

#reachFlorida

...AND BEYOND

Maguire 2016 *state mission offering*



PLANNING GUIDE-MISSION STUDY

For Pastors, Church Staff and Mission Leaders

Maguire 2016 State Mission Offering
#ReachFlorida...and beyond

Goal: \$830,000

Preparation:

Begin planning early for your church's season of prayer for missions in Florida. Gather your church's missions team to:

- pray about your church's monetary goal for the Maguire State Mission Offering
- determine if your church will hold a one-time church-wide event or multiple age-graded sessions
- set a date and make specific plans for observance of the Maguire State Mission Offering emphasis in your church

The website www.flbaptist.org/msmo is your one-stop destination for all materials related to observance of the Maguire State Mission Offering in your church.

Promotion:

Use a combination of the ideas listed below in your church to highlight how financial gifts to the Maguire State Mission Offering fund 16 ministries reaching people in the world, in North America and in Florida.

- For the eight days of Maguire State Mission Offering, post a devotional on your church's website or social media pages or send the devotional by email to church members.
- Show the 75-second video, "*#ReachFlorida...and beyond*" during your Sunday morning worship service during the state mission offering emphasis.
- Design a visual reminder – such as a poster or artwork on your church's website – to highlight your church's Maguire State Mission Offering goal and progress toward reaching the goal.
- Organize your church or age-graded emphasis around these three aspects of missions funded by the Maguire State Mission Offering: international, North America and Florida.

International:

Display a large poster or PowerPoint slide with a map of Haiti and this dollar amount: \$245,000. State that \$245,000 of the 2016 Maguire State Mission Offering is earmarked for international missions, with Florida Baptists reaching out with the gospel of Jesus Christ in Haiti, Eastern Cuba and Western Cuba.

Show the video, "Darkness to Light," <https://vimeo.com/146145319> about Florida Baptist mission work in Haiti. Consider developing a listening guide for participants to use while watching the video. After the video, ask participants to share one thing they learned about Haiti as well as about Florida Baptist mission work there.

Print these 10 fast facts about Haiti and Florida Baptists' mission outreach in Haiti on slips of paper and invite a participant to read aloud each fact, or put them on a PowerPoint presentation for participants to read aloud and in unison:

1. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.
2. Florida Baptists partner with 1,700 churches and 1,600 pastors affiliated with Confraternite Missionnaire Baptiste de Haiti to make a difference by sharing the gospel.
3. Florida Baptists have been involved in mission outreach in Haiti for 20 years.
4. Haiti is only 700 miles from the southernmost tip of Florida.
5. Ten million people live in Haiti, an area smaller than the state of Maryland.
6. James Peoples, president of the Florida Baptist State Convention, said, "Frankly, it (Haiti) is too close to ignore. The Lord has opened up the door of opportunity for us to come and make a difference bringing the Light of Jesus Christ into this dark place."
7. Spiritual warfare and voodoo are very real in Haiti.
8. Church planting, evangelism and leadership development are three key components of Florida Baptists' partnership with Haiti.
9. This year, 186 Haitians graduated from the seminary that Florida Baptists help fund and provide in partnership with New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
10. The Light of the gospel of Jesus Christ is turning back the darkness in Haiti.

Share other highlights about mission work in Haiti, Eastern Cuba and Western Cuba from the stories provided at www.flbaptist.org/msmo.

Invite a church member who has volunteered for mission work in Haiti, Eastern Cuba or Western Cuba to share a brief testimony.

Lead in a time of focused prayer for Haiti, particularly for pastors there who are engaged daily in spiritual warfare, as well as for Western Cuba and Eastern Cuba.

North America:

Display a large poster or PowerPoint slide with a map of Montreal and with this dollar amount: \$55,000. State that \$55,000 of the 2016 Maguire State Mission Offering is earmarked for North American missions, with Florida Baptists reaching out with the gospel of Jesus Christ in West Virginia and Montreal.

Print these 11 fast facts about Montreal and Florida Baptists' mission partnership in Montreal on slips of paper and invite a participant to read aloud each fact or put them on a PowerPoint presentation for participants to read aloud and in unison:

1. 3.5 million people live in the metro Montreal area.
2. Montreal is the largest city in the Canadian province of Quebec, the second largest city in Canada, and the fifteenth largest in North America.
3. The name of the city is derived from Mount Royal, the triple-peaked hill located in the heart of the city.
4. French is the language of choice in Montreal.
5. There is one Canadian National Baptist Convention church for every 105,000 Montreal residents.
6. Montreal is a Send City for the North American Mission Board, where focused strategies are developed to reach the city with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
7. The SEND Montreal strategy follows the urban sections along the St. Lawrence River from Gatineau in the southwest all the way up to Quebec City in the northeast.
8. Quebec is 0.5 percent evangelical, and Montreal is 0.7 percent evangelical.
9. Quebecois are the least-reached people group in North America.
10. Residents of Quebec identify as Catholics, yet they see Catholicism as part of their cultural heritage and nothing more.
11. Islam is thriving where Catholicism is dying in Montreal which has approximately 140 mosques.

Download the story about Montreal prior to the emphasis and ask a volunteer to read and summarize the story for participants. Story found at www.flbaptist.org/msmo. Or show the video found at <https://vimeo.com/171425793>.

Another area of ministry in North America supported by the offering is work in West Virginia. Consider inviting a church member who has volunteered for mission work in West Virginia to share a brief testimony.

Lead in a time of focused prayer for Montreal as a Send City, as well as for mission work being done in West Virginia, specifically Disaster Relief work being done there by Florida Baptists in response to rampant flooding recently.

Florida:

Display a large poster or PowerPoint slide with a map of Florida and with this dollar amount: \$530,000. State that \$530,000 of the 2016 Maguire State Mission Offering is earmarked for Florida missions, with Florida Baptists reaching out with the gospel of Jesus Christ within the Sunshine State.

Download the story about Eric and Marris Davis who are serving in Wakulla County as Davis plants a church, The Mission. Ask a volunteer to read and summarize the story for participants, with particular emphasis being given to the \$100,000 interest-free loan and additional \$60,000 loan to purchase and renovate an office building on Highway 319.

Download the story about Micah Roden, who has served as a disaster relief volunteer in both South Carolina and West Virginia. Ask a volunteer to read and summarize the story for participants, with particular emphasis being given to the fact that funds from the Maguire State Mission Offering help fund Florida Baptists' Disaster Relief Ministry.

Download the story about Jennifer Smith, who, in spite of a rare kidney disease and several small strokes, serves as lead coordinator of the Florida Baptist Convention's Mobile Dental Unit. Ask a volunteer to read and summarize the story for participants, with particular emphasis being given to the fact that funds from the Maguire State Mission Offering help fund Florida Baptists' Mobile Dental Unit.

Challenge participants to match the following statistics with their correct descriptions:

2,500	Number of people treated by dentists last year at Florida Baptists' mobile dental units
168	Number of people who accepted Christ as Savior last year through ministry of Florida Baptists' mobile dental units
15 million	Number of Florida residents who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior
75 percent	Percentage of Florida residents who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior
\$100,000	Amount of interest-free loan given to plant The Mission in Wakulla County
\$60,000	Amount of loan given to purchase office building for The Mission in Wakulla County
7,000	Number of Florida Baptist trained disaster relief volunteers
\$530,000	Amount of money from Maguire State Mission Offering earmarked for Florida

State that these numbers help Florida Baptists understand how their offerings are vital to taking the gospel to those who need to hear it the most – and that the opportunity to do that is priceless.

Invite a church member who has volunteered for mission work in Florida to share a brief testimony.

Lead in a time of focused prayer for Florida, asking God to inspire Florida Baptists to give generously to the Maguire State Mission Offering so that the gospel may be taken to Florida's 15 million residents who do not know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Close the session by reading Matthew 28:18-20. State that Jesus commands us in the Great Commission to go to the ends of the earth. Through the Maguire State Mission Offering we are committed to reach Florida and beyond with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Challenge participants to consider how they might pray, give and go as together Florida Baptists reach Florida and beyond.

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