

Fall 2010 Director of Missions Report

I am thankful that our association churches are sharing good reports concerning the work of the North Roanoke Baptist Association. This is the result of several critical principles which serve as guides for our ministry.

The goal of the NRBA is not to survive. The association exists in order to strengthen churches in order to share Christ with a lost world. It is not the responsibility of churches to support the association – it is the work of the association to support churches. The institution that God has ordained to fulfill the Great Commission is the local church. When we do the work that God has called us to do, we do not have to worry about survival.

We are working from a Kingdom mindset. We have the privilege to be a small part of the work of God to redeem a lost world. Our goal is to make an eternal difference within our local community and “to the ends of the earth.” We encourage individuals and congregations to grow in effective ministry and evangelism outside of the walls of the church and trust God to use it for His glory. We are helping to make disciples by providing materials such as books, tapes, DVD’s, CD’s and training opportunities for individuals that want to grow in the Lord and desire to be used in His service.

We are seeking to be faithful in small things. The association office is serving to network churches so that they can support and encourage one another. The churches are sharing training materials, furniture, Bibles, music, Sunday School and VBS literature, etc. We are also connecting churches to local ministry opportunities. The association office usually serves as a resource for one pastor, one ministry leader, one committee, one church at a time. Our goal is to multiply our effectiveness by investing in others. In so doing we celebrate even small successes as we look for greater opportunities to serve.

We are utilizing our assets that are available for ministry. We are focusing on the things that we can do rather than focus on the things that we cannot do. Our association building is now being used by Tar-Roanoke Chaplaincy, SureCord Counseling Ministry, Campers on Mission and Crown Financial ministries. Our Hilda Mayo Church Planting Fund is being used to support our church plants – Greater Joy Baptist Church and Grace International Fellowship. These churches are being used to transform lives through the saving power of Christ. Our churches that are directly involved in these ministries and the association are being blessed through this work.

We desire to edify the body of believers and churches of our association. As we continue to build relationships, communicate openly, and give every congregation an opportunity to be a part of this ministry - we are becoming stronger. We are working with a long term view which allows us to unite as we move forward step-by-step in order to do greater things in the future.

We promote a balanced ministry approach based on Acts 1:8. The association can help establish an environment in which it becomes easier to do ministry, evangelism and missions locally and globally. We are continually gathering resources to help churches and individuals to be involved in ministry in their neighborhood and around the world.

We are not satisfied with the status quo. We are seeking to be more effective in our organization and ministry. We are open to new ministry opportunities that God will provide for us in the future. If we are willing to risk failure and willing to change, our greatest days of usefulness in the Kingdom of God are ahead of us.