them. You will find our NC-related field personnel are involved in a variety of ministries and each one offers multiple avenues for engagement. The contact information for each field personnel is provided on each profile. You may reach out to them for more information about how your congregation can engage with their work.

The second part of this resource is a listing of other CBFNC endorsed missional opportunities. These are missional organizations that align with CBFNC values and welcome CBFNC partner congregation engagement. Many have worked with CBFNC partner congregations in the past and offer a variety of projects. You will find the website for each of these organizations in their profile to learn more about how your congregation can serve with them.

You may visit the CBFNC website for more information on our [commitment to missions](#). This resource is provided by the CBFNC Missions Engagement Team.

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FIELD PERSONNEL OPPORTUNITIES





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Anna is a NC native and has served in a number of CBFNC partner congregations.

Anna Anderson, commissioned in 2010, serves alongside her husband, LaCount, in Northeastern North Carolina with Together for Hope, CBF's rural development coalition, focusing on providing poverty relief and finding more sustainable solutions to systemic poverty.

The Andersons partner with The First Baptist Church of Ahsokie. They offer financial counseling to those in the community who are experiencing poverty and are looking for assistance and solutions to the financial strain and challenges those situations bring. You can help by providing gift cards in \$25 amounts for gas, and other household needs. Those are always useful. Additionally, they partner with The Gathering Place, a Together for Hope site in Ahsokie.

Anna and LaCount are also involved with a community in the eastern part of the state, Conetoe, in helping to provide resources. Conetoe is commonly called a "food desert" and they work with Rev. Richard Joyner and the Conetoe Family Life Center, which seeks to improve the health of the youth and community by increasing access to healthy foods, increasing physical activities and providing access to health services. The goal is to break the cycle of poverty by improving the resources available to families, specifically children. Anna and LaCount work with CBFNC and provide upkeep for a property in Conetoe. This home is part of The Welcome House Community Network, a growing collaboration of partners who are working to provide safe affordable housing for immigrants, refugees, and the most vulnerable.

How Can You Engage with Anna?

- Pray for the people of Conetoe and the Conetoe Family Life Center; for the families that find hospitality in the Conetoe Welcome House; that the Andersons continue to find opportunities to serve their community.
- Stay up to date by following Anna's work on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/encpn/>
- Financially contribute to Anna's ministry:
<https://www.classy.org/give/103181?amount=50#!/donation/checkout>
- Send a team of 6-8 people (7th graders and older) to help with summer camp at the Conetoe Family Life Center. Volunteers could help with a variety of things including crafts, games, music, and relationship building. There would be two camp sessions for two different groups to have the opportunity to serve. Contact Anna for more information.
- Send a team of 6-8 people (adults) to help with construction and/or repairs on buildings on the Conetoe Family Life Center property. It would be ideal for volunteers to have skills in carpentry, plumbing, painting, etc. These teams could come at various times of the year. Contact Anna for more information.



Bev & Woody Baker

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The Bakers are NC natives.

Bev and Woody, commissioned to Global Service Corp in 2023, left Ahoskie in the late 70s to pursue college and careers. For the next 20 years they established themselves in Atlanta and had two daughters. In 2002, they accepted a call into full time mission. For the past 20 years, they have lived and served in the Pacific area with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

In early 2023 the Bakers returned from Australia and began serving as Global Service Corp workers serving back in their hometown. Woody is in a support role with the Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps (RCCWJC) at The Gathering Place and is garnering community support for the establishment of a Christian Men's Job Corps. The Job Corps seeks to empower people through one-on-one mentoring, training and resourcing on the journey to self-sufficiency. Bev serves the Hispanic agricultural community through English language learning classes and will begin mentoring elementary school students in the coming school year.

The Bakers work alongside Anna and LaCount Anderson who have been serving eastern NC for years in various poverty outreaches in conjunction with Together for Hope, a rural development coalition fighting persistent poverty in the US.

How Can You Engage with the Bakers?

- Pray for Woody and Bev as they assess local needs; solutions and resources in addressing the need for affordable temporary housing; as they undertake job corps training; for God's enabling to encourage their neighbors.
- Stay up to date by following the Bakers' work on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringplaceahoskie>
- Learn more about the work of the Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps: <https://cwjc-rc.org/>
- Financially contribute to the Bakers' ministry: <https://www.classy.org/give/448846/#!/donation/checkout>



Chaouki & Maha Boulos

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The Bouloses call NC one of their homes during off-field assignment.

Chaouki and Maha Boulos, commissioned in 2002, minister in Lebanon and the Middle East through evangelism, leadership training and refugee aid. Their multi-faceted ministry features numerous initiatives and programs including:

- Refugee Assistance – distribution of more than 900 food packages to refugee & Lebanese families every 6 weeks as well as hosting medical & dental teams who provide free medical and dental work to all needy persons.
- Church Planting – providing financial support to local pastors to start new ministries in the Middle East.
- Orphanage Support – providing support to multiple orphanages in Lebanon; financial support helps provide food items that are difficult to acquire as well as clothing and shoes.
- Women’s Ministry – providing meetings each week for over 450 women that include worship.
- Men’s Ministry – providing breakfast and ministry weekly for over 75 men.
- “Celebrate Jesus” Rallies – celebrations which reach large crowds with the Gospel in an open-air environment in Arab cities; celebrations feature 2-5 nights of worship and an invitation for attendees to accept Christ as their Savior.
- Christian Conference Center – creating a Christian conference center to host large retreats, seminars, meetings and training programs; center aims to provide a place where pastors and Christians from the Middle East and North Africa can meet and share together.
- Christian Family Relief – serving poor and struggling Christian families in Lebanon through food and medical emergency assistance.

How Can You Engage with the Bouloses?

- Pray for the church plants and orphanages they support; the refugees they work with; that opportunities arise for them to talk to people in their community about God.
- Financially contribute to the Boulos’ ministry:
<https://www.classy.org/give/106585/#!/donation/checkout>
- Send a team to help facilitate the “Celebrate Jesus” rallies in the spring and fall of each year.
- Send a team to engage in medical clinics by providing medical & dental assistance.



Carson & Laura Foushee

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Carson and Laura are NC natives.

Carson and Laura Foushee, commissioned in 2013, are serving in partnership with the Japan Baptist Convention (JBC) in Kanazawa, Japan. Since their commissioning, they have been blessed to serve alongside congregations in the Hokuriku and Kanto areas through preaching and teaching as they cultivate beloved community among Japanese and internationals. In 2022, they were called back to serve in partnership with Kanazawa Baptist Church, where their Japanese ministry began, to help meet the various needs of internationals in the area.

Throughout their service, the Foushees have been inspired by the faithfulness of the Japanese and internationals they have served with and among. Their hope is to continue to both learn and teach as they journey alongside these sisters and brothers to share the love of Jesus with all of their neighbors.

How Can You Engage with the Foushees?

- Pray for Kanazawa Baptist Church and other partner congregations that opportunities will come their way to be the presence of Christ in their communities.
- Follow the Foushees' ministry on Facebook and Instagram on their "Foushees in Japan" pages.
- Financially contribute to the Foushees' ministry:
<https://www.classy.org/give/101716/#!/donation/checkout>
- Take a team and learn alongside the Foushees in Japan through a mission immersion experience focused on building relationships with and learning from our Baptist sisters and brothers in Japan.



Matt & Michelle Norman

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Matt and Michelle are both from NC and both of their adult children attend university in the state.

Matt and Michelle Norman, commissioned in July 2011, serve in Barcelona. This southern European city has seen diverse growth in population, including large numbers of refugees and immigrants from around the world. Spain is one of the world's most secular countries and the region where the Normans serve, Catalonia, is less than one percent Protestant and most of the population is 2 to 3 generations removed from the Church.

In this unique community, the Normans are engaged in ministry to assist local churches in connecting with their secular community as well as welcoming immigrants and refugees. They lead trainings for local churches, Bible studies with individuals interested in learning more about the Christian faith and assist local ministry efforts. They are also engaged in social ministry, seeking to address the felt needs of the community through various endeavors.

How Can You Engage with the Normans?

- Pray for the local churches they partner with; the immigrants and refugees coming into Barcelona and those who work with them; that opportunities will arise to talk to people in their community about God.
- Stay up to date by following the Normans' work on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/partnershipcatalunya>
- Financially contribute to the Normans' ministry: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/matt-and-michelle-norman/c106600>
- Send a team from your congregation to engage in a unique mission-learning opportunity. This opportunity uses the Pivot material (available for download at <https://cbf.net/product/pivot-download>) to help train and equip teams to think critically about mission engagement internationally, regionally and locally.

The Pivot experience allows teams to participate in a cross-cultural experience that focuses on learning rather than doing. Teams participate in listening sessions, serve alongside local ministries (when available), worship in a local congregation and learn asset mapping among other experiences. A goal of the experience is for teams to gain tools to further develop their own missiology and apply what they learn in Spain to their local community. Teams must commit to preparation sessions and reading prior to the trip to Spain. Groups are limited in size and the program is intended for college aged adults and above.

- The Normans are available through digital means to speak and engage with your local congregation throughout the year.



Stella Perrin
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Stella is a NC native and has served in a number of CBFNC partner congregations.

Stella Lail Perrin, commissioned in 2023, seeks to be the presence of Christ and cultivate beloved community as she serves the vulnerable who have been displaced from their homelands due to war and natural disasters as a mental health educator through All4Aid. Cyprus, although small in size, has the largest per capita population of asylum seekers in Europe. Her presence allows for those traumatized by their displacement and the horrors that caused them to seek refuge in Cyprus to know the healing love of Christ.

How Can You Engage with Stella?

- Pray for Stella as she adjusts to living and working in Cyprus away from family and seeks to build meaningful relationships with asylum seekers and community resources; for discernment as she seeks to understand the needs of asylum seekers and how to best serve their mental health needs; for regular monthly ministry support to allow for her long-term ministry presence.
- Financially contribute to Stella's ministry: cbf.net/perrin
- As Stella settles into her new home in Cyprus and establishes her ministry, opportunities to engage with asylum seekers and better understand the challenges they face and to learn how to be a welcoming presence in their own communities may arise.



Gennady & Mina Podgaisky

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The Podgaiskys have been coming for off-field assignments at FBC Black Mountain since 2006.

Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, commissioned in 2002, serve in Kyiv, Ukraine where they facilitate the ministries of the Village of Hope, a ministry center that assists foster families. They also lead Bible studies, provide counseling, organize and lead family seminars; Outback couples retreats, and provide training on the Life-Skills Manual for Youth. Additionally, they lead a home Bible study group; provide pre-marital, family and individual counseling; and lead family, parenting and marriage seminars and retreats in various churches in Ukraine.

The Podgaiskys came stateside in early December 2021 for a 3 month off-field assignment. Because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, their ministry had to change from location and emphasis but not from its target. Their work currently focuses on providing funds for a variety of needs in Ukraine, sourcing medical supplies, humanitarian aid, and other needed supplies for towns and villages in extreme need, supporting Ukrainian pastors and leaders, providing counseling to displaced Ukrainians within the country and in other places, to help them process the war trauma.

How Can You Engage with the Podgaiskys?

- Pray for the end of the war so the process of reconstruction can start; safety as the Podgaiskys return to serve in Kyiv, Ukraine from mid-August to mid-December 2023; for Mina as she leads Kyiv Christian Academy in its opening since the school closed after the war started.
- Follow the Podgaiskys' ministry on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Podgaiskys/>
- Financially contribute to the Podgaiskys' ministry: <https://www.classy.org/give/106540/#!/donation/checkout>
- Receive updates from the Podgaiskys by emailing minainukraine@gmail.com



Delores Stimpson
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Delores grew up in Yadkin County and began serving with Welcome House in Durham in 2020.

Appointed as the first CBF Global Service Corp post-career field personnel in 2023, Delores joins the Welcome House ministry of CBF field personnel Kim and Marc Wyatt. What started as one apartment has grown into a network of churches providing hospitality and housing ministries across North Carolina and beyond. Delores encourages and supports the ministry of local churches in the Durham, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough area of the Research Triangle.

During her career managing technology solutions, Delores tried to steward her time and talents between home, community and the workplace. In her new role, one of her favorite quotes is fully realized. From William Shakespeare, 'The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.' Delores understands one of the most important parts of her ministry to be the continuation of support for families once they leave Welcome House. She hopes to follow along with these families' journeys and help them become good neighbors who are engaged in their new communities.

How Can You Engage with Delores?

- Pray for the vulnerable people who come to Welcome House in need of hospitality; for Delores as she provides support and care for families in a new and foreign place; for each person as they leave Welcome House and begin a new chapter in their lives.
- Stay up to date on Delores' ministry by subscribing to her newsletter. Send her an email (dstimpson@cbf.net) to sign up.
- Financially contribute to Delores' ministry:
<https://www.classy.org/give/467117/#!/donation/checkout>



Marc & Kim Wyatt

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The Wyatts are NC natives and have been serving here since 2014.

Kim and Marc Wyatt, commissioned in 1996, serve in the Research Triangle. Kim and Marc have long been involved in engaging displaced peoples with holistic ministry. They began their work as field personnel serving in Thailand and Canada. Learning and applying a posture of hospitality, they assisted with the start-up of Matthew House, a refugee resettlement ministry based in the heart of downtown Toronto.

In 2014 the Wyatts' missional journey brought them back to their home state, where they steward their gifts and experience to help connect resources and mobilize churches to welcome and love their international neighbors. In October 2015, they established Welcome House Raleigh, shaped after their previous ministries to refugees in Canada. Welcome House Raleigh is a temporary reception home for refugees who are resettled in the area that do not have a place to live upon arrival. Welcome House provides a safe home, settlement assistance and bridges into the community. There are currently more than 60 expressions of Welcome House across the state and beyond.

How Can You Engage with the Wyatts?

- Get [Prayer Associates](#) resource. Pray for the Wyatts, the Welcome House Team and the refugees and immigrants they serve.
- Keep up with Kim and Marc on social media at www.facebook.com/kim.n.wyatt and www.facebook.com/marcewyatt1
- Financially contribute to the Wyatts' ministry: <https://www.classy.org/give/104599/#!/donation/checkout>
- Visit [Welcome House Raleigh](#) and serve alongside the Wyatts. Participate in opportunities like the Christmas Gift Bag Project, Weekly Grocery Sign-up, Tour de Welcome House mission immersion experience or learn how to start a Welcome House in your community too.

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The Dwelling Winston Salem, NC

Project Types: Serving with those experiencing homelessness

In a world that constantly tells people who are living on the margins that they don't belong, The Dwelling is a church that tells them that the world has it all wrong. The Dwelling proclaims boldly that there is holiness in the identity as someone experiencing homelessness, that they share a kinship with God who reminds us all that we are all wanderers in search of belonging. Belonging that can only be found in the waters of baptism and at the table - where outsiders are no more.

The Dwelling reflects the radical counter-cultural nature of the cross - where shame is glory and identity in Christ replaces the damaging narrative that the world so easily affixes to people in the margins. This church is for the wanderers, the seekers, the questioners, the doubters. The ones that feel worthy and more importantly the ones that do not. This is the place where God and God's people meet.

In addition to weekly Sunday worship The Dwelling serves the Winston Salem community in a variety of other ways including a shower trailer, a clothing closet and a feeding ministry. They also partner with Spark to offer week-long summer spirit & service-learning opportunities for youth groups.

DETAILS

- Host a shower day.
- Provide breakfast following Sunday morning worship.
- Be a part of pop-up hygiene fairs.
- Bring your youth group to Winston Salem for the Spark'Dwell summer program.
- For more information visit their [website](#).



Flourish: A Shalom Project Program Winston Salem, NC

Project Types: Providing meals; Mentoring

Flourish is a one-year financial education and holistic wellness program designed to help women heads-of-household with low income achieve financial self-sufficiency. Flourish is where financial empowerment meets whole-person wellness.

Recognizing that stress and trauma accompany life with low income, Flourish takes an innovative approach to empowerment: linking program participants to practical financial, career development, and self-care resources; cultivating community across socio-economic differences; and providing access to mental health resources.

DETAILS

- Serve a meal to Flourish participants.
- Become a Companion/mentor volunteer for a Flourish program participant.
- For more information visit their [website](#).



SPARK

Winston Salem, NC

Project Types: Customized for Your
Needs

SPARK (share peace and rekindle kindness) designs and manages community service experiences in order to help those in need and spread kindness to all. By partnering with local organizations, SPARK can create a service experience for your group in your own community or in the Piedmont Triad. Following a conversation with you about your needs and goals, SPARK staff will handle every step of planning and managing a service experience customized for your group.

DETAILS

- Spark can help you create a mission opportunity year-round including school breaks and summers.
- Opportunities can be created for groups from 10 to 100.
- Groups can vary in age and skill-level.
- For more information visit their [website](#).



WARM NC
Wilmington, NC

Project Types: Construction

Founded as Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry, WARM NC began in 1996 in response to hurricanes Bertha and Fran. Volunteers from across our region were organized by leaders of the Wilmington District of the United Methodist Church to repair the damaged homes of low-income and elderly residents. As they entered the homes, volunteers noticed that much of the damage predated the storms - they just did not have the resources to make costly repairs. So, while responding to a natural disaster, WARM volunteers discovered a social disaster: substandard housing.

Long after the TV crews and national relief agencies packed up, WARM has continued its mission to improve the living conditions of low-income homeowners, including many elderly and disabled. Since its inception, WARM has helped over 2,000 families in Southeastern North Carolina.

WARM opened the Center for Homeownership Retention in 2023. We will keep going until every homeowner in our service area is able to live safely and independently in the home they worked so hard to pay for.

DETAILS

- Groups are welcome to serve with WARM year-round.
- Groups can vary in size with as few as 2 people. The ideal group size for a worksite is 7-10 people. If your group includes more people, you will be split into different worksites.
- Participants must be at least 13 years old.
- WARM encourages each group to bring at least one person in the group with building/construction skills.
- WARM will provide each group with the needed supplies and a field staff member that will provide training and onsite guidance.
- You will be responsible for lodging and transportation details. WARM can provide a list of lodging options.
- For more information about WARM visit their [website](#) or call (910) 399-7563.



Africa Exchange Nairobi, Kenya

Project Types: Service Learning

Africa Exchange creates partnerships with marginalized rural communities in Kenya to enhance local capacity, protect vulnerable children and preserve fragile environments. They envision vibrant cross-cultural relationships with thriving, resilient communities where love of God and neighbor extends to the benefit of all creation. Africa Exchange arises from an ethos and conviction that Love of God, Love of Self and Love of Neighbor are inextricably bound together and necessary for harmonious living.

Similarly, Africa Exchange practices an integral form of mission that does not attempt to separate the spiritual, psychological, physical, material or social aspects of our being, nor to pretend that we are somehow separate from the earth we inhabit. It is their hope and desire that actions and activities will celebrate and uphold the dignity and value of all of creation. Africa Exchange engages with specific marginalized communities in East Africa through:

- support for holistic, integrated childhood development
- local capacity building
- promotion of appropriate technologies
- cross-cultural and service-learning opportunities
- conservation of critical ecosystems

DETAILS

- Utilize their children's missions curriculum, [Pamoja!](#)
- Take part in Kutana Kenya, Africa Exchange's service-learning opportunity.
- Find out the latest about Africa Exchange by visiting their [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).



Project Ruth

Bucharest, Romania

Project Types: Education, Leadership Training, Repairs

In 1992, Project Ruth began as an outreach program for children by a local Romanian Baptist Church in Bucharest, Romania. More than 30 years later, Project Ruth serves the Roma community in Bucharest through educational programs with an accredited school for kindergarten - 8th grade, hot meals for children and families, parenting courses, professional development for educators & children's workers, outreach after-school programs in five rural villages around Bucharest, church leadership training for Roma men & women and most recently extensive Ukrainian relief with refugee housing and the 4:7 Care Box program.

There are diverse opportunities for volunteers to plug-in to the ministry of Project Ruth. Whether it is leading Vacation Bible School for school-aged children in the summer, teaching in the Gypsy Smith School leadership training program for Roma church leaders, sharing positive parenting strategies with parents trying to break generational cycles of poverty & abuse, leading professional development for educators from more than dozen schools of at-risk children, or even spending a few days painting classrooms and assisting with minor building repairs.

DETAILS

- Volunteer opportunities are available September – July.
- Group size between 5 - 15 volunteers.
- Team fees for volunteers at Project Ruth cover all in-country expenses with regard to housing, transport, translation, touring & food.
- Volunteers will need to make their own arrangements for flights.
- Project Ruth's volunteer coordinator will work with your group to create a volunteer schedule suited to your group's skills and preferences prior to your arrival in Bucharest.
- Find out the latest about Project Ruth by visiting their [Facebook page](#).
- For more information on setting up a team visit contact brittany.garton@project-ruth.org.



Rescate Ecuador
Cajabamba, Ecuador

Project Types: Health, Education, Agriculture,
Social Care

Rescate, established in 2009, is located in Cajabamba in the Chimborazo Province of Ecuador. It is a faith-based community development non-profit organization started by locals who were called by God to bring hope to the marginalized and forgotten people of the country. Their work focuses in four areas: health, education, agriculture and social care.

Rescate focuses on the areas of study schools are unable to cover as they are very under-resourced. Many students are forced to leave school by the 5th grade to begin working to help their families financially. They help develop skills for individuals to obtain jobs and start businesses through work in trade schools. Rescate is also involved in community development through building community centers and churches, installing water filtration systems, providing meals to underprivileged children and providing medical and dental clinics.

DETAILS

- Groups are welcome to serve with Rescate year-round.
- Groups can vary in size based on project interests.
- Projects might include:
 - Minor construction
 - Installation of water filtration systems
 - Medical, hygiene, or dental clinics
 - Education or sports camps
 - Sewing training
 - Ministry of presence
 - Asset-based community development
 - Assist with pastors' school
- Transportation provided by a nationally-certified bus company
- Lodging provided by local hotels
- Mission immersion training guidebook available
- Find out the latest about Rescate by visiting their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- For more information on setting up a team visit contact marco@rescateecuador.org.