

# WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?

Ask those who have already gained so much.

Each day, you're faced with the challenge—and the opportunity—to be the presence of Christ in the world. We all are. It's the aspiration of every Christian, the daily work of churches and ministries, and the ongoing mission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Face it alone and you may find it overwhelming. But add your support and generosity to that of other Baptists, and you lose the sense of helplessness at the enormity of the task. You also gain a sense of joy and accomplishment in helping bring the comfort of Christ to so many

people. Thanks to your contributions, in the past year alone Texas Baptists and the BGCT:

- Maintained BGCT's River Ministry, providing healthcare services for 40,000+ people and support for more than 600 abandoned and neglected children.



- Helped start 105 churches across Texas—including 11 African-American, one Indonesian, 61 Hispanic, four Korean, one Russian Slavic and 12 multi-ethnic Baptist churches—all through BGCT's Church Starting Center

- Provided \$129,382,733 worth of charity medical care to those who need it most, through BGCT affiliated hospitals.



- Contributed \$12,751,938 to Texas educational institutions.

- Contributed \$61.4 million to the Cooperative Program and received \$25.1 million in designated gifts, including \$5,009,735 for the Mary Hill Davis Offering.



- Provided over \$2 million in scholarships to ministry students at eight Baptist universities, through the office of Theological Education.

- Built total assets of the BGCT Baptist Church Loan Corporation to \$96.4 million, all dedicated for use by Texas Baptist churches.



We believe in and endorse the mission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. And we grow weary of SBC leaders who urge you to decrease support for its work, especially when we see the growing need for these programs here in our state. So please—join us in celebrating the genuine good that these ministries accomplish and give them your continued support.

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