

# PLANNING GUIDE for pastors and mission leaders

2007 Maguire State Mission offering

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## MISSION FIELD through the EYES OF JESUS

The complete multimedia resource for leading your church in sacrificial giving and growing involvement in the missions works of the Florida Baptist Convention.



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# Why a Maguire State Mission Offering Emphasis?

Because 12 million people in Florida do not claim Jesus as their Savior. During the Maguire State Mission Offering, lead your church to learn about how Florida Baptists are telling His story on the Florida mission field and encourage your members to pray for, give to, and participate in missions in Florida.

### Welcome to the **FLORIDA MISSION FIELD -**

*The Maguire State Mission Offering*

The Missionary Legacy of John & Clyde Maguire

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# 2★7 Week of Prayer Missionaries



These eight missionaries represent the work of hundreds of Florida Baptists who serve on the Florida Baptist mission field. You can read stories about their work in various Florida Baptist publications, such as the Daily Prayer Guide, Florida Missions Today and the Florida Baptist Witness. Ministry profiles are also available at [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org) --just click the postcard icon on the front page. The video segments on this year's State Mission Offering video "Welcome to the Florida Mission Field" also portray their work.



## DAY 1 ...

**Jose Vega** Jacksonville

As pastor of the Iglesia Bautista Deermeadows, Jose is cultivating a new church to reach the nearly 50,000 Spanish speaking persons in Jacksonville.



## DAY 5 ...

**Brenda Delphin** Avon Park

The Havana oncologist leads Baptist mission work in Cuba as the first lay president of the Western Cuba Baptist Convention and has a deep desire to see "Cuba for Christ" become a reality.

## DAY 2 ...

**Rick Canfield** West Virginia

Rick is starting a new church in Canfield, West Virginia, one of Florida Baptist partnership states, in an economically deprived, drug infested community.



## DAY 6 ...

**Victor Gonzales** Cuba

The Havana oncologist leads Baptist mission work in Cuba as the first lay president of the Western Cuba Baptist Convention and has a deep desire to see "Cuba for Christ" become a reality.



## DAY 3 ...

**Bob Hart** Marion County Sheriff's Office

Serving as a chaplain in the county jail, Bob is sharing a word of redemption and hope with a congregation of nearly 3,000 members—prisoners, police and correctional officers.



## DAY 7 ...

**Etienne Pierre** Haiti

As director of ministry, Etienne brings organization to Haiti's 662 churches where inroads with the gospel are being made in despite the conditions in this impoverished island nation.

## DAY 4 ...

**Cortney Stewart** Tallahassee

Baptist campus ministries-sponsored mission trips instilled a Great Commission passion in Cortney, a recent Florida State University grad who will soon serve on the field in Asia.



## DAY 8 ...

**You**



As a committed believer in Jesus Christ, you can make a difference in Florida and its partnerships countries and states. You have the power to change hearts and lives. You are a missionary.

# PLANNING *a Maguire State Mission Offering Promotion*

## PRAY

- ☞ Pray for your church to have a greater awareness and commitment to missions on the Florida mission field.
- ☞ Pray for members to give sacrificially to MSMO.



## PLAN

- ★ Form a team to plan, promote and conduct the various events. Include pastor, mission leaders, and other mission advocates.
- ★ Schedule emphasis dates on the church calendar. Traditionally, the offering takes place in September.
- ★ Set a challenging goal for the MSMO.
- ★ Construct a way for the church to visually keep track of progress toward the goal.
- ★ Encourage Sunday school classes and small group Bible studies to set goals.
- ★ Order available resources (see Resources, page 3) to promote MSMO allowing two to three weeks for delivery. Determine how each resource can be used in your church.
- ★ Order posters, prayer guides, and offering envelopes by contacting the Florida Baptist Convention at 800-226-8584, ext. 3151; e-mail: [MSMO@flbaptist.org](mailto:MSMO@flbaptist.org); FAX: 904-596-4476 ATTN: Maguire State Missions; Online at [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org) – click on the postcard image on the front page; or return the mail-in response card located on the back of this guide.

## ENLIST

- ☞ Ask your pastor to preach a sermon on the MSMO and its Scripture passage
- ☞ Enlist laypeople to give testimonies on why they give to MSMO.
- ☞ Enlist mission leaders to visit every Sunday school department or class to encourage praying for and giving to state missions.
- ☞ Invite a missionary or staff member from your association or state convention to speak at your church and share how MSMO is used in your state.

## PROMOTE

- ☞ Display MSMO posters in highly visible areas.
- ☞ Distribute MSMO envelopes in pews, through Sunday school, newsletters, bulletins, and/or special mailings.
- ☞ Distribute the prayer guide to every member.
- ☞ Promote the offering in missions organizations, Sunday school, church newsletters, bulletins, and worship services. Make arrangements for special prayer times during missions organization meetings and other appropriate times.
- ☞ Remind church members the state mission offering gifts fund 22 ministries outside of Cooperation Program funding sources.
- ☞ Show the MSMO video segments in worship services, prayer meetings, mission studies, etc. (See inside front cover.)
- ☞ Use the Video Resource Guide to spark conversation about the video segments.
- ☞ Download additional resources including word search and Power Point slides to use during worship announcements from [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org), click on the postcard icon.



# RESOURCES Quick List

## Maguire State Mission Offering (MSMO) Planning Guide

(Automatically sent to Florida Baptist churches in July, 2007)

Components of the kit include the MSMO Emphasis DVD with video segments and Mission Study planning guides.



## 2007 MSMO Video "See the Florida Mission Field through the Eyes of Jesus"

The DVD included in the MSMO Planning Kit features video segments on the ministries underwritten by the offering. These video segments are user friendly and ideal for Sunday morning offering and prayer times. The segments also are appropriate for Sunday school sessions and mission group settings during the Week of Prayer emphasis or the MSMO study. The video is also available in VHS. Call 800-226-8584, ext. 3151 to request VHS or additional DVDs; or order from the return card located in the back pocket of this guide. Videos are free. In addition, videos are also available in Spanish and French. Videos will also be accessible and available for downloading on the website: [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org).

## "See the Florida Mission Field through the Eyes of Jesus" Prayer Guide:

This attractive four-color Prayer Guide and bulletin insert, features the ministry of eight Florida Baptist missionaries and is designed to be placed in Sunday worship bulletins. A sample is included in the back pocket of this Planning Guide. To order in larger quantities, return the mail-in response card in the back of this guide, call 800-226-8584, ext. 3151 or email [MSMO@flbaptist.org](mailto:MSMO@flbaptist.org).



## MSMO Poster

Display this attractive poster in high traffic areas in your church. It provides space for indicating your church's offering goal. A sample is included in the back pockets of this Planning Guide. To order additional quantities, return the mail-in response card in the back of this guide, call 800-226-8584, ext. 3151 or email [MSMO@flbaptist.org](mailto:MSMO@flbaptist.org).

## [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org)

Copies of all materials and resources in this Planning Guide can be found on-line at [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org)-- click on the postcard icon on the front page. Additional resources include Power Point slides for use in church announcements, clipart, a word search and more.

## MSMO Envelope

Easily identify contributions made to the offering by using these envelopes. To order in large quantities, return the mail-in response card in the back of this guide, call 800-226-8584, ext. 3151 or email [MSMO@flbaptist.org](mailto:MSMO@flbaptist.org).

## Florida Missions Today

This attractive eight-page tabloid publication contains stories on seven of the 22 ministries supported by the state mission offering; and includes facts and figures related to the Florida Mission Field. Copies are sent automatically to all pastors, church staff and mission leaders. An additional copy can be ordered on the mail-in response card in the back of this guide.



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# OVERVIEW *Maguire State Mission offering*

## STATE GOAL:

\$1,372,000

## THEME:

"See the Florida Mission Field Through the Eyes of Jesus"

## SCRIPTURE:

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every infirmity. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them because they were scattered and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." — Matthew 9:35-36.

Take advantage of offering promotional materials produced by the Florida Baptist Convention and offered free of charge to churches. To order posters, bulletin inserts and the state missions Video Report call the Public Relations Division at 800-226-8584, ext. 3151, or e-mail: MSMO@flbaptist.org.

Review promotional materials on the web at [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org)

## THEME INTERPRETATION

### "See the Florida Mission Field Through the Eyes of Jesus"

Why do we love Florida? For sunshine, beaches, blue waters, the Keys, quaint small towns, winning sport teams, glorious sunrises and sunsets, entertainment destinations, and exciting, diverse cities. For oceans, lakes and winding rivers, islands, bridges and boardwalks. For cool tones of turquoise and coral sparkling on homes, shops and buildings. For palm trees waving in the breeze and stoic moss-covered oak trees draping inland and rural communities. For our churches whose stained glass windows or storefront locations illuminate the cross of Christ.

No wonder 1,000 new residents move to this tropical paradise each day. Go ahead, soak in the flavor, taste the salt air, feel the breeze blowing across the waters, relish the experience.

Florida is a picture perfect postcard to see and savor.

And what does Jesus see when looking at the Sunshine State? Undoubtedly the beauty of God's creation does not escape his gaze.

But He would see more. Matthew 9:35-36 offers a glimpse of Florida as seen through the eyes of Jesus. He sees the crowds, he sees the multitudes. He sees individuals struggling in their own pain, their own confusion, their own hunger and their own loneliness.

And he is filled with divine compassion. He wants to wipe away every tear, fill

every heart, comfort every soul, meet every need of the sick and weary.

He is saddened by the estimated 70 percent of the state's 18 million people who do not have a personal relationship with Him. He extends to them his hand of salvation and forgiveness.

He sees 4.5 million foreign-born person speaking in more than 150 languages who are separated by culture and diversity. Does anyone care enough to share the gospel in their own heart language?

He sees those in prison, those who are hungry and have physical needs. He sees persons whose lives have been shattered by disaster and who endure life as migrant farm workers. He sees those in shadows of the steeples who need a message of hope and love.

As the called people of God, Florida Baptists seek to be the embodiment of Christ's compassion to reach the multitudes with the transforming gospel message. To reach the changing and complex state for Christ, they have adopted a Great Commission strategy of evangelizing new believers, planting new churches and strengthening 2,700 existing churches to be more effective in reaching their own communities.

Their efforts are undergirded by gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering. The growing missionary needs in Florida cannot be met by the Cooperative

Program gifts solely. The Maguire State Mission Offering complements Florida Baptists' commitment to Jesus' Great Commission.

The Maguire State Mission Offering has a missionary purpose—helping new congregations through no-interest church site loans, supporting pastors in partnership states and countries and spreading the gospel through evangelistic ministry. The offering enables a mission enterprise that develops Christian believers through youth and family camps; helps churches in Florida communities, ministers to migrant farm laborers and helps rebuilds lives in the aftermath of disasters.

When giving through the Maguire State Mission Offering, Florida Baptists are looking at the state and its needs through the compassionate eyes of Jesus. By giving sacrificially, they extend His hand in salvation and forgiveness.

By joining together in prayer and giving, Florida Baptists are seeing the Florida mission field through the eyes of Jesus.

**2007 Recipients:** church site loans for new churches; migrant ministries, refugee resettlement, church based health ministries, jail and prison ministries, disaster relief, and church revitalization; mission camps; collegiate world missions; mission partnerships in Haiti, Cuba and the Amazon River Basin; and pastoral salary assistance in partnership states.

# CHURCH WIDE

## Mission Study



Read the promotional materials in this Planning Guide for ideas to promote and educate. Enlist others to help brainstorm ideas that will work in your church. As you plan, keep in mind, an interest level must be created.

**Three important items that will help your church emphasis be successful:**

Prayer 🐚 Setting a goal 🐚 Enlisting assistance



### PRAYER SUPPORT:

Enlist a person in each Sunday school class, women and men's groups, and church-wide prayer meeting to review the promotion materials and pray specifically for each of the 2007 focused ministries. Ask them to show the state missions offering video that contains eight separate segments in these group settings.

Pray for participants and their response to the state mission challenge. Pray for those who are reached through the many ministries supported by the Maguire State Mission Offering.

### Consider the following ideas to promote the state missions offering throughout the church:

Show progress toward the goal visually by using a thermometer poster, a Florida map or outline of state in the church bulletin or on bulletin board.

Set up a display in a prominent place. Feature items from the Theme Interpretation, "See the Florida Mission Field through the Eyes of Jesus," found on page ---; The display can include Florida or tropical post cards, palm trees, sand, shells, winning sport teams, beach chairs, cut out pictures of people, etc. as well as travel posters. Include the focus scripture.

Enlist youth and children classes to take a leadership role in providing collection containers (ex., plastic sand buckets) for each Sunday school classroom and other groups that meet regularly. Suggest they make posters to hang around the church.

Show a video clip or two each week during the month of September in Sunday school classes and worship services.

Enlist a local association staff member to speak during worship service, dinner or reception.

Enlist adults, youth or children to create and provide a brief skit. Or present the skit, "How's Your Vision?" found on the DVD in this planning guide.

Enlist someone to pray for the offering in English as well as another language.

Have a special dinner or lunch with a suggested donation.

Provide offering envelopes and collection containers (i.e., children's plastic beach bucket) on each table during Wednesday night suppers. Set up a display in a corner of the fellowship hall to increase interest.

Personally contact each Sunday school teacher or volunteer from each class to present a brief presentation of a particular ministry emphasis. Provide offering envelopes and bulletin inserts for each class.

Plan a state mission reception after worship using a tropical theme. Include finger foods, set up a display, and play background music using the introductory information from the Theme Interpretation. Ask participants to wear tropical shirts to increase interest. As each person enters, have the youth provide them with Hawaiian lei. Offer a brief presentation using information from the Theme Interpretation. Have a drama skit. Provide background information about John and Clyde Maguire and use the Twelve Reasons why Florida is a mission field (found on the DVD in this planning guide) to increase interest.

Enlist various children and youth classes to make or decorate collection containers to be sent home so that spare change can be collected and returned to the church.

Develop a "Prayer Path to Awareness:"

Set up a prayer path as a one-day event or for a period of time to allow for people to participate when most convenient. Plan the space by using a fellowship hall, large classroom, or two small classrooms. Mark off path on floor using masking tape, string, cut-out paper footprints, and/or directional arrows. Place tables and chairs at each stop so participants can sit while doing the activities and praying. Suggested stops on the path:

- Stop One: instructions for placing a bookmark at the Offering focus Scripture.
- Stop Two: information about Offering Namesakes: John and Clyde Maguire.
- Stop Three: coins that the participant will place in a bank and a card with a statement that 100% of all monies will go toward the Offering.
- Stop Four: Twelve Reasons why Florida is a mission field in an attractive display.
- Stop Five: Information from the Theme Interpretation with Florida decorations.
- Stop Six: a portable video recorder to play one or more of the eight video segments.

Prepared by Carol Clark, Land o' Lakes

# ADULT Mission Study Guide

## STATE GOAL:

\$1,372,000

Refer to the Background Summary Guide (on page ---) to assist persons who are teaching the Maguire State Mission Offering Study in their churches. The guide can be duplicated and used as information to further enhance teaching when using the age-group studies provided in this Planning Guide.

Review promotional materials on the web at [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org)



Print out copies of the skit "How's Your Vision" included on the DVD in this State Mission Offering Planning Guide DVD. Or, go to [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org), click on the postcard icon located on the front page; or call 1-800-226-8585, ext. 3151.

## PRESENTING THE STUDY

**INTRODUCTION:** Begin with the skit "How's Your Vision" located on the DVD in this Planning Guide.

### THEME INTERPRETATION:

See the Florida Mission Field through the Eyes of Jesus

Explain the following in your own words:

Ask participants: "Why do we love Florida?"

After they give several responses, say: "We love her sunshine, beaches, blue waters, the Keys, quaint small towns, winning sport teams, glorious sunrises and sunsets, entertainment destinations, and exciting, diverse cities. We love her oceans, lakes and winding rivers, islands, bridges and boardwalks. We love her cool tones of turquoise and coral sparkling on homes, shops and buildings. We love her palm trees waving in the breeze and stoic moss-covered oak trees draping inland and rural communities. We love her churches whose stained glass windows and storefront locations illuminate the cross of Christ."

Continue: "No wonder 1,000 new residents move to this tropical paradise each day. Florida is a picture

perfect postcard to see and savor. And what does Jesus see when looking at the Sunshine State? Undoubtedly the beauty of God's creation does not escape His gaze."

"But He would see more." Read Matthew 9:35-36. Explain that the passage offers a glimpse of Florida as seen through the eyes of Jesus. He sees the crowds, he sees the multitudes. He sees individuals struggling in their own pain, confusion, hunger and loneliness.

"To see through Jesus' eyes means seeing with COMPASSION. And he is filled with divine compassion. He wants to wipe away every tear, fill every heart, comfort every soul, and meet every need of the sick and weary. He is saddened by the estimated 70 percent of the state's 18 million people who do not have a personal relationship with Him. He extends to them his hand of salvation and forgiveness. He sees 4.5 million foreign-born persons speaking in more than 150 languages who are separated by culture and diversity. As the called people of God, Florida

Baptists seek to be the embodiment of Christ's compassion to reach the multitudes with the transforming gospel message."

### NEW CHURCHES

Play video segment: "New Churches" (Iglesia Bautista Hispana Deermeadows)

(After video): Say: "To reach the changing and complex state for Christ, Florida Baptist have adopted a Great Commission strategy of evangelizing new believers, planting new churches and strengthening 2,700 existing churches to be more effective in reaching their own communities. If we look at a person and all we see is sin, then we're as wrong as the sinner. He looks beyond our faults and finds our need. Look to the Lord and when your eyes are firmly planted on Jesus, look THROUGH His eyes and see what He sees. Look at all of those around you with the eyes of compassion and love. Then, no matter what they have done, you are seeing through the eyes of Jesus. Can we have the compassion of Christ for everyone?"

## DEVELOPING BELIEVERS

Say: "To see through Jesus' eyes means placing CONFIDENCE in the God we serve. Have you ever questioned God's call in your life? PK's (Preacher's Kids) are often assumed to be called into ministry. But they too have doubts and fears. Watch how God transforms the life of Cortney Stewart through Baptist Collegiate Ministries, which pushes students toward discipleship, toward something greater than themselves, toward total dependence on God."

Play video segment: "Student Evangelism Outreach" (FSU student Cortney Stewart)

(After video) Say: "Cortney says 'It's allowed me to find God's call in my life, to hear him in a way that I probably never would have before if it had not been the BCM and those who were investing in it.' There are ten Baptist Campus Ministries in Florida, serving over 50 colleges. While their facilities and their programs are made possible through funding from the Cooperative Program, gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering underwrite the BCM students' summer mission experiences. Students who look at the world through the eyes of Jesus will be the future of Southern Baptists."

## GREAT COMMISSION ATTITUDE

Say: "To see through Jesus' eyes means being COURAGEOUS. When John Maguire first arrived as the sixth executive secretary-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, he began referring to the state as 'Favored Florida.' And under his leadership, Florida Baptists found favor with God by developing a Great Commission attitude.

"Dr. Maguire urged Florida Baptists to reach the mission field in their own state, especially migrants, farm workers, winter tourists, Indians and African Americans. 'This is the greatest mission field anywhere in the United States,' he would later say. 'And unless Florida arises to the occasion of reaching these people, we are going backwards, instead of forward.' His words continue to have meaning today.

His wife, Clyde Maguire, a historian, prayer warrior and author, also served the mission causes among Florida Baptists, mentoring and motivating Baptist women to assume places of leadership and embrace the power of prayer."

Play video segment: "The Missionary Legacy of John and Clyde Maguire"

(After video): Say: "Florida remains the greatest mission field anywhere in the United States. Florida Baptist efforts are undergirded by gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering. The growing missionary needs in Florida cannot be met by the Cooperative Program gifts solely.

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## CONCLUSION

Say: "Our ultimate need is to see as Jesus does. We must seek earnestly to see as Jesus sees. When we don't know what to do, what to say, where to go, Jesus gives us compassion, confidence and courage. He removes the darkness and brings light to our lives. He gives us salve to place in our eyes to help us see. He is the greatest optometrist, giving us the right prescription for the greatest vision, 20/20 vision. He restores our vision so that we can see as He does.

"As you walk about in your Galilee, when you go work, to school, to the many places that God leads, ask Jesus for eyes to see the needs as He does. As you go about your day, when you read the paper, when you listen to the news, would you pray to care with a heart like Jesus? God wants to give us new eyes to see people through the eyes of Jesus, to be a blessing to those all around us."

Close the session with the hymn  
"Open Mine Eyes That I May See."

Prepared by: Anna L. Guy, Jacksonville



# YOUTH *Mission Study*

## Focus Areas:

- ☞ New Churches—William J. Guess Church Site Fund
- ☞ Partnership Missions—West Virginia
- ☞ Mission Outreach Ministries—Jail Ministry
- ☞ Developing Believers—Haitian Youth Camp
- ☞ Student Evangelism Outreach—Collegiate World Missions

## PREPARATION

1. Review the 2007 Maguire State Mission Offering materials provided in this Planning Guide and become familiar with the theme interpretation, the background summary guide and the biographical material on the John and Clyde Maguire. Review the video provided on the DVD located on the front cover. Order additional free promotional materials (prayer guides, posters, etc.) to enhance your lesson.
2. Arrange for the beginning of the lesson to be held outdoors or purchase postcards of different outdoor Florida scenery
3. Create “info stations” for each focus area; these can be as simple or as elaborate as time permits. Students will be hunting for information using these stations. Use information from background and promotional materials provided in this Planning Guide.

### Or, consider these ideas for the “info stations:”

New churches—find pictures of tents, shopping centers, YMCA, funeral home, and a school. Ask what common denominator they have—they can serve as a place where a new body of believers can meet for worship. Tell the story of the members of Iglesia Bautista Deermeadows who met under a tent on Easter morning.

Partnership missions—find an activity that requires two persons working in partnership, such as a three-legged race. Have students do the activity. Explain how struggling churches in West Virginia can more effectively reach their community when Florida Baptists help.

Jail ministry—search a concordance to find the many times God’s people were placed in jails and prisons. Look up several of these scriptures. Remind them we are all prisoners of our sinful nature and God has set us free. Read together Matthew 25:34-40. Tell about Chaplain Bob Hart.

Camps—have several objects that represent camping, i.e. canoe paddle, flashlight, bug spray, sleeping bag, Bible. Have youth determine a spiritual application for each object; Jesus is the light of the world; He gives living water. Discuss how camps changed the life of Brenda Delphin.

Student outreach—gather several mementoes representing Florida’s college and universities. Ask the youth what they are looking forward to in college. What do they expect to find in college? Tell them the story of Cortney Stewart who never felt called to missions until she went on a mission trip sponsored by the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Make sure there is a Bible for every student.



### Lesson Background (10-15 minutes):

Take youth outdoors and begin to lead a short discussion on the beauty of God’s creation in Florida. Arrange them to stand in a shape similar to the state of Florida. Using the background summary guide, explain that approximately 70 percent of the people in Florida—12 million—do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Tell students about John and Clyde Maguire and their vision for Florida missions. Introduce students to the Maguire State Mission Offering’s theme and goals. As a group, join hands (still in the shape of Florida!) and pray for the state mission offering.

Option—This portion of the lesson can be done indoors as well. Utilize Florida nature postcards as a helpful visual aid.

### Lesson Body (15-25 minutes):

Bring all youth indoors and explain that each station contains information about the different focus areas that are being financially supported by this year’s state mission offering.

Tell students to go to each of the “info stations.” Provide each student with a pen/pencil and a sheet of fill-in-the-blank questions about all of the focus areas. Answer any questions youth may have, set a time limit for them to complete their activity and let them go!

The following questions are sample questions you may include in your fill-in-the-blank activity. Feel free to adapt this activity to better suit the size and age of your youth group, making it easier or more difficult.

Iglesia Bautista Deermeadows has only \_\_\_\_\_ members, but still ministers to the community through an after-school program, a mobile medical clinic and prayer.

Which Middle Atlantic state is Florida partnering with?

Bob Hart is the chaplain in \_\_\_\_\_ County and ministers to men, women and youth in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is a first-generation Haitian-American who found her place in God’s will after attending Florida Baptists’ Haitian Summer Camp.

BCM stands for \_\_\_\_\_, and every year the \_\_\_\_\_ State Mission Offering supports summer mission opportunities for BCM college students.

### Lesson Closing (5-10 minutes):

Equip each student with a Bible and have them race to find this year’s key scripture passage, Matthew 9:35-36. Allow the winner to read the passage.

Ask youth how Jesus’ example of compassion for people is being fulfilled in this year’s Maguire State Mission Offering. Encourage youth to practice compassion during their everyday lives—provide real examples for them to use.

Close with prayer, remembering the specific needs of the focus areas.

# CHILDREN'S Mission Study Guide

## "See the Florida Mission Field through the Eyes of Jesus"

**THEME:** What does Jesus see when He looks at Florida? He sees the beauty of God's creation in a state full of sunshine and beaches and water from oceans to lakes and winding rivers, glorious sunrises and sunsets, palm trees waving in the breeze and moss-covered oak trees draping inland and rural communities. He also sees the crowds of people and individuals, many of whom are struggling in their own pain and confusion, hunger and loneliness. He must be greatly saddened by the millions of people in Florida and beyond who do not have a personal relationship with Him. Florida Baptists have the unique opportunity to take part in sharing the message of hope and love by giving to the Maguire State Mission Offering.

**PREPARATION:** Review the stories in the Background Summary Guide on page 12 to become familiar with this year's offering emphasis. Be ready to share the story of Pastor Rick Canfield from the section titled "Partnership Missions in West Virginia." The Children's Mission Study will focus on the Florida Missions Partnership with West Virginia. Send invitations to all children in grades 1-6 inviting them to the Maguire State Offering Mission Study. Encourage the children to invite others in their community and post fliers about the study at appropriate places in the community as an outreach. Decorate the room in a motif of West Virginia (the Mountain State) and Florida (the Sunshine State), using your imagination and creativity.

**Special Note:** You will want to contact the Partnership Department of the Florida Baptist Convention at 1-800-226-8584, ext. 3133 to obtain promotional materials regarding the Florida partnership with West Virginia as well as ideas for involvement in the partnership for your church or children's group.

### Supplies Needed:

#### INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITIES:

- ☆ Mountain music such as Appalachian folk hymns
- ☆ Blank nametags in the shape of apples and oranges
- ☆ Felt tip pens
- ☆ "See the Florida Mission Field Through the Eyes of Jesus" Video Report available in this Planning Guide
- ☆ Empty toilet paper cardboard tubes (one for each child)
- ☆ Neon colored markers
- ☆ Poster board divided into two columns, one labeled West Virginia and one labeled Florida, across the top
- ☆ Double-sided tape
- ☆ Picture symbols of state identification items from chart below (can be printed from computer using graphics from a word processing program such as WORD or can be cut out from magazines)
- ☆ One page handout for each child with the following state symbols listed:



| FLORIDA                        | WEST VIRGINIA                               |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| State Motto: "In God We Trust" | State Motto: "Mountaineers Are Always Free" |
| Nickname: The Sunshine State   | Nickname: Mountain State                    |
| State Bird: Mockingbird        | State Bird: Cardinal                        |
| State Flower: Orange Blossom   | State Flower: Rhododendron                  |
| State Animal: Panther          | State Animal: Black Bear                    |
| State Tree: Palm               | State Tree: Sugar Maple                     |
| State Fruit: Orange            | State Fruit: Golden Delicious Apple         |

#### MISSION STORY ACTIVITIES:

- ☆ Box lids
- ☆ Modeling clay or play dough
- ☆ Toothpicks, Popsicle sticks

#### SNACK:

- ☆ Golden delicious apple slices (with peanut butter or other dip if desired)
- ☆ Orange juice Map of the United States

#### FOR BANK:

- ☆ Decorated toilet paper tubes from opening activity
- ☆ Cardstock ☆ Colored tape ☆ Pencils ☆ Scissors
- ☆ One-inch wide strips of light colored construction paper labeled Maguire State Mission Offering (pre labeled or children can write labels) for attaching to the outside of the container
- ☆ Glue or double-sided tape
- ☆ A copy of the eight Mission Priorities for each child (see Allocations list, page ----)
- ☆ Pint-sized zip lock storage bags

# CHILDREN'S Mission Study Guide continued



## Introduction (15 minutes):

1. Have music playing in the background (see supplies list). Direct each child to make a nametag (half of them in the shape of an orange and half in the shape of a golden apple) as they enter the room and choose an empty toilet paper cardboard tube to decorate as a viewfinder using the neon markers. Suggest that they use the decorated viewfinder to look around the room and out the windows and focus on what they see. Welcome the children and tell them that they will be taking part in the Maguire State Mission Study in which the focus will be on the partnership between Florida and West Virginia and seeing these mission fields through the eyes of Jesus.
2. Have children locate West Virginia on a map – point out its location in relation to Florida. Discuss with them the state symbols from Florida and West Virginia. Introduce the children to the concept of partnership by having them participate in a partnership activity. Direct them to get into pairs of apples and oranges. Give each pair a symbol and have them decide together if it should go under Florida or under West Virginia as a symbol of that state and place it on a poster board labeled as directed. Give them the state symbols handout to see if they need to move their symbol to the other side. Discuss with them the idea of state symbols and how that helps the people to identify with and take pride in their state.
3. Optional: Show the "Partnerships" excerpt from "See the Florida Mission Field Through the Eyes of Jesus" Video Report.
4. Discuss with the children what they think Jesus sees in Florida and what He sees in West Virginia. Help them relate it to missions by sharing with them that 70 of every 100 people in Florida and in West Virginia do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Point out that giving to the Maguire State Missions Offering is one way to help people know about the love of Jesus.
5. Introduce the Bible verses, Matthew 9:35-36. Have the children continue to work in partnership pairs, switching partners if desired. Give each pair a phrase of the Bible verse to come up with some kind of physical illustration for that phrase. If there are more children than phrases, give each phrase to more than one pair. As you read the verse, have the children demonstrate the action they came up with to illustrate the phrase. Have all the children say the verse together at the end.

## Mission Story (20 minutes):

1. Share the story of Pastor Rick Canfield in West Virginia and how Florida Baptists are helping his church achieve its dreams.
2. Direct the children to work in pairs and use the materials provided to design playground equipment for a children's playground like what Pastor Canfield and his church members hope to have some day for the children in the community.
3. Have them share with the group their ideas and design.

## Snack (5 minutes):

Serve the apple slices and dip and orange juice after asking God's blessings on the food. Share with the children that the snack is a combination of the West Virginia state fruit and the Florida beverage.

## Offering Banks and Prayer Time (15 minutes):

1. Encourage each child to save money during the month of September, using the cardboard viewfinder from the introductory activity for the offering bank. Money can be placed in pint sized zip loc storage bags and then placed in the cardboard tube. Demonstrate for them how to place the tube vertically on a small section of cardstock and outline it. Have them cut out the circle and use colored tape to keep it in place so that one end of the viewfinder is covered. Have children glue or tape a strip of construction paper labeled Maguire State Mission Offering to the outside of the container.
2. Have the children cut apart the eight Mission Priorities and place in the bank. Suggest that they pull out one priority each time they put money in the bank, and then pray for that need.
3. Remind the children that they can truly answer God's call to "See the Florida Mission Field Through the Eyes of Jesus" with other Florida Baptists by praying and giving to the Maguire State Mission Offering. Review the Bible verse for the study by having the children read the Bible Verse together.
4. Have prayer time for needs studied about during the session and establish a time for turning in the offering.

## Earning Badges

*Maguire State Mission Study badge* – children can earn this badge simply by participating in the mission study. The badge is available through the Women's Missions and Ministries Department of the Florida Baptist Convention at 1-800-226-8584, ext. 3143

*Pray and Give badge* – children can earn this badge by promoting the mission study, perhaps by creating a poster encouraging church members to pray for the Mission Priorities and give to the Maguire State Mission Offering, or by personally praying in a special way for the mission study and mission priorities and giving to this offering. This badge is available through the national WMU Office or Lifeway.

Prepared by Sue Johns, Graceville

# PRESCHOOL *Mission Study*

## BIBLE THOUGHT:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he cared for them (see Matthew 9:36)

## UNIT DESIRED OUTCOME:

We will look at others like Jesus does with love and compassion.

## CROUP TIME:

### Activity

Show the children five one-dollar bills. Hold the money like a fan so that the children see the money in a group and have them describe what they see. Then show each dollar bill separately and have them describe each dollar bill. Explain that each of the dollars is worth the same amount of money even though some might be new and some old, some look clean, some look dirty etc.

### Story

Like the dollar bills, people look different. Some of us speak different languages. When Jesus looks at people he sees their value and loves them all. He wants us to help others.

One way to help others is to tell them about Jesus. Some people do not know about Jesus so our job is to tell them Jesus loves them and has a special plan for their life. Another way we help others is by giving money to our church. Our church uses money we give to help others know about Jesus and to help them get things they need like food or clothes. Our money also goes to build new churches in places that have no churches and to teach people in the language that they know.

Our Bible Thought says, When Jesus saw the crowds, he cared for them. That is what we do when we put our money together (pick up each of the dollars separately and show them again grouped together) to help others.

### Prayer

*Thank you God for letting us be  
a part of your plan to help  
others. Amen.*

## Song

(Sing to the tune of London Bridge or another familiar tune)

Who oh who does Jesus see?  
Jesus see, Jesus see

Who oh who does Jesus see?  
You and you and me!

Who oh who does Jesus love?  
Jesus love, Jesus love

Who oh who does Jesus love?  
You and you and me!

## SESSION ACTIVITIES:

### Art:

Have card stock precut in the shape of the State of Florida and pictures of children from several different cultures for the children to glue on the State. The children can add a magnet to the back of this project so they can post it somewhere at home to remember to pray for the people of Florida.

Tell the children that people in our State speak many different languages and it is important that people hear about Jesus in the language they understand.

### Homeliving:

Send home a note with the children a week before you present this lesson and ask that the parents send in non-perishable items to be donated to a local food bank.

The children can decorate and pack empty grocery bags to be delivered to the food bank.

### Blocks:

What does Jesus see when he looks at our State? All the wonderful things He created like the trees and water but most of all the people. Part of the money we bring helps children go to camp to learn more about Jesus.

Provide material for the children to "build" cabins and a chapel for campers. You can add blue paper for the children to make a pool or pond for swimming.

### Nature:

Place a low tub of sand on an old vinyl table cloth for the children to play with. You can add sea shells that the children can sort and play with.

### Books:

I'm a Part of God's Plan  
I Can Give  
(These books are from WMU book store)

### Additional Activity:

Preschool children love to learn new words. Teach the children a few words in some of the different languages that are spoken in your community.



Prepared by Sue White, Tallahassee

# BACKGROUND Summary Guide



This **Background Summary Guide** features stories on five of the 22 ministries supported by the Maguire State Mission Offering and has served as a basis for the age-group curriculum guides. It is designed to assist persons who are teaching the Maguire State Mission Offering Study in their churches. The guide can be duplicated and used as information to further enhance teaching when using the age-group studies provided in this packet of materials.



## NEW CHURCHES

### William J. Guess Church Site Fund

Gathered beneath a tent on a grassy lot Easter morning, members of Iglesia Bautista Deermeadows sang praises so loudly their voices carried to a nearby busy highway. On that piece of property, the 80-member congregation will build a new church to serve as a lighthouse to the 50,000 Hispanics living in Jacksonville.

The Hispanic congregation that began as a Sunday school class at Deermeadows Baptist Church received a \$75,000 interest-free loan from Maguire State Mission Offering to underwrite the purchase of their new property. When the loan has been paid, they will begin the process of building their church facility.

Since the inception of the offering's New Work loan program in 2003, 20 church site interest-free loans have been given to help new churches purchase or construct a first unit building.

Jose Vega was called as pastor shortly after its start and led the congregation to reach out into the community. Over 14 nationalities are represented in the group. "What draws them to the church is the love and the opportunity to find a place where they can worship in their own language and find people to connect with," said Vega.

The congregation sees themselves as a light and refuge in the community, where a congregation like theirs has not been available in the past. Their goal is to bring together those in the local Hispanic community who would otherwise not be in church.

"We are providing resources that go beyond just sharing the word," said Vega. "We are meeting spiritual needs through teaching the word, physical needs through benevolence ministries and emotional needs through counseling ministries."

## PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

### West Virginia

For Rick Canfield, pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Ivydale, W.V., God's blessing looks like a gravel parking lot that will one day be a playground filled with children's laughter. God's blessing looks like a welcome monthly stipend check that allows him to fulfill God's call on his life. God's blessing looks like men and women, on their knees, earnestly praying for those yet to be reached with the gospel message.

"The Lord has blessed us," said Pastor Canfield, through the missions partnership with Florida Baptists.

Since 2002, Florida Baptists have been in a missions partnership with the West Virginia Baptist Convention. It is a partnership of financial assistance, supplemented through the Maguire State Mission Offering, prayer and personal involvement.

The Lighthouse Church received a \$75,000 interest-free loan from Maguire State Mission Offering's New Work loan program to underwrite the purchase of an abandoned elementary school building which will be renovated to serve as the church building.

"We're so grateful for the help that Florida Baptists give us. We could not be doing what we're doing now without their help," said Terry Harper, executive director of the West Virginia Baptist State Convention, which is a young 35 years old. The state convention has approximately 200 churches for its statewide population of 1.8 million. About 70 percent of West Virginians are unchurched.

Canfield dreams that his church, in an economically deprived, drug-infested community, will one day be a "life-saving station," where residents can find hope for the future.

"Florida Baptists were very, very much involved in helping us get this property, and the Lord has blessed us because of it," he said. Within six months of purchasing the building, the church was attracting as many as 50 people to Sunday morning worship services.

"With the facility that we have, we can offer more than just a sanctuary and a church service, we can have other ministries to help area residents," he said.

"The people in Florida will be rewarded one day for being part of our ministry here, and we thank God for them," said Canfield.

## MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### Jail Ministry

On any given day, the Chaplain's office of the Marion County Police Department is called to minister to over 2,000 prisoners in the county jail and over 900 county police officers.

In 1980, Bob Hart came to Marion County as a corrections officer; answering God's call. He has remained in the county even after retirement. "My wife and I knew God had a mission for us in Ocala," said Hart, who now serves as assistant chaplain.

Hart said he was called to minister in the jail to "people making bad choices who really never had a clue about Jesus Christ."

"Inmates look at me and say 'here is a guy who enforces the law but who shows love' and that makes a difference," said Hart.

"In this facility we have tried to make living the Christian life easy. We have all the materials laid out," said Hart. The jail ministry program receives aid annually from the Maguire State Mission Offering. Through this fund, Florida Baptists supply the Chaplain's office with salvation tracks, Bible study materials, and an average of 500 Bibles a month.

When prisoners accept Christ they are encouraged to become actively involved in ministry. "Many times inmates immediately begin witnessing to other inmates," said Hart.

Inmates Nathaniel Brown and Steven Ponder can both testify to the transforming power they found through the Marion County jail ministry.

"God is working a miracle for me," said Brown. "I got my family back. Got me on the right track."

"He [God] is helping me to realize that I can't keep continuing to live like I was living before when I was out," said Ponder, who was released later in the month. The inmate credited the regular church services, Baptist study materials and the Christian-based 12-step recovery program for bringing Jesus to the forefront of his life.

"I know God is real, he is real in my life," said Ponder. "I'm going home this Thursday and I'm planning to keep God first."

## DEVELOPING BELIEVERS

### Haitian Youth Camp

Brenda Delphin walks the line between the traditions of her parents and the customs of her culture. She is a first-generation Haitian-American and, like most first-generation youth, has faced difficulty finding a place to belong.

During the Florida Baptist Convention Haitian Summer Camp she found her place and her purpose.

"Camp is such a tremendous experience," Delphin said. "You meet so many different people and the workshops offered pertain what young people are dealing with."

Delphin grew up in the church. Her father, who immigrated to the United States with her mother before the young woman was born, is pastor of First Haitian Baptist Church of Avon Park.

"Because of the difference with Haitian parents born in Haiti and their children born here in America, language is a barrier," said Delphin. "At camp, Haitian-American youth meet together to learn to be better kids, stewards and Christians." She credits her parents' Christian faith and camp for her decision to accept Christ at age 14.

Now, at age 29, she shares her experiences with the youth she leads

at her father's church and takes them to the camp each summer. "Camp has helped me be a stronger Christian and has helped me guide the children I work with," said Delphin.

"Seeing how many of the young people were on fire for God, I wanted to bring that back to my church. Because of that experience and my parents' support I am able to do what I do for the church," said Delphin. At the First Haitian Church, the young woman leads the youth, acts as church secretary, leads during praise and worship and even drives the church van.

Each year, the Haitian camp and the other six Florida Baptist youth camps are made possible through gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering.

"Giving to these camps is investing in the lives of a lot of young people. They are the next generation of the church," said Delphin.



## STUDENT EVANGELISM OUTREACH

### Collegiate World Missions

The daughter of a Florida Baptist minister, Cortney Stewart never felt called to overseas missions. But when Baptist Collegiate Ministry leaders urged her to go to Nicaragua, the Florida State University freshman reluctantly agreed.

"I went overseas to prove to everyone that it wasn't for me, said Stewart. "Apparently, God had other plans."

While in Nicaragua, Stewart was thrust into a leadership role as the only person who spoke Spanish. During the summer she developed a friendship with a 14-year-old Nicaraguan boy. When she left to return home, she gave the boy a note with him the plan of salvation.

The next year, a committed Stewart led a mission team back to Nicaragua. There, she found her way to the boy she had befriended the year before and learned that, through her note, he had accepted Christ as his personal savior.

"I went to Nicaragua to prove it really wasn't for me and met this little boy who totally took my heart. I would say that is definitely the key to when I really opened my heart to allow God to work and move and show me His heart for the nations," said Stewart.

Since her passion for missions was ignited, Stewart has served in eight countries; one in Central Asia, two in South Asia and five in Southeast Asia.

She will be heading back to Asia this fall for a two-year journeyman program with the International Mission Board.

Stewart credits her transformation to her time at the BCM. "It is an avenue that is pushing students toward discipleship, pushing students toward something greater than themselves, to a bigger story," said Stewart. "It's allowed me to find God's call in my life, to hear him in a way that I probably never would have before if it had not been the BCM and those who were investing in it."

There are ten BCMs in Florida, serving over 50 colleges. While their facilities and their programs are made possible through funding from the Cooperative Program, gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering underwrite the BCM students' summer mission experiences.

"Students really are the future of what is going to happen with Southern Baptists, of what's going to happen next with Christianity," said Stewart. "In a world context, we are sending hundreds and hundreds of students on summer mission trips, spring break mission trips, and semester on missions-which all start with the BCM."



# VIDEO Resource Guide

The 2007 state missions DVD contains video stories about the mission and ministry work supported by your gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering, as well as downloadable study guides, clip-art and other educational resources.

Each video story is self-contained for use during worship services, as a part of a state missions prayer service, or during Sunday School and small group meetings. Your state missions study material also suggests ways to use these stories as part of your state missions study.

For a VHS video cassette of these stories, call 800-226-8584, ext. 3151, for your free copy.

## WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA MISSION FIELD

describes the spiritual needs on the Florida mission field and calls on Florida Baptists to respond to God's life-changing gift of salvation in our own lives with prayer, sacrificial giving and personal participation in building the Kingdom of God across our state mission field.

## THE MISSIONARY LEGACY OF JOHN & CLYDE MAGUIRE—THE MAGUIRE STATE MISSION OFFERING

introduces offering namesakes, Florida Baptist missionary pioneers John and Clyde Maguire, and summarizes the ministries funded by this year's offering.

## NEW CHURCHES—Iglesia Bautista Hispania

**Deermeadows**, Jacksonville, introduces church members to Pastor Jose Vega who explains why new churches are needed in Florida. Your gifts through the Maguire State Mission Offering help plant new congregations to proclaim the Gospel message in the new and changing communities across the Florida mission field.

## NEW CHURCHES—Gateway Baptist Church,

Fort Myers, chronicles this church's 16-year history. Beginning with a handful of members meeting in the Royal Palm Association office, this vibrant church of 500-plus has a multi-faceted ministry and a strong missionary worldview.

**PARTNERSHIP PASTORAL ASSISTANCE** takes viewers to Ivydale, West Virginia, where financial assistance from your state mission offering gifts helps enlarge the ministry of this small, financially struggling church.

**PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS OVERVIEW** explains how the missionary vision of Florida Baptists reaches beyond the borders of our own state to help strengthen the ministry of our international Kingdom partners in Cuba, in Haiti, and along Brazil's Amazon River basin. This overview also describes the partnerships between Florida Baptists and Southern Baptists in West Virginia, Indiana, and Nevada.

## MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES—Criminal

**Justice Ministries** takes viewers inside the Marion County Jail to see the spiritual needs of prisoners, their families and law enforcement personnel. Jail Chaplain Bob Hart explains how offering funds provide Bibles and study material to take the message of life-changing faith in Jesus Christ to these spiritually hurting individuals.

## MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRIES—Church-based Health Ministries

introduces viewers to the Pensacola Baptist Association's Health and Hope clinic, one of 14 clinics partially funded by the Maguire State Mission Offering. Every year, nearly half the patients accept Christ as their physical needs are met.

## DEVELOPING BELIEVERS—Haitian Youth

**Camp** introduces Brenda Delphin, a member of La Premiere Eglise Baptiste Haitienne in Avon Park, who became a stronger Christian and more active church member through Haitian youth camp.

## DEVELOPING BELIEVERS—Children's Camp for Hearing Impaired

tells the story of Pennie Priest, a deaf member of Hopewell Baptist church in Plant City, who at the age of 11 gave her heart to Jesus at a camp for hearing-impaired children.

**STUDENT EVANGELISM OUTREACH** features Cortney Stewart, a Florida State University graduate, explaining how she heard God's call to international missions through student summer missions experiences.

## PRAY FOR THE FLORIDA MISSION FIELD

offers the comments of several Florida Baptist pastors and lay leaders to call all Florida Baptists to join hands and hearts in a season of prayer for the Florida mission field.

**WE ARE MISSIONARIES** reminds all Florida Baptists of God's call to each one of us to be his witnesses on the mission field that begins right outside our front doors.

## VIEWING SUGGESTIONS

On the DVD, you may select individual stories from the Florida mission field from the menu.

To locate a segment on the VHS video cassette, consult the listing of start times for each segment, then fast-forwarding to that location on the tape. Be sure to re-set your VCR counter to 00:00 before fast forwarding.

Before showing the video stories to your church or missions group:

- ★ Preview the DVD or tape so you are familiar with the content;
- ★ Check to be sure you have sufficient prayer guides and offering envelopes on hand (Order at [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org) or call 1-800-226-8584 ext 3151);
- ★ Pray for the viewers that they will have a desire to minister to the spiritually lost and hurting on the Florida mission field, through personal participation and their gifts to the state mission offering; and
- ★ Make sure the video equipment is in proper working order.

Here's another way to see the Florida mission field—the Fall edition of CROSS ROADS video magazine will focus on the week of prayer for state missions and will include expanded reports on some of the mission and ministry projects underwritten by the Maguire state mission offering. This award-winning half-hour television program will air the first week-end in September. Check the Florida Baptist Witness, call 1-800-226-8584 extension 3157, or log onto [www.flbaptist.org](http://www.flbaptist.org) for broadcast information.

# CLIP ART 2007 Maguire State Mission offering

The various sizes of the Maguire State Mission Offering logomark and theme scripture provided below will permit their use in a variety of spaces which may be available in a church bulletin, newsletter or other publications. Across the page are several brief articles for inclusion in a church bulletin or newsletter.

## THEME:

See the Florida mission field through the eyes of Jesus

Mathew 9:35-36 (The Message)



2007 Maguire State Mission offering

SEE THE

FLORIDA

MISSION FIELD  
through the  
EYES OF JESUS

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every infirmity. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them because they were scattered and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."  
— Matthew 9:35-36.

GOAL: \$1,372,000

2007 Maguire State Mission offering

SEE THE

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EYES OF JESUS

**THE GROWING CHALLENGE**

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Church to population ratio (1950) | 1 to 2,911 |
| Church to population ratio (1960) | 1 to 3,939 |
| Church to population ratio (1970) | 1 to 4,645 |
| Church to population ratio (1980) | 1 to 6,137 |
| Church to population ratio (1990) | 1 to 6,178 |
| Church to population ratio (2000) | 1 to 6,125 |
| Church to population ratio (2005) | 1 to 6,223 |
| Church to population ratio (2007) | 1 to 6,524 |

## THE SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

|                                                                        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Florida's population                                                   | 18 million |
| Persons who do not claim Jesus as their Savior                         | 12 million |
| Florida's rank in population among U.S. States by 2011                 | 3          |
| Florida Baptist churches proclaim the gospel in this many languages    | 22         |
| Florida Baptist churches that worship in a language other than English | 629        |
| Florida Baptist Churches                                               | 2,759      |

## BY THE NUMBERS:

- ★ 2011 the year Florida is expected to become the third largest state in the U.S., behind Texas and California.
- ★ 15 Florida counties among the 100 fastest growing counties in the U.S: Flagler, St. Lucie, Sumter, Lake, Lee, St. Johns, Hernando, Osceola, Pasco, Wakulla, Clay, Walton, Marion, Hendry, Columbia.
- ★ 20,000 foreign born refugees and immigrants moving to Florida annually—more than any other state.
- ★ 4,500,000 foreign born persons living in Florida.
- ★ 1,000 new residents moving to Florida each day.
- ★ 401 church site grants disbursed to Florida Baptist churches through the Maguire State Mission Offering since 1975, totaling \$10,189,318.
- ★ 17 interest free loans disbursed to Florida Baptist churches through the Maguire State Mission Offering since 2003, totaling \$1,162,000.
- ★ 22 languages spoken each Sunday in Florida Baptist congregations
- ★ 629 Florida Baptist churches, or 22 percent of all Florida Baptist churches, worship in a language other than English.
- ★ 2,759 Florida Baptist congregations on mission in their communities.



## The Maguire State Mission offering...

### HAS A MISSIONARY PURPOSE:

- ★ Helping new congregations through church site loans;
- ★ Supporting pastors in partnership states and countries;
- ★ Spreading the gospel through evangelistic ministry;
- ★ Developing believers through youth and family camps;
- ★ Helping churches in Florida communities;
- ★ Ministering to migrant farm laborers; and
- ★ Helping rebuild lives in the aftermath of disasters

### AND A BIBLICAL MANDATE:

The Maguire State Mission Offering makes it possible for you to share God's extravagant grace with a spiritually lost world.



## The Maguire State Mission offering...

**2007 RECIPIENTS:** church site loans for new churches; migrant ministries, refugee resettlement, church based health ministries, jail and prison ministries, disaster relief, and church revitalization; mission camps; collegiate world missions; mission partnerships in Haiti, Cuba and the Amazon River Basin; and pastoral salary assistance in partnership states.



## Church Bulletin Displays

The following are a series of information displays designed for use in your church bulletin or newsletter. They are sized to fit in a one-column space. The different topics of each display permit use of the series over a period of several weeks.



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"Because of the difference with Haitian parents born in Haiti and their children born here in America, language is a barrier," said Delphin. "At camp, Haitian-American youth meet together to learn to be better kids, stewards and Christians."

Delphin's life was changed after attending her first camp at age 13. Now, at age 29, she shares her experiences with the youth she leads at the First Haitian Church in Avon Park and takes them to the camp each summer. "Camp has helped me be a stronger Christian and has helped me guide the children I work with," said Delphin.

Delphin is as much an advocate for churches supporting the camp as she is for youth attending. Each year, the Haitian camp and the other four Florida Baptist youth camps are made possible through gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering. "Giving to these camps is investing in the lives of young people," said Delphin. "They are the next generation of the church."

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What does God's blessing look like?

For Rick Canfield, pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Ivydale, W.V., God's blessing looks like a gravel parking lot that will one day be a playground filled with children's laughter. God's blessing looks like a welcome monthly stipend check that allows him to fulfill God's call on his life. God's blessing looks like men and women, on their knees, earnestly praying for those yet to be reached with the gospel message.

"The Lord has blessed us," said Pastor Canfield, through the missions partnership with Florida Baptists.

Since 2002, Florida Baptists have been in a missions partnership with the West Virginia Baptist Convention. It is a partnership of financial assistance, supplemented through the Maguire State Mission Offering, prayer, and direct personal involvement.

"We're so grateful for the help that Florida Baptists give us. We could not be doing what we're doing now without the help of Florida Baptists," said Terry Harper, executive director of the West Virginia Baptist State Convention, which is a young 35 years old. The state convention has approximately 200 churches for its statewide population of 1.8 million. About 70 percent of West Virginians are unchurched.

"The people in Florida will be rewarded one day for being part of our ministry here, and we thank God for them," said Canfield.

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Gathered beneath a tent on a grassy lot Easter morning, members of Iglesia Bautista Deermeadows sang praises so loudly their voices carried to a nearby busy highway. The congregation numbers 80 and are building the Kingdom of God one new disciple at a time.

The small Hispanic congregation that began as a Sunday school class at Deermeadows Baptist Church in Jacksonville has purchased land and is taking steps toward building their own house of worship. They received \$75,000 to underwrite their new property from Maguire State Mission Offering's New Work loan program. When the loan has been paid, they will begin building their church facility.

Since the inception of the New Work loan program in 2003, 20 church site interest-free loans that have been approved. The program is a revolving fund, with interest paid going to fund other loans to churches to help in their purchase or construction of a first unit building. The Deermeadows Hispanic congregation was one of five loans approved in 2006.

Jose Vega, who joined the church as pastor shortly after its start, and the congregation have worked with the Florida Baptist Convention and their sponsor church, Deermeadows, to branch out into the community. Their goal is to bring together those in the local Hispanic community who would otherwise not be in church.

Though small and still working to grow, the Hispanic congregation believes they can make large impact on their community, said Vega. "The church's purpose is to show the love of God to others so they can come to know the Lord as their Savior."

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# Offering Namesake JOHN AND CLYDE MAGUIRE



When John Maguire first arrived as the sixth executive secretary-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, he began referring to the state as "Favored Florida." And under his leadership, Florida Baptists found favor with God by developing a Great Commission attitude.

Maguire urged Florida Baptists to reach the mission field in their own state, especially migrants, farm workers, winter tourists, Indians and African Americans.

"This is the greatest mission field anywhere in the United States," he would later say. "And unless Florida arises to the occasion of reaching these people, we are going backwards, instead of forward." His words continue to have meaning today.



His wife, Clyde Maguire, a historian, prayer warrior and author, also served the mission causes among Florida Baptists, mentoring and motivating Baptist women to assume places of leadership and embrace the power of prayer.

A passion for God's mission and a passion for God's people characterized the visionary leadership the Maguires provided to Florida Baptists. Under his leadership Florida Baptist experienced unparalleled growth. During his 23-year tenure--from 1945-67—between 30 and 40 new churches were established each year. The number of cooperating churches in the convention increased to 1,426 from 826. Church membership grew to more than 600,000 from 184,140 and Cooperative Program giving increased to \$3.7 million from \$422,123.

A goal of John Maguire was for every church to participate in the Florida mission field. When Maguire assumed his leadership post, one-fourth of the 826 Florida Baptist churches gave nothing to any mission causes. Before he retired, every church was giving something to the missions.

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| William J. Guess Church Site Loan Fund \$300,000                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         |
| 2. <b>Haiti Mission Project</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 120,000 |
| 3. <b>Cuba Mission Project</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 120,000 |
| 4. <b>Brazil Evangelism/Amazon River Basin Mission Project</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | 80,000  |
| 5. <b>Partnership Pastoral Salary Assistance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 125,000 |
| Pastoral Assistance for West Virginia, \$45,000;<br>Indiana, \$30,000 and Nevada, \$50,000                                                                                                                                                                    |         |
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| Migrant Ministries, \$50,000; Refugee Resettlement, \$5,000;<br>Church-based Health Ministries, \$60,000;<br>Jail and Prison Ministries, \$17,000; Disaster Relief, \$50,000;<br>Church Revitalization, \$20,000                                              |         |
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| 8. <b>Student Evangelism Outreach</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 50,000  |
| Collegiate Summer Missionaries, \$50,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |
| 9. <b>Support Ministries</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 190,000 |
| Association Shared Receipt (Est.), \$70,000;<br>Promotion Expense, \$120,000                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |

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