Current DOMESTIC Mission Trips (USA), 2018

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| **Trip** | **Location** | **Dates** | **Cost (notes)** |
| [Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing](http://www.abcopad.org/News/Rebuilding-Restoring-Renewing-Puerto-Rico.aspx) | Puerto Rico  | Ongoing  | $150 (A) |
| [Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing](http://www.abcopad.org/Events/Rebuilding-Restoring-RenewingMuskogee-OK.aspx)  | Muskogee, Oklahoma  | June 17-23  |  |
| [Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing](http://www.abcopad.org/Mission_Resources/Rebuilding-RestoringRenewing-Texas.aspx)  | Texas  | June 17-24  | $150 (B) |
| [Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing](http://www.abcopad.org/Mission_Resources/Rebuilding-RestoringRenewing-Texas.aspx)  | Texas  | June 24-30  | $150 (B) |
| [Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing](http://www.abcopad.org/Events/Rebuilding-Restoring-RenewingNew-Jersey.aspx)  | New Jersey | July 14-21  |  |
| [‘Til the Work is Done …](http://www.abcopad.org/Events/Til-The-Work-Is-Done-NOLA.aspx) | New Orleans | July 29-Aug 4 |  |
| [Sturgis Motorcycle Rally](http://www.abcopad.org/Mission_Resources/Sturgis-Motorcycle-Rally.aspx)  | South Dakota | August 4-12  | $100+ (C) |

Notes:

A $150 per person per week includes housing, food and supplies. Volunteers are responsible for transportation to, on, and from the island.

B $150 cost includes housing, food and registration. Scholarships are available.

C Each participant is asked to contribute $100 toward the cost of this project.

**Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing... Puerto Rico Continuing Dates through 2018**

Join ABHMS and the Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico region in hands-on work to restore Seminario Evangélico de Puerto, churches, schools, missions and ABHMS Christian center partner Corporación Milagros del Amor. Because the need in hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico is so great, ABHMS is not limiting its volunteer-mobilization efforts to predetermined work weeks on the island. To register to volunteer, complete the “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico” online registration packet, indicating your preferred volunteer work week, beginning March 1 or later. Then either email it to Kim Wilkins at kim.wilkins@abhms.org, or print it and send it by postal mail to American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Attention: Kim Wilkins, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA, 19482-0851. Or contact ABHMS’ Victoria Goff at 800-222-3872, x2449, or Kim Wilkins at 800-222-3872, x2413. Volunteers can create their own work group or be placed with a group.

Cost of $150 per person per week includes housing, food and supplies. Volunteers are responsible for transportation to, on, and from the island.

For additional information and a complete list of volunteer opportunities, please contact Victoria Goff, ABHMS national coordinator of Volunteer Mobilization Ministries, at vgoff@abhms.org or 1-800-ABC-3USA, x2449.

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**Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing… Muskogee, OK June 17-23, 2018**

Murrow Indian Children’s Home is a residential home for orphaned Native American children. Bacone College is the oldest continuously operated institution of higher education in Oklahoma with strong American Baptist ties. Both the home and college need volunteers to help with general construction, routine office work, grounds maintenance and landscaping. A special work week is planned for June 17-23, 2018. Plan to join us in “Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing”…Murrow Indian Children’s Home and Bacone College.

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**Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing: Texas June 17-24 / June 24-30**

Highlights include:

•hands-on efforts to rebuild homes, communities and lives;

•encouraging and supporting those in need;

•working side by side with other American Baptists from around the country.

Construction skills are not required;

Unskilled workers will be supervised and directed on the job.

Licensed contractors needed!

Volunteers are responsible for transportation.

The $150 cost includes housing, food and registration. Scholarships are available.

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**Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing… New Jersey July 14-21, 2018**

Hurricane Sandy devastated New Jersey when it hit the East Coast in October 2012. A joint effort of ABHMS and American Baptist Churches of New Jersey, “Coming Together for New Jersey…Rebuild, Renew and Restore” provides another mission opportunity to serve, July 14-21, 2018. Join in hands-on efforts to rebuild homes, communities and lives, while encouraging and supporting those in need and worshiping with ABCNJ congregations. Neither construction skills nor training is required.

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**'Til The Work Is Done... New Orleans, LA July 29 - August 4, 2018**

Thirteen years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast, residents continue their efforts to rebuild. But they need our support. The faith community was there as first responders. We will continue to be there for the victims of these storms until the work is done. Come to New Orleans as we worship, witness and work together to help those in need as they rebuild their homes, churches, communities and lives. “’Til the Work is Done” is scheduled for July 29-August 4, 2018. This week of ministry and fellowship will not only help those still experiencing the aftermath of the hurricanes but will also highlight the need for continued work and ministry in this impacted region.

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**Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Black Hills of South Dakota August 4-12, 2018**

**Short-Term Mission Project**

The American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last seventeen years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week! (Attendance in 2015 was 739,000.)

The original strategy the first year was to stage a barbecue and concert on the Thursday evening of Bike Week. This plan was scuttled when the venue selected became unavailable at the last minute. Under the direction of Steve Bils, then Minister of Outreach at First Baptist Church of Omaha, and Pat McBride, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of the Northern Hills in Deadwood, South Dakota, the project was redesigned.

The ABC Emergency Services Center was created in the basement of the First Baptist Church of the Northern Hills in Deadwood to help those who became stranded due to injury, abandonment, or mechanical breakdown. The local law enforcement and social services agencies were encouraged to contact our workers when they ran across people in need. The distribution of thousands of posters and brochures helped others find the ESC on their own. (NOTE: Since 2011 we have been based at First Baptist Church of Rapid City.)

Volunteers from both regions spend all or part of the week helping, feeding, transporting, and counseling the dozens of individuals who come to the ABCESC for assistance. Throughout the week calls come in at all hours of the day and night from churches, police and rescue workers, and individuals, wanting us to help men, women and children in need. Rapid City has become a strategic base of operations as transportation to the hospitals, rescue mission, bus station, and airport is provided.

In addition to the two regions and their churches, the Hellfighters Mission at the Cross, the Christian Motorcyclists Association, the Bond Slaves Cycle Club, the Cornerstone Mission in Rapid City and the Artemis House in Spearfish provided invaluable assistance in a genuine spirit of ecumenical cooperation.

At last year’s 76th Anniversary Rally the patterns established in previous years continued, with even more rally participants ministered to at the ESC.

Volunteers don’t need to be motorcyclists, but ought to have a heart for evangelism and a willingness to serve. Women volunteers are especially needed due to the large percentage of women and children that we end up assisting. If you can come for all or part of the week we can find a job for you!

Interested in Sturgis Rally Ministry 2018?

Here are more details . . .

* The ABC Emergency Services Center will be open August 4-12. Volunteers wishing to help set up can plan on arriving as early as August 3.
* Housing is provided. Most volunteers bring an air mattress or a cot.
* RVers will be provided with space to set up camp.
* This mission project is designed for adults. High school students will be permitted when accompanied by a parent.
* Routes to Sturgis will be planned for bikers who wish to ride to the event in a group.
* Follow-up on those ministered to will be coordinated by contacts in ABC regions around the country.
* Each participant is asked to contribute $100 toward the cost of this project. Local churches are encouraged to assist their participating members in raising this amount. Churches and individuals may also make contributions to this project through their regional office.

For more information contact . . .

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