

## **Partnerships Gulf Coast:**

A Cooperative Missions and Ministry Endeavor of the  
Gulf Coast Baptist Association and **YOUR** Church.

The Gulf Coast Baptist Association (GCBA) is committed to helping local churches reach the Gulf Coast with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The GCBA also wants to continue its practice of providing a destination for national partners looking for mission opportunities. One aspect of this commitment to missions is Partnership Gulf Coast. During the summer of 2011 the association will partner with a number of local churches and national partnering churches to develop ministry opportunities for visiting mission teams.

GCBA will identify eight local churches and/or ministry partners for the eight week program. The local church can participate on two levels.

**Level I:** Local churches will benefit from an eight week (one day each week) Backyard Bible Club (BBC). This BBC will be staffed by the missionaries from the partnering churches. On the Friday of each week, they will conduct a block party on site for one of the local participating churches or ministry sites. By the end of the summer, each participating local church will have had a block-party at their ministry site.

**Level II:** Local churches will benefit from the man power of the mission teams to develop new areas for evangelistic outreach. This may include canvassing, prayer-walking etc. The local churches will work with the association to target an area. The association will collect demographic information on the area to facilitate mission actions in the area.

### **Responsibilities for Participants**

#### Association

1. The association will provide two interns to coordinate the partnering church's mission team and maintain a relationship with local church participants.
2. The associational interns will develop a relationship with the local church representative to promote continuity for the eight weeks of BBC and canvassing.
3. The association will work with the local churches to help facilitate follow-up efforts throughout the summer and after the culmination of the 8 weeks.

#### Local Church

1. Local churches will commit to a spirit of flexibility.
2. Level I churches will:
  - select a church representative to communicate with the association. This person can be the pastor, staff member, or lay person.
  - commit to following up on those who attend the BBC throughout the summer.
3. Level II churches will

- commit to working with the association to discover unreached or under-reached target areas.
- commit to partner with a Level I church. This partnership will include promoting the upcoming BBC at the Level I church by distributing door-hangers in the neighborhoods surrounding the site for the BBC. This promotion will take place one to two weeks, prior to the BBC.
- commit to work with the association to develop a plan to start a new Bible study unit in the target neighborhood.

### Partner Churches

1. The partner churches will commit to a spirit of flexibility.
2. The partner churches will provide one representative to communicate with the association in the preparatory period.
3. The partner church will commit to conduct two BBC's each day one in the morning and one in the afternoon, Monday through Thursday for a total of eight BBC's at eight different sights.
4. The partner church will commit to conduct one Block Party on Friday.
5. The partner church will arrive no earlier than Sunday afternoon and no leave no later than nine AM Saturday.
6. The partner church will commit to abide by all of the GCBA policies regarding the housing quarters.
7. The partner church will provide their own transportation to the coast and while on the coast. Passenger vans are the preferable mode of transportation while on the coast.
8. The partner church will provide its own food for its team and the interns for the duration of the trip. The group will have access to the GCBA kitchen facilities.
9. The partner church may need to provide transportation of the associational interns to and from the ministry sites.
10. The work of the mission team will be conducted under the supervision of the interns acting under the authority of GCBA.