



# VISION

newsletter  
September 2022

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER



## THE MISSION OF READ GEORGIA

is to enable churches to partner with local schools, serving children in their quest to become good readers through sight word practice.

By bringing Read Georgia to a local school, churches can extend a gospel witness more intentionally in the community.

**Find out more!** Thursday, Sept. 29  
Sarepta Office, 7 p.m.

- One person can implement Read Georgia, but it is best to have 3 or 4.
- Volunteers go to the school once a week, to meet with 2 different students, 30 minutes each.
- Gospel presentations given outside of school hours, not during reading sessions.
- Read Georgia follows the academic year.
- Primarily for 2nd grade students.
- Background checks required.
- Minimal cost.

Let us know you will attend the informational meeting!  
706.549-5872 or [amy@sareptamissions.org](mailto:amy@sareptamissions.org)



## 2022 Updates and Changes to the Christmas Backpacks Program



- Sarepta will not be collecting or transporting backpacks.
- Churches that already have an established relationship with a site in Appalachia are encouraged to communicate directly with that site and deliver backpacks to the site.
- Churches can register to adopt or partner with a ministry site in Georgia and can transport backpacks to that site. Registration is required!
- Churches can prepare backpacks for an unspecified location, and transport those to a designated collection site. Registration is required!
- The Christmas Story, which is to be included in each backpack, is to be printed out by churches, rather than mailed from GBMB.

**For more information, please visit [gabaptist.org/backpacks/](http://gabaptist.org/backpacks/) or call Patty Ficarra 770-936-5254.**



# SOS-PREACHING WORKSHOP

(THE FIRST OF FOUR IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS)

**Thursday, September 22, 11:30-2:00 p.m.**  
**Lunch is included. Registration is required.**

## Presenter: Dr. Mael Disseau

Dean, Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, Truett McConnell University

### Educational Background

- Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology
- M. Div., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary



Mael is a Frenchman native of Milan, Italy, who, in good Marpeckian tradition, is an engineer turned theologian. He is married to Cindy, his college sweetheart. A contributor to *12 Essential Skills for Great Preaching* and *The Anabaptists and Contemporary Baptists*, Maël has interests in Anabaptistica, Systematic Theology (especially Ecclesiology), and pastoral ministries.





**FALL  
MISSION  
TRIP TO  
HAMPSTEAD,  
NEW  
HAMPSHIRE**

**OCT. 20-23**

*Pray  
Give  
Go*

**Purpose:** To assist Island Pond Baptist in conducting their Fall Festival.

**Who Can Go:** Adults  
(Individuals or churches)

**Team Leader:** Pastor Chad Rising

**What is the Cost:**

- Airfare to Boston
- Lodging while in Hampstead
- Meals for the trip
- Sarepta will take care of the rental vehicle expenses while there.

**Contact Pastor Chad Rising if you have interest in participating.**

# Annual Sarepta Meeting

October 18, 7-9 p.m.

Blacks Creek Baptist Church,  
Commerce, GA

Speaker: Mark Clifton (NAMB)



## Pastors and Wives Dinner w/ Mark Clifton



- Right before the annual meeting.
- October 18, 5:30 p.m.
- Blacks Creek Baptist Church,
- Commerce, GA

Mark Clifton will be sharing a word of encouragement just for pastors and wives.

Register by calling 706.549-5872 or  
[amy@sareptamissions.org](mailto:amy@sareptamissions.org).

# A Line from Lex

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## Disaster Relief Team in Kentucky

The Sarepta Disaster Relief Team (Unit 19R) deployed to Kentucky in August. By the time this newsletter reaches you, they will have already returned. Thanks to Jim Patton and his team of volunteers that give of themselves to go and assist others.



## Evangelistic Block Party Trailer

Covid really locked down certain ministries. That was certainly true of the Block Party Trailer. Last year we saw a little activity but this spring and summer has really cranked up the use of the trailer. Those churches who have used it this year: Academy, Arnoldsville, Beaverdam, Cleveland Road, Green Acres, Hull, Madison Street, Meadow, New Harmony, Rogers and Winterville FBC. We received great reports from our churches on how this tool is being used.

## Sarepta's Mission Georgia Team

Our Mission Georgia Team was formed back in February. The purpose of this team is to engage in developing the five areas of the Mission Georgia emphasis in the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Those five areas are: Childhood Literacy, Foster Care and Adoption, Refugees and Internationals, human trafficking, and pre and post-natal care. We are not going to tackle all of these at the same time.

- Our team has chosen to focus on Foster Care and Adoption. It will be a slow roll out as we get up to speed on what that is going to look like. The first emphasis our team will be recommending to our churches is Stand Sunday (Orphan Sunday) November 13th. All the information you will need to promote that is found at [CAFO.org](http://CAFO.org).
- The other area that is being emphasized is featured on the front page of the Vision and that is Read Georgia. There will be an informational gathering on Thursday, September 29th. If you have an interest, please make plans to attend.



	M-T-D	Y-T-D		M-T-D	Y-T-D
Organization	July	2022	Organization	July	2022
Academy Baptist Church	100.00	800.00	Jefferson First Baptist Church	-	-
Apple Valley Baptist Church	100.00	500.00	Johnson Drive Baptist Church	218.65	1,974.50
Arnoldsville Baptist Church	-	350.00	Legacy Baptist Church Inc.	302.46	2,397.09
Athens First Baptist Church	-	-	Lexington Baptist Church	600.00	4,200.00
Athens Korean Church	-	-	Living Word Baptist Church	383.96	1,306.66
Athens Vietnamese Mission	-	-	Madison Street Baptist Church	296.00	2,163.00
Attica Baptist Church	261.14	888.05	Maysville Baptist Church	1,000.00	7,000.00
Beaverdam Baptist Church	-	1,200.00	Meadow Baptist Church	-	-
Beech Haven Baptist Church	1,003.10	9,992.57	Milledge Avenue Baptist Church	-	-
Berea Baptist Church	-	75.00	Millstone Baptist Church	12.00	36.00
Bethany Baptist Church	300.00	900.00	Montgomery Heights Baptist Church	-	-
Blacks Creek Baptist Church	765.41	5,082.44	Moon's Grove Baptist Church	200.00	1,400.00
Cabin Creek Baptist Church	-	-	Mount Olive Baptist Church	77.59	596.37
Calvary Bible Church	-	-	New Harmony Baptist Church	-	200.00
Carlton Baptist Church	50.00	350.00	New Hope Baptist Church	-	-
Cave Springs Baptist Church	172.04	1,051.40	Nicholson Baptist Church	-	-
Center Baptist Church	-	-	Normaltown Community Church	-	-
Central Baptist Church	-	-	North Avenue Church	-	-
Cleveland Road Baptist Church	-	1,318.03	Oconee Baptist Church	-	300.00
Clouds Creek Baptist Church	218.45	2,029.58	Oconee Heights Baptist Church	171.00	1,687.00
Colbert Baptist Church	835.60	6,390.99	Pendergrass Baptist Church	182.00	1,711.00
Collier Baptist Church	118.56	1,035.24	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	250.00	2,050.00
Comer Baptist Church	541.17	4,766.30	Primera Iglesia Bautista of Jefferson	-	2,714.80
Commerce First Baptist Church	163.85	1,760.01	Prince Avenue Baptist Church	833.33	5,833.31
Corinth Baptist Church	625.00	1,875.00	Providence Baptist Church	259.24	1,778.48
Crawford Baptist Church	-	1,200.00	Riverside Baptist Church	148.00	1,137.00
Danielsville Baptist Church	-	-	Rogers Baptist Church	112.08	770.70
East Athens Baptist Church	157.88	1,571.62	Salem Baptist Church	625.00	4,375.00
Edwards Chapel Baptist Church	-	-	Sandy Creek Baptist Church	-	-
Forest Heights Baptist Church	-	-	Sandy Cross Baptist Church of Northeast	-	-
Friendship Baptist Church	-	2,505.12	Stevens Grove Baptist Church	-	977.00
Glade Baptist Church	-	720.35	Union Baptist Church	791.25	4,747.50
Grace Fellowship	100.00	700.00	Vesta Baptist Church	244.00	764.00
Green Acres Baptist Church	405.00	2,802.00	Watkinsville First Baptist Church	500.00	3,500.00
Grove Level Baptist Church	250.00	1,500.00	Winterville First Baptist Church	-	4,562.66
Hudson River Baptist Church	-	-			
Hull Baptist Church	1,568.67	3,641.44			
Hull Hispanic Mission	-	10.50			
Iglesia Bautista Emanuel de Athens	-	-	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,942.43</b>	<b>\$113,197.71</b>

Financial Summary	
Balance	\$2,249
July Budget	\$17,052
July Budget Receipts	\$14,913
July Budget Expenses	\$15,441
Budget Year-to-Date	\$119,363
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date	\$112,939
Budget Expenses Year-to-Date	\$110,690
Annual Budget	\$204,622

Designated Funds	
Mission & Ministry Fund	\$82,739
International Friends	\$6,520
Disaster Relief	\$6,226
Block Party Trailer	\$2,886
Contingency Fund	\$35,709
Balance in Designated Funds	\$134,080



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## **Thankful!**

**That's how I'm feeling about the International Friends English Program Fall Semester.**

**God is using local churches to help care for the local international community and it is exciting to watch. A member at Rogers Baptist brought us our first Ukranian refugee this semester, and that church has been helping the family get established. Beech Haven housed one of our N. African students who had been evicted and who was in an overwhelming predicament. They stood with her, helping her get a passport and a plane ticket home. Our volunteers come from at least seven local churches, and I love the unity and shared sense of purpose they are cultivating.**

**The program is inching towards normal, with a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm. We are THANKFUL for your support!**

**For more information about International Friends, contact  
Amy Wheeler-Sullivan.**

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