TEXAS BAPTISTS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
<u>ANNUAL REPORT</u> | 2021

# SHARE CHRIST AND SHOW LOVE

#### **IMPACT, EQUIP & EXPAND**

This annual report highlights just a portion of the amazing work our **5** new ministry centers were able to accomplish in 2021. Through your cooperative giving, our ministries were able to impact, equip and expand the local church in these ways:



Thank you for your generous giving. We are doing more together.



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CENTER for CHURCH HEALTH CENTER for MINISTERIAL HEALTH CENTER for CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER for MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER for COLLEGIATE MINISTRY



The Center for Church Health was established in 2021, so it's proving to be a most unusual inaugural year. Despite the newness of creating a center staff in a post-pandemic environment, the accompanying report indicates some significant accomplishments during this past year. We are blessed and encouraged that so many of our Texas Baptists churches and institutions were ministered to during such challenging times.



#### MINISTRIES

Church Health Evangelism Discipleship Music & Worship Church Architecture GC2 Press Women's Ministry

Single & Young Adult Ministry



#### A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:



#### **CENTER STATS**

- **64,997** ministers and lay-leaders were trained through special events, consultations and speaking engagements
- 2,882 trained through Discipleship Events
- 58,668 trained through Evangelism Events
  - **403** trained through Music & Worship Events

- 2,512 Women Ministers and Lay Leaders were impacted through trainings and consulting sessions
  - 511 pastors and church leaders participated in training, consulting, and coaching sessions with Church Health Strategy
- **2,078** participated in Congreso Experiences

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#### CENTER for CHURCH HEALTH

#### FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING: ONE CHURCH'S STORY OF REVITALIZATION

Josh Murray felt called to accept the position of senior pastor of Canyon Creek Baptist Church in Temple when he was just 24 years old. In the span of two or three months, the church had seen a complete turnover of staff.

Murray said that, for the first two years, it was all about survival and figuring out how to keep the church running. At the beginning of 2021, they were able to truly look at strategic growth strategy. It was around that same time that Murray connected with Jonathan Smith, director of Church Health Strategy.

Smith came to Temple and spent a day with Canyon Creek, observing and learning about how they interact with visitors, to understand how he could help. Afterward, Smith sat down with Murray and they created an assimilation plan.

They set to work implementing two big strategies, which included texting first-time guests and establishing a "discover Canyon Creek" class where people could learn about the church and how to get involved. The two strategies work hand-in-hand to keep people engaged in the church and to ensure visitors feel welcomed and valued.

Canyon Creek immediately saw growth, with 40 people joining the church in their first membership class alone. A church that, three years ago, had about 70% of their attendees over the age of 70 now has a median age of about 42.

"We want the church to look like Heaven," Murray said. "We want every person from every background, every race, every ethnicity, whether it's a poor family or a rich family, young or old, we really want our church to be a place where everyone can feel the blessing of God."

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### CENTER FOR MINISTERIAL HEALTH

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The Center for Ministerial Health exists to assist pastors in being as strong and healthy as possible. We take a holistic approach that includes Counseling, Financial Services, Area Representatives and specialized ministry consultants for areas such as Bivocational Pastors and Western Heritage Ministry. There is no 'onesize-fits-all' approach to ministry so we do all we can to support and care for each pastor in their unique ministry context.



DOWELL LOFTIS Director

#### MINISTRIES

Minister Connection Area Representatives Counseling Services Financial Health Western Heritage Bi-Vocational Pastors Interim Church Services

Pastor Strong Initiative



#### A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:



#### **CENTER STATS**

- 13,500+ contacts made by Area Representatives
  - 1,800+ requests for Counseling Resources
    - **200+** pastors trained through virtual conferences
    - 800+ contacts made with Cowboy Church Leaders

- 157 pastorless churches assisted through Interim Church Services
- \$55,000 in Minister's Financial Health Grants were awarded
- \$70,000 in low-interest loans made to pastors/ministers

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#### CENTER for MINISTERIAL HEALTH

#### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

For Jorge Vazquez, the call to full-time pastoring came during his time at seminary. Over 17 years later, his passion for ministry is still going strong. He has been the leading pastor of Agape Baptist Church alongside his wife, Dahlia, for the past six years. The church, which is located in San Antonio, is a predominantly Hispanic church dedicated to cross-cultural outreach and evangelism.

Recently, the Vazquezs began looking toward the future. Though they plan to continue ministering for many more years, they knew that they needed to save for retirement. They also knew they probably should have started saving earlier, but they were not completely sure how to get started.

A pastor in the Vazquez's community recommended that they look at the Texas Baptists website for possible resources. While on the site, he found the Ministers Financial Health (MFH) team. The Financial Health team provides support for pastors through grant funds, low-interest loans and financial literacy resources. One of those grants is the Ministers Financial Health Grant, a grant designed to help pastors struggling with debt, bills or retirement savings.

For the Vazquez family, the grant was proof that they were following the path God intended for them.

"At the end of the day, God is going to provide wherever He takes us, and that's one of the things that grounds us and keeps us going and doing the things that we do," Vazquez shared. "I love that Texas Baptists has taken an initiative to pursue this and share resources with their pastors."

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## CENTER for CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Cultural Engagement helps equip Texas Baptists to engage in our respective communities. God calls us to be salt and light. We help bring others into community with God's people through building bridges between groups, seeking justice, healing brokenness, confronting systemic evils, and speaking truth to power. We do this to bring the secular toward the sacred.



KATIE FRUGÉ Director

#### MINISTRIES

Christian Life Commission

Texas Baptists en Español African American Ministries

Intercultural Ministries **Chaplaincy Relations** 



#### A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:

# \$1.99MILLION

#### **CENTER STATS**

- 286,366 individuals served, including 71,247 children, through CP-supported community outreach programs
- \$405,018 in hunger grants approved by Hunger Offering
- \$8,000+ raised for the Mary Hill Davis Offering through inaugural "Run With It" virtual 5K
- **1,500** pastors and church leaders from 25 countries trained through 55 leadership conferences
  - 207 Intercultural Pastors and congregations strengthened in their language and cultural context
  - 1,141 NEW BELIEVERS

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## CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

#### INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES JOINS WITH CONGOLESE CHURCH TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel (IMPG), a Congolese church in Houston, was hit particularly hard by the pandemic, with many of the church members losing their jobs. As Pastor Andre Shango talked with his congregants, he realized that 60-70% of them were struggling to afford food. Furthermore, many church members were refugees who spoke limited English and did not know how to access the food pantries available to them. So, Shango reached out to the Texas Baptists Intercultural Ministries office to see how they could help.

Mark Heavener, director of Intercultural Ministries, connected Shango with the Community Transformation Initiative, a grant designed by the Christian Life Commission (CLC) to help churches and ministries financially so that they can make a greater impact on their neighborhood. With the funds provided, plus their own matching funds, IMPG was able to hold a food drive for struggling church and community members.

Their food drive fed 150 families, giving them enough food to last the month. The boxes provided food staples, specifically focusing on food that is traditionally prepared in their home countries.

IMPG has 250 members and is extremely diverse, with people from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Ivory Coast, Cameroon and more. Every Sunday, sermons are preached in French, with either a Swahili or English translator standing by as well.

"This is a good example of how diverse each intercultural church affiliated with Texas Baptists can be," Heavener said. There are approximately 300 intercultural churches with 80 different languages worshiping with Texas Baptists every Sunday.

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#### BAPTIST FOOTPRINT ACROSS TEXAS

Your cooperative dollars make it possible to cover the state with Health & Human Care, Baptist Student Ministries, River Ministry, new churches, and countless other efforts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our growing state.



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**Institution Key** 

- + HEALTH & HUMAN CARE
- ★ EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS
- BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY
- RIVER MINISTRY
- O NEW CHURCHES PLANTED

\*Although not funded directly by CP, these visionary ministries are supported through the work of Texas Baptists. \*\*Proceeds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering provide the budget for WMU

## \$9.93 MILLION of your Texas Baptists

Cooperative Program giving was used to support these outstanding ministries. Their work in Christian education, health, and human care reached more than 2,000,000 Texans in 2021.



BCLC Church Lending HighGround Advisors Texas Baptist Men WMU of Texas\*\*

#### Education

Baptist University of the Américas

**Baylor University** 

Dallas Baptist University

East Texas Baptist University

Hardin-Simmons University

Houston Baptist University

Howard Payne University

San Marcos Academy

Stark College & Seminary

**Truett Seminary** 

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Valley Baptist Missions Education Center

Wayland Baptist University

#### Health and Human Care

Baptist Community Services

Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas

Baptist Memorials Ministries

Baylor Scott & White Health

Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Hillcrest

Buckner International

Children At Heart Ministries

Hendrick Health System

STCH Ministries

Valley Baptist Health System

<b>MINISTRIES (23%)</b>	•••••
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MISSIONS (29%) .....

EDUCATION & HUMAN CARE MINISTRIES (32%) ·

ADMINISTRATION (9%) ·····

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (3%).....

COMMUNICATION (4%) ·····

For a complete listing of Texas Baptists Missions and Ministries and detailed 2021 Budget and Reports, including the CP Annual Report, please go to txb.org/cp

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#### **MINISTRIES (23%)**

Evangelism Discipleship Bible Study Music & Worship Church Architecture Student Ministry Interim Church Services 1,000+ Endorsed Chaplains Counseling

#### **MISSIONS (29%)**

3,000+ Worldwide Missionaries 240 BSM Missionaries on 130 Campuses River Ministry/Mexico Texas Baptists Missionaries 410 Go Now Missionaries Texas Baptist Men Bounce (Student Disaster Recovery) Hispanic Ministries African American Ministries Intercultural Ministries Church Starting

#### EDUCATION & HUMAN CARE MINISTRIES (32%)

13 Texas Baptists Universities and Schools 7 Baptist Hospitals & Health Foundations 4 Child/Elder Care Ministries

#### **ADMINISTRATION (9%)**

Accounting Technology Human Resources

#### CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (3%)

Ethics & Justice Social Issues Advocacy Public Policy Hunger & Community Care

#### **COMMUNICATION (4%)**

News & Media Design & Print Web Marketing



60 professions of faith 61,379 volunteer hours served 61,379 volunteer hours served 107,023 meals prepared responded to hurricanes, tornados, icestorms & wildfires

69,598

bottles of water distributed after the 2021 Texas-wide ice storm

## CENTER for MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Missional Engagement connects churches with missional opportunities, whether that is in their community, the city, the state, the US or internationally. From a practitioner perspective, this is not just praying, giving and going, but also the development of a different way of thinking— a missional lifestyle.



OSUÉ VALERIC Director

#### MINISTRIES

Church Starting & Replanting

River Ministry & Mexico Missions

Bounce Student Disaster Recovery Missionary Adoption Program

Minister of Missions

Texas Baptist Missionaries

House Churches & Philippi Churches Minister's Development & Missional Networks

Urban Partnerships

National Conventions & Unions



#### A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:

# \$1.93 MILLION

#### **CENTER STATS**

- 211,703 lives in 10 countries impacted through MAP
- 524,970 people served through Multihousing/Organic Church
  - 231 millennial and Gen Z pastors connected through The Pastor's Common
- 17 missionary families serving in 9 countries
- **695** students and adults mobilized through BOUNCE
- 11,321 NEW BELIEVERS

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#### CENTER for MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

#### TEXAS BAPTISTS CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES RESPONDED TO DEL RIO/ACUÑA BORDER CRISIS

In September 2021, along the Texas/Mexico border, over 14,000 immigrants congregated in an encampment under a bridge connecting Del Rio, Texas to Acuña, Mexico. Del Rio, a city of 35,000, saw a huge surge in immigrants, the majority of whom we're from Haiti. Texas Baptists churches and River Ministry missionaries were on both sides of the border, meeting physical needs and sharing the love of Christ with everyone they met.

Border Patrol approached City Church, asking them to make sandwiches for the growing number of migrants crossing into Del Rio. As the needs grew astronomically, culminating in the thousands of people encamped under the bridge, Shon Young, River Ministry missionary and associate pastor of City Church, reached out to other Texas Baptists churches in the surrounding area to help. Churches responded immediately, and a total of 10,000 sandwiches were made by people from City Church and the other churches and passed out to migrants.

Across the border in Acuña, River Ministry missionary Dr. Luis Arturo Davila worked alongside Baptist churches and the regional association to feed migrants waiting to cross into the United States or those who had been deported. They prepared and distributed 1,000 hot meals on Sept. 21 alone and continued to provide throughout the spike in immigrants. Davila also distributed as many hygiene kits as possible, as well as Spanish Bibles and French New Testaments.

City Church Pastor Larry Mayberry said, "We can share the gospel through our actions and the way we serve them, and when they get wherever they're going, they're going to share the story of how the church treated them when they first entered this country."

CONTACT

# COLLEGIATE

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The Center for Collegiate Ministry engages 1.6 million Texas college students with the Gospel to follow Christ and transform the world. This is a model focused on engagement, discipleship and mobilization through partnership with local churches to develop future leaders.



MARK JONES Director

#### MINISTRIES

Baptist Student Ministry

Go Now Missions



#### A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:



#### **CENTER STATS**

- 62,669 students impacted through 135 campuses with BSM
  - 737 students involved in leadership development
  - 1,510 students involved in missions
  - **7,926** students involved in bsm around the state

- 22,131 spiritual conversations
  - 396 NEW BELIEVERS
  - **100** long-term workers will be sent to the mission field over the next 5 years as a part of the new missional emphasis called "Reach the Campus, Reach the World

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## COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

#### UTD BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY WELCOMES THE NATIONS TO CAMPUS WITH A 'BIG HOWDY'

In August, the University of Texas at Dallas Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) welcomed over 1,500 international students to campus through Big Howdy, a program to celebrate and serve students coming to the UTD campus from across the world.

"UTD is an incredibly diverse campus. Almost 25% of the students at UTD are international," said Mark Warrington, director of the BSM. "Big Howdy provides an incredible opportunity to display all the ways we seek to serve international students so that we can form meaningful, gospel-declaring relationships. It is a rare occasion where the nations literally come to us, in our own backyard, thirsty for relationships."

The program consists of airport pick-ups as well as a welcome party. This year, in the weeks leading up to the fall semester, 115 volunteers from the BSM and its 20 partner churches provided airport pick-ups for over 820 students arriving from 36 different countries.

On the Saturday before the start of classes, following weeks of airport pick-ups, the Big Howdy welcome party was held at UTD. Students from all over the globe gathered on the campus' multipurpose fields to make connections and enjoy food, music and field games.

"We had countless relationships form from our Big Howdy efforts," Warrington said. "Hundreds of students signed up for our various ministries, such as home groups, conversation partners, ESL classes, et cetera. This is in addition to the over 800 students who exchanged contact info with their volunteer drivers from the airport."

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#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

Through the office of Executive Director David Hardage, we continued to support Disaster Relief through Texas Baptist Men, forge new and stronger relationships with our San Antonio area institutions, and expand awareness of all that can be done through cooperative giving.

# \$4.05

A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:

- 115 linear feet of historical material has been acquired by the Texas Baptist Historical Collection including the personal papers of Bill Tillman, artifacts of T.B. Maston, and the records of Second Baptist Church in Dallas
- donors made 27,978 gift through the **5,109** Texas Baptist Missions Foundation which provided \$5,683,127 for current ministry needs and \$2,006,759 for endowments that will provide for future needs
- 66,000 magazines printed, 2,336 online impressions of digital publications earned, 1.8K posts across 3 social media accounts published, 696 email newsletters sent, and 156 stories made available on txb.org, all telling the amazing story of what God is doing in and through Texas Baptists churches, ministry partners and staff
  - **400+** requests for information from churches, individuals, and institutions have been answered

#### ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

If your church gives through Texas Baptists CP, you impact millions of lives of all ages and cultures every year through the Office of the Associate Executive Director. One out of every 12 Texans is impacted by our education and human care institutions. A FEW RESULTS FROM CP INVESTMENT OF:

\$9.66 MILLION

- 48,582 Baptist university students received \$98 million in aid
  1,135 ministry students received Ministerial Financial Assistance
  350,944 lives impacted in Texas through child and human care institutions
  - 1,099 total chaplains endorsed to serve around the world

1,682 customers using GC2 Press literature

521 churches assisted with \$105,750 in grants and loans

\$569,996 contributed to help ministers save for retirement



#### **OUR VISION**

## GC2 is a movement of God's people to share Christ and show love.

Our driving passion is to follow the LORD's call to fulfill the Great Commission "to share Christ" and the Great Commandment "to show love." The Great Commission and the Great Commandment form the two "GCs," or GC2. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded Christians across Texas and beyond through this exciting organic movement.



In 2021, Texas Baptists churches, through the BGCT, contributed

\$**21,841,416** 

to the SBC to reach the lost around the world for generations to come





North American Mission Board

# **3,530**

full and part-time missionaries

## **67,187**\*

future and current ministers training at six SBC seminaries

\* Approved CP Funding



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