

# AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2008

## HOME MISSION ON OUR DOORSTEP

“For the love of  
Christ urges us on...”  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

For more than 180 years, The American Baptist Home Mission Societies, now doing ministry as national Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, have shown a compassionate concern in this nation full of ongoing needs and evolving challenges. Even in our affluence and influence, the United States remains the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest mission field in the world – truly a field ripe unto harvest.

Understanding our nation’s spiritual and physical needs means identifying and addressing the impediments to wholeness that millions of our women, men and children face every day. To that end, National Ministries continues its widespread outreach across the United States and in Puerto Rico.

The America for Christ Offering is a significant source of funding for this work. Only with the continuing generosity of mission-focused American Baptists can National Ministries provide the resources that have changed countless lives through Christ-centered caring.

We have sent hundreds of volunteers to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild homes and lives following Hurricane Katrina. We have helped to resettle more than 96,000 refugees since World War II. American Baptist chaplains, endorsed through National Ministries, serve on the battlefield in Iraq as well as in hospitals and prisons. The American Baptist Children in Poverty initiative, developed and implemented by National Ministries, is working to transform the lives of children with limited resources. And National Ministries’ evangelism training is making a difference in sharing God’s Good News by transforming regional and church leaders’ understanding of evangelism-which in turn is transforming the leadership of those American Baptists they train.

All of these endeavors-and many more-are made possible by generous support of the America for Christ Offering. Support the 2008 offering with a joyful heart-and help to meet the needs of mission on our doorstep with the love of Christ that urges all of us on.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MISSION IN  
THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO**