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ENABLING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES.....HOME MISSION!

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Home Mission enables our Baptist family to do an immense range of things. When your church gives to Home Mission, you are actually enabling the dreams and visions of other Baptists churches to become a reality, as they respond to God's calling where they are. This new 'Top Tips' guide brings together quick links to find support, resources, information and ideas to promote Home Mission in your busy, local church. Our prayer is that you will be blessed as you use them.

Did you know?

- The term 'Home Mission Grants' was changed to 'BUGB Mission Grants' in 2008
- Through the generosity of local churches in 2008, 345 ministry grants were given (totalling just under £1,746,000) as well as 43 Mission Project Grants (totalling just under £84,000)
- Apart from helping to fund ministers in 276 of our smaller churches, BUGB 'Mission through Ministry' Grants fund: chaplaincies, ecumenical officers, some association staff and a whole variety of mission initiatives known as 'special ministries', and one-off Mission Project Grants to help churches set up/develop innovative evangelistic and social action projects
- Home Mission also covers most of the costs of the regional associations and the National Resource, enabling more than 100 people to be available to support and resource your church in your work of mission

Support for Treasurers (& Church Leaders)

- **Associations** – If you want to talk more about giving to Home Mission, why not call your regional association team?

www.baptist.org.uk/baptist_life/baptist_family/regional/associations.html

- **'How to Budget' Guide** – Malcolm Broad, our BUGB Treasurer, has just written this fab 'How to' guide for busy local churches...especially treasurers! Why not review your giving to Home Mission this autumn?

www.baptist.org.uk/resources/admin_finance_leadership_resources.asp?section=50

- **Association Treasurers** meet twice a year with the BUGB Treasurer and the BUGB Head of Finance & Admin. The Annual Home Mission Appeal Target is discussed along with other important issues affecting Associations and local churches.

Resources & info

Loads of new and useful resources are available to bring to life the essence of Home Mission in the local church. It is more than just giving – it's about working in partnership with each other, in a shared passion, to see mission and ministry flourish here in the UK. Why not get hold of some of these resources to use at church meetings, church services, in home groups or personally?

- **The Little Introduction to Home Mission (Free)**

www.baptist.org.uk/resources/home_mission_booklet.html

- **'Go...' DVD** – based on Matthew 28, these four short and inspiring stories reveal what God is doing through his disciples in local churches. (Free)

www.baptist.org.uk/dvdfollowup/

- **Baptist Basics** – rewritten and launched this spring, this resource includes a leaflet on Stewardship and is 'flying off the shelves'! (£0.70 each / £7.00 per pack of 12)

www.baptist.org.uk/resources/baptist_basics.asp?section=105

- **Money Box** – somewhere to pop your loose change but when added up, makes a big difference. (Free)

www.baptist.org.uk/resources/home_mission_resources.asp?section=18

- **Baptist Life** – our new, inspiring Baptist Union quarterly magazine, is now available in a fantastic, easy-to-read, online format. (Free)

www.baptist.org.uk/resources/home_mission_resources.asp?section=114

- **Powerpoints** – Home Mission PowerPoints are uploaded from time to time for use in the local church.

www.baptist.org.uk/resources/home_mission_resources.asp?section=80

Novel fundraising ideas!

- **Collect stamps, coins, medals and postcards** - did you know that these items can be turned into money for Home Mission? Ask people in your church to bring in envelopes from all the Christmas cards they'll receive this year! For more info:

www.baptist.org.uk/homemission/stamps.html

- **Holding a special event** – why not hold or take part in a fun sponsored event to raise funds for Home Mission. Cake sales, coffee mornings, safari suppers and sponsored walks are just a few great ways to have fellowship together whilst raising funds for others

www.baptist.org.uk/homemission/ideas.html