



A Customizable Mission Opportunity

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Are you looking for a low-budget, high-impact mission opportunity for your church? Look no further than SBCV Mission Plant! Mission Plant is an easily customizable mission opportunity for your church to partner with an SBCV church plant in sharing the Gospel and displaying the love of Christ. Read below the testimonies of church planters who hosted Mission Plant teams in 2009:

Chris Dowd — Executive Pastor, Bedrock Community Church, Bedford

Having the mission team from the SBCV Studentz Camp was a tremendous blessing. With their help, we were able to complete 12 different projects all over the city of Bedford. It had such a tremendous impact on our city and its leaders that they awarded our church with the annual "Bedford Beautification" award. For the city to give our church an award like this in our first year of existence is an amazing testimony to the truth that blessings follow obedience.

Steve Swisher — Pastor, Essential Church, Virginia Beach

We had a mission team come in during the first month that we launched our church. They hosted several block parties in our community, and we are still reaping the benefits a year later. Just last week, we had a first-time visitor at church whom I met at one of the block parties our mission team hosted.

Andy Davis — Pastor, Mecklenburg Community Baptist Church, South Hill

We were blessed to have a volunteer team minister with us last summer. They came from Hitesburg Baptist Church in Virgilina, VA, about an hour away. Pastor Bob Watts and his team, led by Carl Daniels, did a superb job. The team members came in various ages, but all came to serve. They were well-prepared and excited about the prospect of serving both our small church plant and especially the children of South Hill. They led a one-day VBS that began with Bible study and ended with the Gospel presented to both parents and students. This team not only provided the labor, they also brought all snacks and crafts and cooked us lunch. The children were very appreciative of the efforts this group made. There was one profession of faith, and we followed up on several prospects from this event. We will be glad to welcome the team back this year! This kind of help is a real blessing to young church plants, especially when we did not have enough workers to do it alone.

Chris Gill — Pastor, Reservoir Community Church, Yorktown

The benefits of hosting a Mission Plant team at Reservoir: It built excitement within the church as we prepared for the team. It built excitement in the community as people saw roofs replaced, porches repaired, fences installed, houses painted, etc. There was rejoicing in heaven as seven gave their lives to Christ.

Brad Mullinax — Pastor of Small Groups and Evangelism, Oasis Church, Amherst

The impact these soldiers for Christ had on our community is still a point of conversation around the tables of our community members. Over 100 students parachuted into our town and met some major needs. Jesus' and Oasis Church's reputation were improved because of the work of the young, energetic teams. The Gospel was advanced in a powerful way because of their prayer, efforts, and sweat. We look forward to utilizing this opportunity again and would encourage every pastor to do so as well.

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