



# PARTNERS IN MISSION



## Galveston ~ A New Partnership

As I reflect on our ABCOPAD Galveston Mission Trip, the thermometer outside reads a mere 11 degrees, not counting the wind chill. My minds drifts back to the warm sea breeze blowing over the island of Galveston. Most days, the temperature climbed to almost 75°. While the sun warmed both skin and bone, it was the fellowship, acts of service and a constant sense of Jesus' presence that both quickened and warmed the soul. Each day, the team woke up with a sense of purpose, knowing they would help a family in need and share Christ's love. Every night, there were stories to tell, having witnessed Jesus' hand at work throughout the day. Although the Mission Team expected to help those devastated by Hurricane Ike, clearly there was spiritual vitality energizing the crew; and that energy returned with crew members to their local church.



Without a doubt, mission needs to start at home, but the energy to begin that mission in a local congregation might be found far from our local neighborhoods. Each of us should consider answering Jesus' call ~ not only to be a witness in our own community ~ but also in distant lands. The Galveston Mission Team had mission volunteers ages 17 – 86. Pastors Tim and Jenn Schwartz did an excellent job matching strengths, talents and ability with work. There will be many opportunities ahead to serve. **Maybe the spiritual vitality your church is searching for can be found, and actually begins, in a place like Galveston.** ~Mark Mahserjian-Smith



Visit the ABCOPAD website to see and hear pictures and stories from the trip!

### Do You Feel Called to Make a Difference?

Do you want to get connected to God in a whole new way? Do you feel God is calling you to something but you are just not sure what it is? Do you have a heart for missions? Join me, and a team of people that have answered yes to one or more of the above questions, as we venture to Galveston, Texas, for disaster relief aid due to Hurricane Ike. It will be a trip that very possibly could be life changing as we serve our Lord and the people of Galveston. The work will be hard, as well as the cot we will sleep on, but the worship and ministry will be awesome! Consider it a week of fellowshiping with God while on a mission. I just returned with the first team and was inspired and blessed more than I could have imagined.

**Please consider being a part of the team April 18-24, 2010!**

~Reach for the goal in Christ, Pastor David Cox the FBC of Greenville

The estimated cost is \$450. Price may vary according to airfare. More information will be available on the ABCOPAD website soon: [www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org) or contact 412-687-3940 / [pghbaptist@aol.com](mailto:pghbaptist@aol.com).

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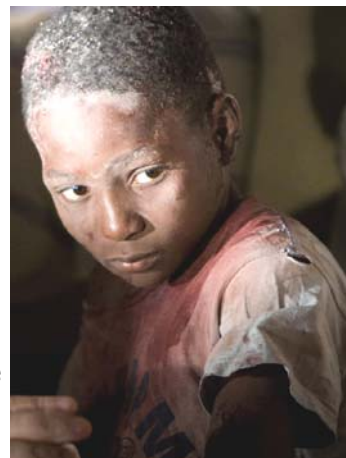


## Haiti Relief Efforts



American Baptist International Ministries (IM) missionaries, Christian partners, and US and Puerto Rico congregations are continuing to mobilize and respond at historic levels to the 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti and devastated its capital Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area on January 12.

To date, IM has provided a total of **\$65,000 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds** for Haiti. IM missionary **Dr. Steve James** and his team are working at Haiti Health Ministries Christianville Clinic, to provide medical care and relief supplies approximately 5 miles from the quake epicenter. **Nancy James**, a registered nurse, is in Haut Limbe in the north of Haiti, maintaining the critical communication link with her husband Steve and the outside world.



**Kristy Engel**, a pediatric nurse practitioner serving in the Dominican Republic (a country that borders Haiti), has taken a 75-person team, including 30 medical personnel, into Haiti. The group, which includes **Ketly and Vital Pierre**, IM missionaries to Nicaragua, traveled into Haiti on January 16 to provide emergency care at three clinics and to distribute six truckloads of food and medical supplies. Kristy will continue to organize weekly teams.

In the meantime, IM missionary **Madeline Flores-Lopez** and Dominican Republic partners are providing medical care, shelter and relief supplies to quake victims arriving at the Contreras Hospital in Santo Domingo. Madeline is also coordinating relief effort teams entering Haiti from the Dominican Republic. A team from First Baptist Church, Greensburg, Indiana has already arrived.

**Jose Norat-Rodriguez**, IM Area Director of Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, states: “We are witnessing a monumental effort that is marked by a historic collaboration between IM global partners and missionaries from a variety of countries.”

Thousands of **American Baptist congregations** are responding through prayer and giving. Offerings are being received through One Great Hour of Sharing, which is a vital way for Christians to respond to people, regardless of faith tradition, in the grip of disaster. Lisa Rothenberger, ABC Relief Officer who oversees the use of OGHS funds, recalls the Asian tsunami in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005: “American Baptists gave \$6 million to those two relief efforts. That’s incredible! It’s my prayer that even in these economically challenging times, the response to this earthquake will be equally generous.”





## Haiti Relief Efforts



IM partners such as **IMA World Health** and **Church World Service** provide additional opportunities to get involved. For example, those wishing to donate medicines for Haiti relief may do so through IMA World Health. If your church is interested in donating hygiene and/or baby kits or blankets, you can visit Church World Service's website, [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) for instructions and guidelines.



**Reid Trulson**, IM Executive Director, states: "International Ministries will be working with our Haitian brothers and sisters both now and far into the future. American Baptists have been engaged in ministry in Haiti since 1823. In knowing and loving the people of Haiti, we are uniquely positioned to be used by God in helping them rebuild their lives."

**Volunteers** who wish to be a part of the ministry efforts of Steve and Nancy James, Kristy Engel and Madeline Flores-Lopez may contact the IM Volunteer office to complete applications and be included on an availability list that is continually updated and sent to the missionaries.



Visit [BIMvolunteers@abc-usa.org](mailto:BIMvolunteers@abc-usa.org) or email [BIMvolunteers@abc-usa.org](mailto:BIMvolunteers@abc-usa.org).

IM is closely coordinating response efforts with the Haitian Baptist Convention and the Christian University of Northern Haiti. IM partners in the north of Haiti are providing medical care and relief supplies at the partially finished hospital at Quartier Morin as Haitians leave Port-au-Prince for safer locations. The United Nations estimates 235,000 people have departed from the Haitian capital using the free transportation being provided by the government. The number of people leaving Port-au-Prince by private means cannot be determined.

Haiti (the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 8 out of 10 people living in extreme poverty) is about the size of Maryland with a population of approximately 6 million people is located on the western half of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. The Dominican Republic is on the eastern half. The northern portion of Haiti, where most of IM's mission work has been located, is approximately 100 miles from the earthquake's epicenter.



Emergency donations are desperately needed and can be made through your regular mission giving through One Great Hour of Sharing, in the details section please note – Haiti Earthquake Relief and mail to: ABCOPAD; PO Box 421; Hatboro, PA 19040.



## Men With a Mission—Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Olive Branch Baptist Church  
296 State Route 981; Belle Vernon, PA 15012

### Experience an Action-Packed Day Filled with Opportunities to...

#### ...Serve



Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith will share opportunities of faith-building mission adventures in Galveston, Texas, and Haiti!

**Love Offering to benefit  
Haiti Earthquake Relief**



**...Experience**  
a band dedicated to using their gifts for His glory.

#### ...Tour



the AB Disaster Relief Trailer and experience first-hand how ABCOPAD men stand ready to become the hands and feet of Christ when disaster strikes.

#### ...Participate

Mr. Darrell Edgar will lead a hands-on building project that will benefit Camp Carmel.



#### ...Reach Out

**Rev. Scott Fairman**, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Apollo, will challenge you to think outside the box to find new ways to reach out to men and welcome them into the church.



#### ...Encourage

**Rev. Larry Hellein** will share the secret of how to develop successful strategies to build and enrich your youth ministry.



#### ...Share the Word

**Mr. Dave Cross**, Treasurer, AB Men, will explain what it means to be part of AB Men.

**Rev. Frank Frischkorn**, ABCOPAD Executive Minister, will be on hand to share the good of news of what is happening in our churches and Region.

**Mr. John Rai**, a Bhutan refugee, will share his powerful testimony on his spiritual journey.

**Mr. George Sprock**, SW Area Vice President of AB Men, will bring word of the exciting plans for the 2010 AB Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware 56th Annual Retreat.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2010**

**Cost: \$10 (Ages 16+)**

Please make your check payable to the Pittsburgh Baptist Association and mail to 159 N. Bellefield Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15213; Telephone: 412-687-3940 or [pghbaptist@aol.com](mailto:pghbaptist@aol.com)

All net proceeds will benefit the Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort!

**But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. ~ Joshua 24:15b**

## Running Water, Living Water



Angela Sudermann

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is a memoir published by Angela Sudermann, IM Coordinator, Volunteers in Global Mission, based on her personal experience as a Christian mission trip leader to a small Lahu Village in Thailand. Angela shares the story of their vision for healthier lives for their community through projects in water, sanitation, agriculture, education, and medicine.

Angela helps volunteers serve globally and is excited to see what God is doing around the world. She models her personal philosophy after Isaiah, "Here I am, send me." "Running Water, Living Water," is available through [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) for \$7.95. All royalties will benefit the ministry of Mike Mann, IM Global Consultant to Thailand.

## Praying for Busagudapallum

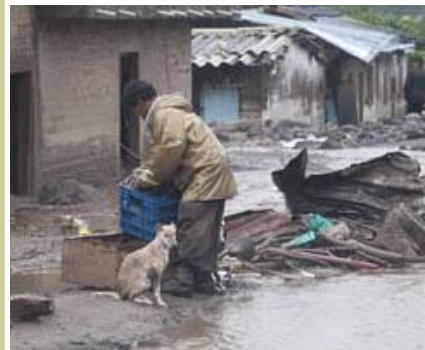
About 100 miles north of Chennai, IM has started its final housing construction project for victims of the 2004 Tsunami in partnership with the Abundant Life Ministerial Associates



(ALMA). The village of Busagudapallam is home to 46 families. A section of the village is made up of 24 Yanadi tribal families whose primary livelihood is fishing. Shortly after the tsunami, they were promised new houses by a government/NGO collaborative project. Construction began but was not finished. Yet, residents of Busagudapallam did not lose hope.

Kruppayah, and his wife, Krupamma, became believers in Jesus Christ through the love and witness of the ALMA ministry. They have been trained by ALMA and now lead a church in their village with 14 members. These believers have been praying for the completion of sturdy houses for their village. The last of the OGHS Tsunami relief grant sent in 2005 is just enough to build 20 houses. Kruppayah and his church have continued to pray for the 4 families that might be left out. ~ and God is answering those prayers. The Avoca Baptist Church in Avoca, IN, raised \$2,000 ~ enough to build another home! **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble! (Psalm 46:1)** Continue to pray for God's provision for the remaining homes and a community center.

## El Salvador Mudslides



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) provided \$6,500 in emergency relief funds to International Ministries' (IM) partners in El Salvador to meet the needs of the people following the massive flooding and mudslides there in November. At least 130 people died and over 13,000 were left homeless.

San Martin had only recently recovered from a 2001 earthquake which leveled the town when this disaster hit. Families caught off guard were buried in their homes or washed down the hillside. 100% of corn and bean crops, just one week short of harvest, were washed away. Areas in the coastal zone were completely flattened by volcanic mud slides.

American Baptists have a long and rich history of reaching out to those in need through One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

## Help for Haiti

National Ministries is working with International Ministries, ABCUSA regions, Church World Service and the North American Baptist Fellowship to coordinate disaster response.

Multiple ABCUSA regions, with a strong Haitian presence, are developing communication plans to identify needs within Haitian American Baptist churches and families.



The Rev. Dr. Lemaire Alerté of the Alliance of Haitian Baptist Churches reports that the alliance has been meeting to create a collaborative list of needs and response strategies for churches in the United States, Puerto Rico and Haiti. Prayers are needed:

- **Pray** for Haitian American Baptist churches throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.
- **Pray** for Haitian Americans waiting for word about loved ones.
- **Pray** for first responders from around the world as they face the huge humanitarian recovery effort.



## Sharing the Blessings and Joys of the Season



Bags of blankets, coats, hats and toys were collected by National Ministries staff for Karenni refugee families. Karenni refugees, who have never experienced winter, are unprepared for the cold.



The 2009 Christmas project focused on meeting some of the needs of the more than 100 children and their families resettled in the United States who attend First Baptist of Merchantville, NJ.

Several thousand Karenni were resettled in the United States in 2009. Karenni refugees are different from the Karen ethnic group. They have their own state in eastern Burma, but the militant government and ethnic cleansing drove more than 20,000 Karenni to flee to refugee camps in Thailand.

In the camps, refugees are not permitted to leave, so they have limited contact with the community. When they are moved from camps, they often struggle on their own for basic, everyday needs. American Baptist churches are leaders in refugee resettlement.

## Discipleship Planning Guide



The [2010 Discipleship Planning Guide](#) is a resource for churches filled with articles, suggested activities, devotional materials and a planning calendar for the year. Available on [www.nationalministries.org](http://www.nationalministries.org)



The 2010-2011 AB Directory & Planning Calendar is available on [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org).



## America For Christ



The America for Christ 2010 (AFC) Offering “With Willing Hands, Connect. Care and Celebrate” supports Christ-centered ministries that are transforming lives across the United States and Puerto Rico. Below are a few of the life changing ministries enable by gifts to the America For Christ offering:

**Children in Poverty Initiative (CiP)** - Poverty is pervasive in rural, urban and suburban communities. A four-person family earning less than \$22,050 a year sets the poverty standard. Based on that “definition,” at least 14 million children, newborn to age 18, live in poverty in the United States and Puerto Rico. As a home mission response, NM has initiated **The Penny Project**. **The goal is to raise 14 million pennies by April 2010 to represent the number of children living in poverty**

**Refugee and Resettlement Project** - Not all disasters are natural events. In dozens of countries around the world, people are pushed to the margins of life, driven out of their homes and communities by armed conflict, gross human rights violations and fear of persecution. When we welcome the refugee, the stranger in our midst, we welcome Christ. Since 1948, American Baptists have been resettling refugees. **In 2009, over 50 years, The American Baptist Home Mission Society, National Ministries celebrates the sponsorship of more than 100,000 refugees, providing them a safe haven and a new home.**

**National Evangelism Team** - We calculate that among all Hispanic Churches there were a total of 4,496 baptisms. That is a 24% increase over the previous year's total. We calculated that among all Other Churches (Asian, Native American, Haitian, Multi-Cultural, Non-self-designating) there were a total of 4,001 baptisms. That is a 34% increase over the previous year's total. Total baptisms, inclusive of all groups ... 2007: 45,635 and in 2008: 51,895. **That is a 14% INCREASE and the second straight year of increase. For more exciting and transformative home mission stories visit the National Ministries' website at [www.nationalministries.org](http://www.nationalministries.org) and click on the appropriate webpage for more information, resources or training events.**

# WITH WILLING HANDS



Connect.  
Care. Celebrate.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2010

2010  
AFC Goal  
\$2,010,000



**One Down...  
13 Million to Go!**

As of January 28, 2010, **1,501,727** pennies have been collected to raise awareness and hope for children living in poverty.



### AFC Breakdown

29%  
Returns to the Region

59% Supports  
AB Home Missions

12% Underwrites AFC  
Promotional Costs

## AFC Promotion

National Ministries' staff, missionaries and ambassadors are available to make strategic visits to regions and clusters of churches to tell the story of home mission and encourage support to the AFC offering.

Visit the NM website for a Speaker Request Form and send it to [Susan.Bogle@abc-usa.org](mailto:Susan.Bogle@abc-usa.org); Telephone: 800-222-3872 X 2028.



## Baptist Joint Committee

5th annual religious liberty essay contest—open to high school students in '10-'11 graduating classes—first place wins a trip to Washington, D.C., plus \$1,000; second place \$500; and third place \$100. Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.

2010 marks the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's speech to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association about the relationship between religion and politics. Discuss whether or not he was correct in advocating an absolute separation of church and state. For more information visit [www.bjconline.org](http://www.bjconline.org).



*“For the Love of Christ urges us on...”*

## Lay Ministry Networks: Connecting and Celebrating Best Practices

“ABCOPAD? What’s an ABCOPAD?” That question alerted National Ministries (NM) Transformation Strategist, Rev. Glynis LaBarre, to a real need in American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA). “It was the first time I realized that regions don’t have a networked system to share like-minded ministries with one another,” LaBarre says.

That realization gave birth to the first NM-sponsored, regionally facilitated Best Practices Exchange. In September 2009, for only 24 hours, more than 30 people from 10 regions gathered in Providence, RI, to share insights and information about lay minister training programs. The northeast regions that co-hosted the gathering with NM did so with the purpose of gaining ideas about how to start their own lay minister training efforts.



Four regions made presentations (pictured left is Rev. Richard McIntyre, NE Area Minister making ABCOPAD’s presentation on CLI), and participants responded with questions, insights, and lessons of their own. Rev. Tom Beers,

Director of the Nehemiah Leadership Network, offered many useful ideas from that organization’s experience. Jamie Munro, Executive Director of Interim Ministries, ABCUSA, stressed the importance of holding lay ministers to the same ethical standards that govern seminary-trained clergy.

Pat Hernandez, one of the regional participants, reflected afterward: “The more that we can connect those who are doing vital and valuable ministries, the more we can learn from each other and the more those ministries are enriched and enhanced.”

Everyone involved in the Best Practices Exchange is eager to see the collaborative model replicated in other ministry areas. It is your America for Christ offering that will continue to connect like-minded and like-missioned American Baptists for the sake of caring for God’s people.

If you are interested in starting your own Lay Minister training program or in participating in a Best Practices Exchange, please visit [www.nationalministries.org](http://www.nationalministries.org) or contact Rev. Glynis LaBarre at [glynis.labarre@abc-usa.org](mailto:glynis.labarre@abc-usa.org).



## American Baptist Women's Ministries



**“Women...Destined for God's Purpose: Mission Possible!”** is a national conference for women sponsored by American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABCUSA), **July 10-15, 2010**, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio.



“Come and learn what it means to live with purpose and to accept the life that God dreams for you. Together we can face our struggles, find our strengths, and grow in Jesus.

Together we can encourage one another to be the women God has called us to be,” (Crystal Newton, conference coordinator).

Christ-centered experiences include Bible studies on the conference theme with Rev. Christine Roush, worship and singing with Christian performing artist Pam Noah, inspiring Sunday morning preaching by Rev. Marilyn Turner, morning “Java & Jesus” devotions, and a memorable closing communion service on Wednesday evening. Workshops, off-site tours, special meal events, and activities with the National Gathering for Girls offer great opportunities to build new intergenerational friendships and grow closer to God.

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**Visit [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org) and click on Events for information on both events.**

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### **2010 National Events for Girls: “Young Women of Action”**

In the summer of 2010, the National Gathering for Girls will be joined with a **mission opportunity**, both with the same theme of “Young Women of Action.” Girls and their adult leaders may come to either or both of these events!



The 2010 National Gathering for Girls is **July 10–15, 2010**, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, OH. This year's theme is “Young Women of Action.” The week will be filled with mission opportunities as well as Bible study, worship, and lots of fun fellowship.

America for Christ gifts support Christ-centered ministries that are transforming lives across the United States and Puerto Rico—from addressing Children in Poverty initiatives and resettling refugees violently driven from their homelands to providing evangelism training, developing discipleship resources and leading ministry workshops and conferences.

[nationalministries.org/GIVE/Serve](http://nationalministries.org/GIVE/Serve)

Speaking of action...the national leadership team of AB GIRLS is joining with National Ministries in forming an *AB GIRLS Home Mission Action Team* that will be part of the “Ecumenical Work Week VI: Worship, Witness, & Work” build in New Orleans, **July 31–August 7, 2010**. (AB GIRLS are invited to come a day early for special girls' time!) AB GIRLS from across the country will come together in New Orleans, Louisiana, to help to rebuild the city.

## Around the Region

### Nicaragua July 16-25

An informational planning meeting for the 11th Annual Mission Trip to Nicaragua will be held on Sunday, February 21, at 2 p.m., at the North Hills Community Baptist Church; 7801 Thompson Run Road; Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Rev. Dr. Tim Spring will serve as Team Leader. Participants will work with IM Missionaries David and Laura Parajón. Participation is limited. Call 412-366-2662 for more information.



### Sweet December

A joyous gathering of Karen and Temple Baptist Church (Pittsburgh) members took place on December 26. The event, which numbered over 100 in attendance, involved singing by the Karen, along with a bountiful Karen meal – no one left hungry! The message, provided by Rev. John Reynolds, was translated into Karen during the sermon.

The Karen also presented gifts to the members of Temple Baptist. These gifts included Karen shirts and bags, along with scarves, all in brilliant colors. A large banner, provided as a backdrop for the service, spoke of the relationship between the Karen and America, and Temple Baptist in particular. Balloons and crepe paper decorated the Fellowship Hall to complete the atmosphere.

God is lighting a fire at Temple for the ministry with the Karen.

**Temple Baptist Church has received a '09/'10 grant for \$1,000 from the Burma Refugees Task Force.**

# Save the Date!

**"Filled to the Brim  
Outflowing for Him"**

**ABCOPAD Biennial  
October 14-16, 2010**

Blair County  
Convention Center  
Altoona, PA

Theme Scripture ~ Acts 1:8



### Reunion

West: November 12-14  
East: November 19-21



### God is Good

On December 15, the gas-fire steam boiler went up in flames at the First Baptist Church of Sharon. The system failed to shut down when the boiler ran dry, causing the insulation to ignite. Winter also hit hard around that time. For four Sundays, the congregation met in the fellowship hall for Sunday School and worship, with two 12-inch hoses packed in the window connected to a 400,000 BTU construction furnace parked outside. Children huddled together for Sunday School and Junior Church in small spaces slightly warmer than the sanctuary which was 23°.



Christmas Eve candlelight service was not the same, but then Mary and Joseph's accommodations were less than luxurious. Such are teachable moments to remind children (of all ages) that church is not about the place but the people; that worship is not about comfort but focus; and that a change of scenery has its own value.

No one was hurt. The boiler has since been replaced. And, as of January 17<sup>th</sup>, worship and programming resumed as normal. God is good.

~John Trojak, Pastor

## Youth Ministries

In an effort to help the local church equip and train adults and students in “disciple evangelism,” we are calling on students to gather for inspiration. Our hope is to reach over 150 leadership students across our region for exciting worship, fellowship and training. ***Our goal is to give young people a vision and a purpose for their Christian walk.***

Ideal for Middle School or High School teens who have shown leadership traits and/or have shown a desire to deepen their faith in Christ.



**The 3R's we look at to help youth ministries:**

**Remember** how important the task is before us.

**Re-Group** to evaluate the ministry to see how it stands up to the call to "Go Make Disciples."

**Revitalize** to bring new life to the ministry and not necessarily to start over, but to look for ways to improve and possibly increase ministry.

**Cost: \$10 Per Person**

**Churches with 5 or More: Flat Fee of \$50**

Cost includes the awesome program, materials, books, prizes and snacks.

### **What's the Schedule?**

We will have time for worship, training and reflection. “NCR” Praise Band from Eastern University will lead worship. Rev. Eric Kraihanzel, ABCOPAD Student Ministries Coordinator and Adjunct Professor of Youth Ministries at Eastern University, will lead the training time. Training will focus in on personal challenge/training and how the 7-Week Experiment Material can be used in your church's youth ministry.

The 7-Week Experiment is built around Acts 2:42-47. Simply put, it is a ministry curriculum tool to help move young people through an intentional discipleship process to help teens reach out to their friends with the powerful Gospel message of Jesus Christ.



visit [www.abcopadym.org](http://www.abcopadym.org)



## Pick the Location Closest to You

### **South East**

January 30, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Springfield Baptist Church

### **South Central**

January 31, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Colonial Park Com. Baptist

### **South West**

February 6, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
FBC of Greensburg

### **North Central**

February 21, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Calvary Baptist Williamsport

### **North West**

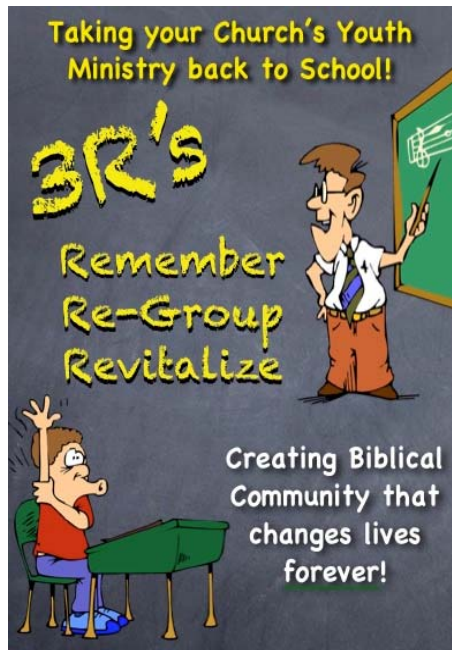
March 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
FBC Cambridge Springs

### **North West**

March 14, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
FBC Emporium

### **North East**

March 28, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wilkes-Barre  
Baptist Tabernacle



**Taking your Church's Youth Ministry back to School!**

**3R's**

**Remember  
Re-Group  
Revitalize**

Creating Biblical Community that changes lives forever!

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of Pennsylvania and Delaware

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**1/1-3/1/10 Donations for Haiti  
Relief are tax deductible in 2009!**

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## Legacy Grants

You may have heard something about Legacy grants in the last year. Maybe someone told you that there were funds available through ABCOPAD, but you didn't hear exactly what was involved and maybe you thought finding out about it would take more time than what you have available with all the ministries you are already involved in at your local church.



The money for these grants, came from two congregations that had reached a place where they were no longer able to continue ministry in their church buildings. What both groups wanted though, was to know that congregations and pastors in Pennsylvania and Delaware would benefit from the support of ABCOPAD's vision in these three areas: building up and strengthening healthy congregations and lay leadership; building up and encouraging pastoral leadership; and building up and strengthening relationships with the wider ABC family.

If you or a group in your church or association have been dreaming about the opportunity to reach out with training, connecting with other leaders who have provided successful programs in stewardship, technology, evangelism and worship, plan on submitting a grant request for the Spring cycle.

Contact your Area Minister for more information and an application.

~Caryl Casey, ABCOPAD Treasurer