

STORIES OF IMPACT

A look back at how DBC made disciples and made a difference here and around the world



DUNWOODY
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Introduction

Someone once said that the “church does not have a mission, but rather the mission has a church.” God’s purposes in this world have a community through which they are done.

Have you ever thought of missions this way? Maybe for you, missions feels like special events, tasks, things to do. Maybe missions is a list of causes and organizations supported by the church. Maybe missions are just the good things churches do in the community and around the world.

But if we look at missions from a Biblical perspective, we realize missions is God’s idea, not our own. It might look like a list of events, causes and organizations. But in reality, our efforts should first reflect God’s heart for people and this world. It is His work we do, not our own. His purposes take top priority over our preferences.

God has a mission to redeem and restore this world. The new community called the church is the result of that mission and is invited to join God in the work. In other words, DBC did not start because someone had a good idea. It started as a result of God’s work in this community. We are a part of God’s plan.

The following pages are a look back over the last year at how DBC joined in the mission of God. Let these stories inform and inspire you. Pray about where you are called to make disciples and make a difference as part of God’s mission.

JEFF REAMS

Missions Pastor



The Goal of Missions

The goal of missions is that people from every nation, people group, and language would know and worship God together, doing what He has gifted them to do.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

From Genesis to Revelation, a common story weaves throughout the Bible. God’s heart for all peoples. God’s global purpose for his people in the Old Testament and his people today is to spread his glory among all nations. It is this mission that has birthed churches in every country.

That is why we don’t just focus our efforts on Dunwoody, Atlanta, or even the USA. God is a global God. He loves all people in all nations. So we extend ourselves and our efforts to wherever God calls, whether across the street or around the globe.

DBC Missions Council

- Cathy Hubbard - Chairperson
- Suzanne Baisier
- Judy Wells
- Greg Hackney
- Thomala Wright
- Sharon Kalahar
- Maria Scheff
- Matt Szuda
- Shelley Noles

If you have a question about missions, email missions@dbc.org.

For a full list of the ministries that DBC Missions supports, go to dbc.org/missions.

HOW TO RECEIVE UPDATES & STORIES

Want to know more missions stories? Make sure to read our *Story of Impact*, part of the DBC Weekly sent out every Wednesday. Scan the QR Code to subscribe to our *Missions Monthly* email.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

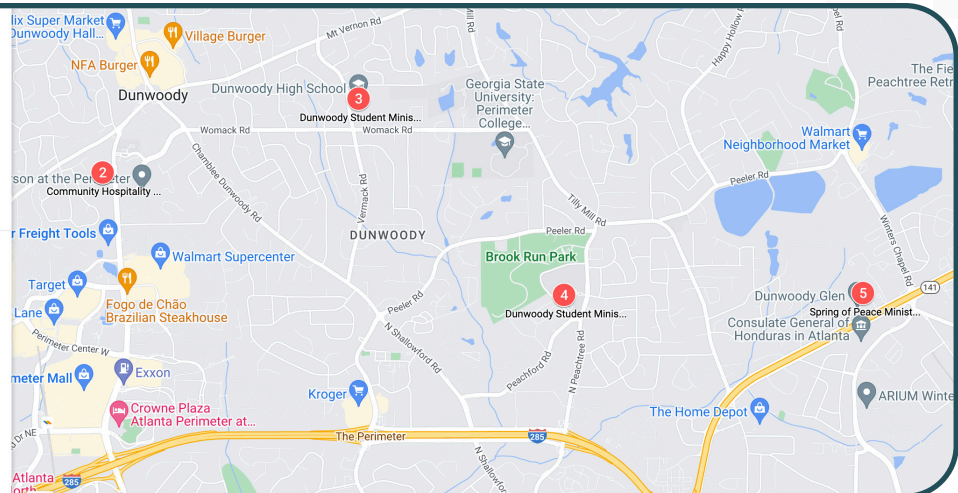
Do you want to find your place in God’s mission at DBC? Attend the *Discover Your Purpose Lab*. Visit our website or check the Church Center app for upcoming dates. You may also contact our Missions Pastor, Jeff Reams, at jreams@dbc.org.

Where Our DBC Missions Partners are Located

Dunwoody

Local Mission Partners

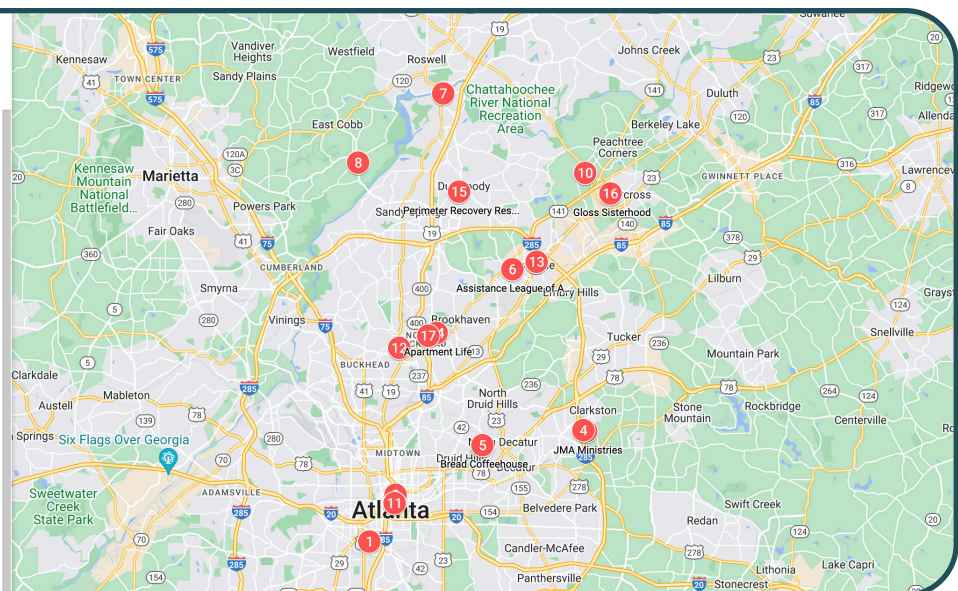
- 1 Community Hospitality Team
- 2 ESOL
- 3 Dunwoody Student Ministries
- 4 Dunwoody Student Ministries
- 5 Spring of Peace Ministries



Atlanta

Missions in Atlanta

- 1 Jars of Clay Outreach
- 2 Safehouse Outreach
- 3 JMA Ministries
- 4 Global Frontier Missions
- 5 Bread Coffeehouse
- 6 Assistance League of Atlanta
- 7 Mary Hall Freedom House
- 8 Chattahoochee Baptist Church
- 9 Pregnancy Resources of Doraville
- 10 Developmental Disabilities
- 11 Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Ga State Uni...
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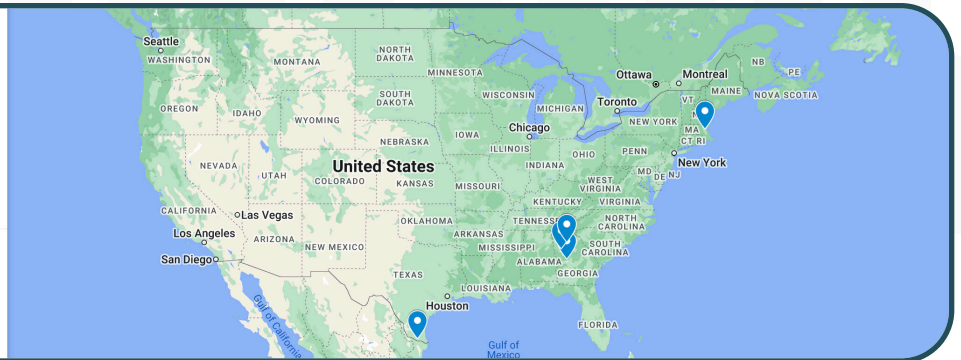
“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

USA



Missions in Ga and USA

- 📍 Camp Grace
- 📍 Georgia Baptist Childrens Home
- 📍 Georgia Baptist Mission Board
- 📍 Sojourn Collegiate Bread Coffeehouse @ North...
- 📍 Border Perspective

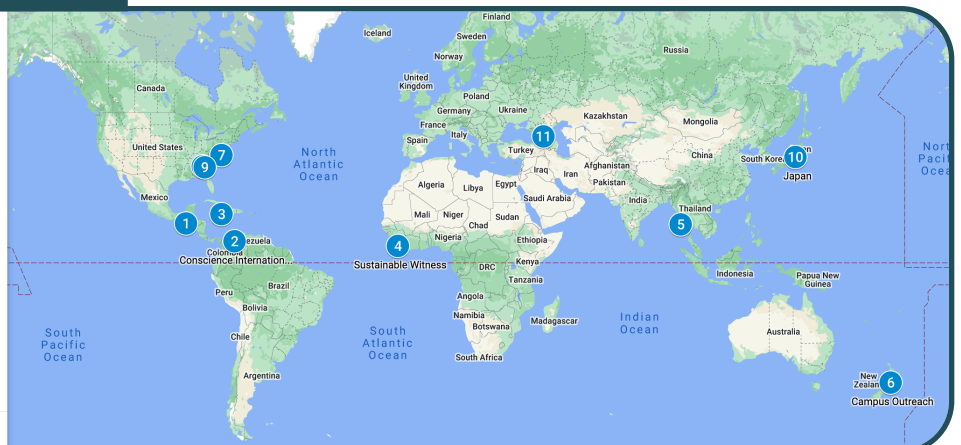


Around the World



Missions around the world

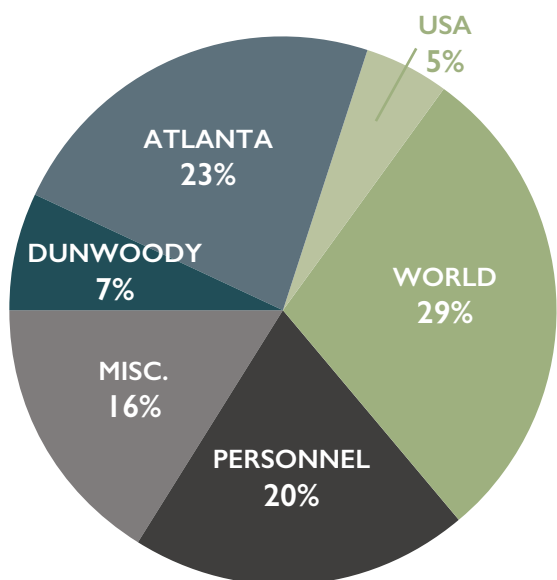
- 1 Revive Guatemala
- 2 Conscience International
- 3 Jamaica Student Ministry
- 4 Sustainable Witness
- 5 Southeast Asia
- 6 Campus Outreach
- 7 International Mission Board
- 8 Cafe 1040
- 9 Culture Link
- 10 Japan
- 11 Central Asia



GIVING

GIVING BY ACTS 1:8

Dunwoody	7%
Atlanta	23%
USA	5%
World	29%



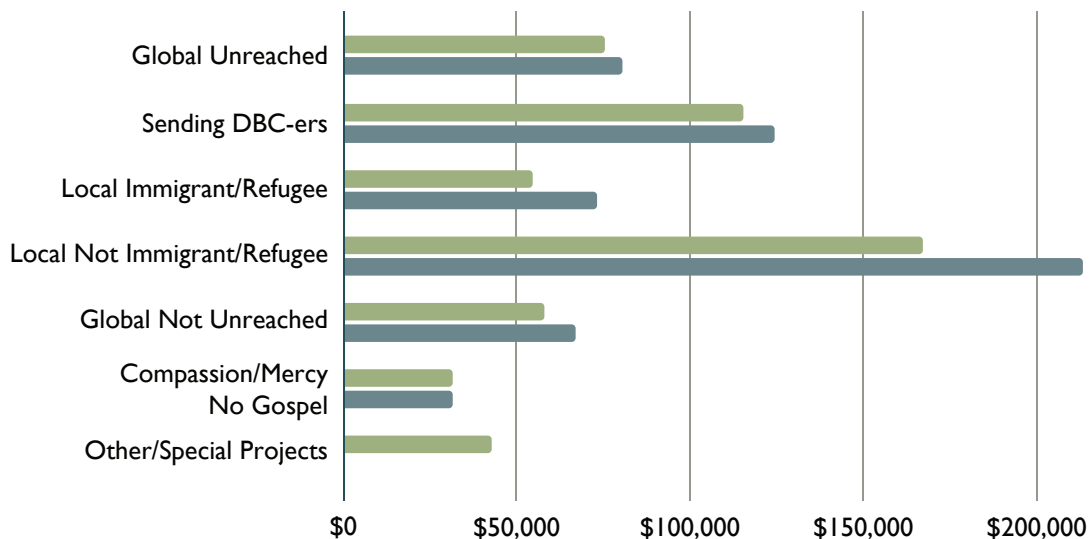
17%
FUNDED
BY TITHES
TO DBC

TOTAL 2022
MISSIONS
BUDGET:

\$800,000

GIVING BY PRIORITY

■ 2022 ■ 2023



DBC MISSIONS USES 3 CATEGORIES TO DESCRIBE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE SUPPORTED IN THE BUDGET:

BLESS

- One time, renewable annually, support in smaller amounts to individuals or organizations not within the focus of DBC Missions, but valued by DBC members and/or having fruitful ministry (up to \$3,600 annually).

CATALYZE

- 3-5 year support commitment made to individuals or organizations looking to start or expand their work and in closer alignment with the purpose of DBC Missions. This support is initiated with the mutually understood goal that the ministry becomes sustainable and no longer reliant on funds from DBC (up to \$12,000 annually).

OWN

- 5-year to ongoing commitment made to individuals or organizations that are focused on reaching the unreached and/or mobilizing DBC as part of our sending pipeline (up to \$20,000 annually).

DBC Foundation Funds Missions Since 1975

LONICE BARRETT

The Dunwoody Baptist Church Foundation and the DBC Missions Council have enjoyed an excellent relationship over the years. The Foundation was officially granted its 501(c)(3) status in 1975 and has provided more than seven million dollars to our church's missions programs since then.

The Foundation is committed to providing financial support where God's work would not get accomplished without necessary "seed money" or in areas where the people are financially unable to help themselves.

The Foundation appreciates the excellent work of the Missions Council. It looks forward to being a part of our church's efforts to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world—from Dunwoody to Doraville, Clarkston, Atlanta, Texas, Boston, and across the waters to distant places like Myanmar (Burma), Liberia and Japan.

Godspeed to the DBC Missions Council in your efforts to expand God's kingdom worldwide.

Learn more about the DBC Foundation at dbc.org/foundation.



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FOUNDATION

GOING IN DUNWOODY

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE CONNECTED WITH DBC MISSIONS PARTNERS SINCE OCTOBER 2021?

ONE-TIME SERVICE
PROJECT OR EVENT

547

ONGOING REGULAR
SERVICE WITH A DBC
MISSIONS PARTNER

96

CURRENT LONG-TERM
WORKERS FROM DBC

12

The Burt Family
Central Asia

Cara McClain, Spain,
College Ministry

Lindsay Hicks
Boston
College Ministry

David & Emily Langley
Japan, Leadership
Development

Hannah Diamond Jack
New Zealand
College Ministry

Robby & Maddy
McPherson
Dunwoody, Leadership
Development

PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED
DBC OUTREACH EVENTS

3,000+



Christmas Party Draws 300 From the Community

Over 300 people attended a Christmas party hosted by DBC and planned by and for the Indian community. Everyone enjoyed delicious food, singing, dancing, and reading Christ's birth story in multiple languages.

850 People Attend India Independence Day Celebration

For the second year in a row DBC hosted an India Independence Day Celebration for the community in partnership with the Atlanta Telugu Christian Fellowship. India Independence Day is officially August 15, but we held the event on August 14, 2022, in our Sports Center. Over 850 people from all over Dunwoody and Atlanta came to participate in fantastic music, dancing, speeches, food, and games. DBC families coordinated several teams, but most volunteers came from the community.

Some participants said:

"My Indian students could not stop talking about the Indian Independence party at DBC. They absolutely loved it, and every one of them went."

- Susan, a teacher at Austin Elementary

"It was truly a proud moment to witness the celebration, flag hoisting in the USA, far away from my homeland. The programs were amazing, food delicious, every detail and every part of the evening was well organized and planned. Thank you one and all in the DBC India team to make it a happy and wonderful event. Kids and grown-ups both had fabulous fun. Thank you."

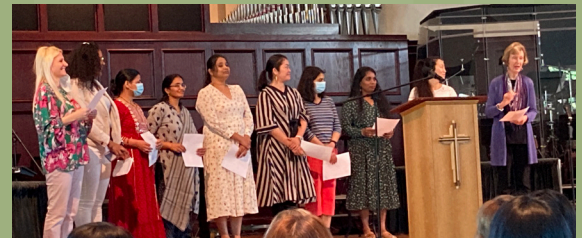
- Nisha Vyasam, a community attendee



ESOL Over 70 students from 14 different countries

DBC's English for Speakers of Other Languages is the primary way we build long-term friendships with our international neighbors.

"Thank you for your encouragement and kindness to me. Thanks to you, my family and I are always happy." - Megumi from Japan



Conversation Club

In October 2021, DBC launched *Conversation Club*, as a way for people to practice their English in a relaxed atmosphere. The group has grown and meets on Mondays, from 6-7pm, in the Worship Center Lobby.

"Through Conversation Club, we can learn not only English but also about cultures such as food and lifestyle. The helpers are so kind to us, we feel relaxed and have fun talking with them." - T. Honda & Y. Honda, English Learners

DBC Hosts Family Promise

Family Promise provides temporary housing for families emerging from homelessness. DBC hosted three families served by

Family Promise of Dekalb County on our campus from June 26 through July 3, 2022. Over 30 volunteers from DBC set up rooms in our student center and donated items for the families.



GOING IN ATLANTA / USA



Perimeter Recovery Residences

DBC has a special relationship with Perimeter Recovery Residences. PRR operates two halfway house recovery homes near Chamblee for men fighting drug and alcohol addiction. DBC member and founder Bruce Friddle requires the men to attend church somewhere on Sundays, and most attend DBC. They also meet during the week on our campus. They contribute to the leadership of The Bridge Sunday Morning Bible Study class and are faithful volunteers whenever DBC has a need.

Assisting Afghan Refugees with 150 Boxes of Supplies

In December 2021, working with the Welcome Co-Op, DBC filled 150 boxes of kitchen supplies for Afghan families moving to Clarkston. Men from Perimeter Recovery Residences helped load up and deliver the boxes.



THE PITCH

64 organizations applied, six finalists were selected, and \$110,000 in grants were awarded, with the top award being \$50,000

The Worship Center was transformed for a night of inspiring ministry dreams, laughter, tears, and generosity at *The Pitch*. 300 people filled the room, and 50 watched online as six ministry leaders presented a transformational idea to make disciples and make a difference.

The Pitch was a new, innovative idea brought to us by Orchard, a non-profit consulting organization in Atlanta, as a way for our church to share in the process of how the Missions Council funds ministries. By the night's end, \$110,000 was given away to the finalists, which enabled the launch of new ministries for immigrants and college students around Atlanta, development projects in Guatemala and Myanmar, a new training center for disciple-makers in Thailand, and new church construction in Honduras.

- Bread Coffeehouse
- Cross-Cultural Ministries
- Global Frontier Missions
- JMA Ministries
- Revive Worldwide
- Third World Church Builders

Bread Coffeehouse won an additional \$10,000 as part of the People's Choice Award. Cross-Cultural Ministries received the top grant of \$50,000 to go toward a new ministry center along the Buford Highway corridor in Doraville. Virginia said afterward, "It was a tremendous journey and experience for which I am very grateful. I am in awe of the grant. I am grateful for DBC to come alongside us to develop this new ministry center."

Apartment Life Makes a Difference

Erika Sunday serves on the DBC worship team and with Dunwoody School for the Arts. In addition, she works with her roommate, Ebony Hinds, on an Apartment Life Cares Team. Apartment Life places teams in local apartments to build community and serve the residents. Erika serves at the Margo Apartments in Sandy Springs. apartmentlife.org



Dental Clinics Serve Well Over 100

We held two free dental clinics in Lilburn this past year. Each clinic benefited ministries that work with refugees and immigrants.



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SERVE IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

DBC sent a team of middle schoolers to serve with Team Effort in Jacksonville, Florida. The team endured the heat to complete several projects for a resident in need. The experience bonded the students, provided discipleship opportunities with the team leaders, and showed how hard these students are willing to work to serve someone.



Caroline & Eduardo Serve on the US/Mexico Border

For seven weeks this past summer, Caroline and Eduardo Quintero served mission teams with DBC Missions Partner, Border Perspective, in Pharr, Texas.

Caroline says, "Throughout the scriptures, we repeatedly see that Jesus had compassion on them. This summer, I was challenged to realize the role that compassion plays in the power of the gospel through our lives and into the lives of others. The two cannot be separated, and the Holy Spirit must work in us to cultivate it."



US/Mexico Border Team

In April, a team of six from DBC traveled to the US/Mexico border to serve with Border Perspective in Pharr, Texas. The team helped prepare a new church facility for the ministry, distributed food, worked in a migrant shelter, and visited sights along the border, learning about the culture and history.

For John Karne, this was his first trip with DBC. He said, "It was one of the most special trips of my life and allowed me to taste the love of Jesus by serving the community."



New Orleans Team

In March, a team of three served at the New Orleans Global Maritime Ministry and First Baptist of Reserve, repairing damage from Hurricane Ida.

Check out www.portministry.com for information on the unique Global Maritime Ministry that is reaching people from all over the world.

Future trips are being planned. Stay tuned!

GOING AROUND THE WORLD

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PEOPLE SENT
ON SHORT-TERM
MISSION TRIPS

DAVID & EMILY LANGLEY

David and Emily Langley moved to Japan in July to serve with SEND International. This photo was taken at their May commissioning service.



JUDY WELLS

Judy Wells continued her work in Jamaica, mentoring churches and pastors on how to lead children's ministries. As a trained play therapist and leader for Community Bible Study International, Judy offers not only Bibles and training but also skills that more and more churches are seeking. This photo is from a recent training she helped to facilitate.



HANNAH DIAMOND JACK

Hannah Diamond Jack wrapped up two years of ministry at the University of Alabama - Birmingham and now lives in New Zealand, serving in leadership with Campus Outreach. Her sister Ansley returned from serving a summer in South Africa with Campus Outreach.



CARA MCCLAIN

Cara McClain returned to ministry at the University of Salamanca in Spain with CMF International.



GOING AROUND THE WORLD

Perci Shope traveled to Ecuador this summer and participated in a ministry with Iglesia Biligue Lirio de los Valles (Lily of the Valley Bilingual Church).

This church is a light in the community of Azoques, reaching their neighbors through Spanish and Quechua languages. Perci shares, “This is what I am passionate about—serving the Lord; that He takes me into account so that others can know about Jesus.” During the week, they provided children’s programs, workshops for the church leaders, and evangelism in homes, the street, and the market, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Perci says that when she wore their typical clothing, it greatly impacted the people—that she showed her care for them by taking on their traditions and culture.



GUATEMALA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

A team of high schoolers served with Iglesia Del Camino and Revive Guatemala. They worshipped, shared the gospel, built a house, passed out water filters, and worked on wheelchairs for kids. The experience allowed students and leaders to share the Gospel and do things outside their comfort zone. They were inspired by the work of our brothers and sisters in Guatemala, and some are eager to return!



New DBC Missions Partners

Hunter and Kelsey Hancock moved to Southeast Asia to serve with Global Serve International.



Robby and Maddy McPherson are on staff with DBC Missions Partner Cafe 1040. They moved to the Jefferson Apartments in Dunwoody to establish a training and mentoring program for college students. They are also active members of DBC and are building relationships in the community.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Sustainable Liberia Solar Project: Bringing Light to Liberia

DBC Missions Partner Sustainable Liberia requested funds for an innovative solar energy project to provide consistent electricity for one of their main programs. The “Coal Pot Queens” is a job training center and restaurant operated by SL outside Monrovia. DBC sent \$12,500 toward this project which was completed over the summer and has greatly expanded their capacity to provide job training, education, and discipleship throughout the week.



Revive Worldwide Guatemala Base Funded

DBC Missions donated \$20,000 toward the purchase of land in Guatemala, which will become the base for DBC Missions Partner Revive Worldwide. It will be a training ground for agricultural and economic development projects and discipleship training.



Disaster Relief

We sent over \$6,400 worth of gift cards funded through DBC Missions and individual donations to First Baptist Church Mayfield, Kentucky.

Ukraine Relief

- \$15,000 to Conscience International
- \$10,000 to Lifeline Children's Services
- \$10,000 to House of the Gospel Church in Rivne, Ukraine

DBC Helps Families Persecuted by Regime in Myanmar

Working with DBC Missions Partner, JMA Ministries, DBC sent \$15,000 to assist families displaced, persecuted and pastors imprisoned by the military government. The money went toward food, medicine, housing, and sending pastors to help families.



WE REMEMBER

Dick Raebel

September 4, 1929 – September 12, 2022

"The greatest among you will be the servant of all."

Jesus, Mark 9:35

Richard Raebel loved missions and was the director of DBC's Benevolence Ministry for 21 years. He and his teams served over 7,000 people in the community during his tenure, dispersing approximately \$1 million for rent and utility assistance. For him, it was more than a volunteer role. It was a way to show the love of Jesus to people facing a difficult time. He modeled a servant's heart and attitude. He is greatly missed by all who knew and served with him.

