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To all who joined us in prayer before, during and after the Sargent mission trip; your prayers were felt and God's presence was made evident in every aspect of this mission trip. From travel safety, the preparation of leadership team, to the unraveling of the evil one's schemes. The event was not without chaos, but GOD used it to reveal his perfect plan.

This year's theme from "Chaos to Calm" focused on restoring the chaos in life through scripture, prayer, life application, praise and worship. Our theme scripture - "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." Philippians 2:13

Sargent First Baptist is a small country church with a membership of approximately 25. Other women who attended the event came from neighboring churches and cities. Many of those attending were widows. The sting of loneliness was broken during the two day event. They poured out their lives and affirmed our outreach through many smiles, hugs, and words of appreciation. Two of our team members were given the opportunity to provide testimony and special music during the Sunday morning church service.

Our mission went beyond the church. We were given many opportunities to love on people. God led us to minister to a particular woman and her granddaughter on the beach. She was contemplating neck surgery for the third time, and was fearful to do so.

We also reached out to community members at the real estate office, the country store and other businesses by handing out goody bags, which were prepared by the host church. The bags contained tea cups inscribed with scripture and women's devotionals.

Before our return trip, we visited with a widow at her home. She proudly showed her art and fruit-vegetable garden. She gifted us with handpicked blackberries and shared the following scripture with us. "I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the GOD of Israel. Who calls you by your name." Isaiah 45:3

We would not have been able to minister to others without your prayers and for that we are thankful – to God be the glory!

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