




# 20 Years of helping hands

Our accomplishments over the past 20 years.



**Network:** Comprised of one hundred and ten (110) local churches, city, and civic agencies. We provide support for underserved families in over seventy-four (75) at-risk communities in nine (9) cities of Hampton Roads and the Tidewater Area.

**Volunteers:** Over seven hundred (700) church volunteers are directing or supporting ongoing community service programs in low-income neighborhoods. Over one thousand (1,000) volunteers from cities in VA, MD, NC, NY, and FL have been trained to serve in faith-based community outreach.

**Target Pop:** In our 20-year history, the OBT network has positively affected the lives of over 100,000 people. Our emergency/disaster relief, academic, medical, dental, athletic, youth seasonal employment, and mentoring services, to name a few, have born great fruits of self-sufficiency and quality of life to countless families. Eight-five percent of our outreach is directed toward children and youth enrichment.

## **Youth Outreach: Community Outreach And Church Helpers - C.O.A.C.H**

**Description:** A summer job program that equips 16-25 year old young adults from local churches to serve as mentors to school age children in disadvantaged communities. C.O.A.C.H. activities include Vacation Bible School, Sports programs, Home Visitation, Arts and Crafts, Field Trips, Summer Reading/Educational programs, Community Service Events, Child Evangelism Activities, and Bible Studies.

**Impact:** In the pass 5 years over 63 youth coaches provided invaluable community service to over 1200 elementary school-age children.

## **Youth Outreach: Newport News Inner city soccer League**

**Description:** League formed in 1991 through the efforts 17 local churches, businesses, city agencies, and an athletic coach from a local university.

**Impact:** 78 churches, 91 communities, & over 2100 at-risk kids gained team building experience, mentorship, and ministry since this programs inception.

## **Youth Outreach: Music Concerts and Sidewalk Sunday School**

**Description:** Christian music concerts and youth street evangelism.

**Impact:** Over 30,000 at-risk kids gained team building experience and mentorship since this programs inception.

## **Relief Programs:**

**Description:** Emergency and disaster relief is provided to Tidewater area residents who find themselves in crisis due to natural disaster or happen stance.

**Impact:** Over 48,000 people have received assistance for food, clothing, furniture, utilities, and rent since it's inception.

## **Medical Outreach: Peninsula Christian Free Clinic**

**Description:** several private practices partnered with us to offer medical and dental care to hundreds of medically needy people from the disadvantaged communities of Hampton Roads.

**Impact:** Over 1300 Patients received care since the ministry's inception.

## **Educational Outreach: Project Light**

**Description:** One-on-one adult literacy and GED training using computer technology.

**Impact:** Over 90 adults in disadvantaged communities successfully completed this program.

## **Educational Outreach: Drug/Alcohol Seminars**

**Description:** Workshops conducted in partnership with local church and community tenant councils.

**Impact:** Over 2,500 adults in disadvantaged communities successfully completed this program.

## **Educational Outreach: Financial Literacy**

**Description:** Workshops conducted in partnership with local church to educate disadvantage families on effective money management practices.

**Impact:** Over 30 adults in disadvantaged communities successfully completed this program.

### **Education/Mentoring Outreach: Project SonShine**

**Description:** A Tutor/Mentor Program: Local churches partner with Hampton University (Christian Student Assoc.) and Christopher Newport University students as they serve as mentors and tutors to school age children in nine at-risk communities.

**Impact:** Nearly 900 university students served over 2,000 children since the program began in 1990. Recognized by the Governor of VA in 1996 for exceptional community service. 2004 Peer Tutoring Conference and Workshop educated 110 adults in establishing and conducting after school tutoring programs.

### **Educational Outreach: Family Mentor Program**

**Description:** The program help "at-risk" families identify their needs while developing strategies for meeting those needs. The primary purpose of the program is to assist dysfunctional and improvised families in developing positive self-sufficient life-style change.

**Impact:** 6 churches participating with 10 families receiving assistance. Mini Mentor Training Conference and workshops educated over 70 adults.

### **Educational Outreach: Back To School Program**

**Description:** Local church partners, Operation Blessing (OB), Kmart, and Wal-Mart provide improvised children with essential school supplies and clothing.

**Impact:** 375 churches, Wal-Mart and Kmart serviced over 35,000 kids to date.

### **Church Relationship Building: Prayer Breakfast/Panel Discussion**

**Description:** Prayer meetings and panel discussions were used to promote multicultural relationship building, revival, and evangelistic outreach to the poor.

**Impact:** 50 pastors and associates participated in Reconciliation Through Evangelization Pastor's Prayer Breakfast/13 Church & Para-Church Ministries participated in Racism in the Church Panel Discussions.

### **Crime Prevention: Call to Action**

**Description:** Anti-Crime campaign that networks the efforts of local churches with that of the local police dept. After 41 homicides in 1990, churches partner to prayer walk throughout the affected communities.

**Impact:** 100 churches participated cumulatively to affect divine change in 8 At-Risk communities, representing over 10,000 people. After the first year, crime significantly decreased in several areas (Homicides, Rapes, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, & Burglary). The fight continues.

### **Holiday Outreach: Thanksgiving**

**Description:** Thanksgiving food outreach with United Church Pantries of Hampton Roads.

**Impact:** Over 16 churches participated serving over 1500 people.

### **Holiday Outreach: Holiday of Hope**

**Description:** Another successful partnership between OB, OBT churches, Wal-Mart, Food Lion, and Kroger's Food, that offers food and temporary employment during the holiday season.

**Impact:** 522 churches participated cumulatively to serve 58,800 needy people. 100 needy adults and teens received temporary employment.

### **Holiday Outreach: 12 Days of Christmas**

**Description:** Local church partners, Operation Blessing (OB), Kmart, and Wal-Mart partner to provide holiday ministry to special needs groups throughout Hampton Roads. Since it was initially conceived by OB and executed by OBT in 2003. Special needs groups such as women and homeless shelters, group homes, teen centers, senior care facilities, families of prisoners, children in foster care, and the blind.

**Impact:** 22 churches, Wal-Mart and Kmart service 2771 people.

### **Gift In Kind (GIK) Outreach Support:**

**Description:** GIK donated (Office supplies, reading libraries, computer labs, toys, hygiene products, candy and food) worth over two million dollars were made available to the communities through local church partners. GIK donations were provided by OB, Sanctuary of Hope, United Church Pantries of Hampton Roads, and local businesses.

**Impact:** Over 600 churches served an est. 75,000 people to date.

### **Salvations**

**Description:** adults and children voluntarily committing their life to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

**Impact:** Over 10,000

In 1991 Former President George Bush recognized OBT as the 522<sup>nd</sup> Daily Point of Light in the Country.



*To The Reverend  
Lawrence Lewis  
With best wishes,  
G. Bush*

“The best model that we have for the impact of faith in our community is Operation Breaking Through.”

The Honorable Barry E. Duval,  
Former Mayor of Newport News, VA  
And Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
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