

## SPIRITUALLY LOST

- The Baltimore metro area boasts a population of more than 2.7 million people, half of the entire state of Maryland.
- There are only 206 active SBC congregations, leaving just one SBC church to every 12,947 people.
- 90% of the population is spiritually lost, facing a Christless eternity.
- In a city with increasingly high rankings in crime, poverty and the spread of diseases like HIV, the need for the gospel is increasing.
- More known heroin addicts in the city than evangelical Christians.
- Baltimore is also an area that is home to a thriving downtown marked by universities, athletic venues and business. The diversity is evident.

Church planting is the most effective strategy to reach those in the city who are without Christ. Baltimore is a NAMB Send City, one of those with a strategic focus and efforts to see churches planted. Those who are focused on the work in Baltimore have identified over 100 places where new church starts are needed in the next 5 years. Some are in the inner city. Others are in the metro suburbs. We are encouraging Mississippi churches to look at a longterm relationship with a church plant in the Baltimore area.

## HOW CAN MY CHURCH PARTNER WITH Baltimore Church Planting Needs?

- PRAYER. Invest time praying for an adopted church planter, relationally connect that planter and family to your church family or association in order to see that church plant thrive.
- PARTICIPATE. Bring a team from your church to Baltimore to minister for a weekend, a week, a summer, etc. Whatever you can do – evangelism, VBS, sports camps, Block parties, kid's events, is needed and welcomed by your church planter.
- PROVIDING. Perhaps in addition to praying and participating, God may lead your church to help provide so that the church planter and new church might have the needed resources.

## HOW CAN MY CHURCH GET INVOLVED?

Contact Mississippi Missions Mobilization for more information. Mike Ray, director. Cassie Munn, ministry assistant.

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