

Next Generation Missions Mobilization

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Overview

This summer, Zora traveled to North Africa with BCMGO to a country that is hostile to Christianity. “Going into a country like that is very scary and daunting, but we could just trust in the Father—that he would protect us,” she said. Zora served with International Mission Board missionaries and shared that they were “doing amazing work.” The team recently saw individuals come to faith after years of building relationships. “They’re finally seeing the harvest of all the work they’ve been doing for so long,” Zora said. While she was there, Zora connected with a young Muslim woman. The women both related to issues of identity and self-worth. Zora used that as an opening to share about finding her identity in Christ.

In 2024, BCMGO sent 55 students like Zora on short-term and full summer trips. Zora’s time in North Africa opened her eyes to the unique challenges and opportunities of ministering to those from closed countries. Now, back on campus, Zora sees similar opportunities in her own backyard. Zora attends weekly BCM gatherings on her college campus, which also has a thriving international student ministry. Nearly 120 international students representing 50 countries attend a weekly lunch.

Zora expressed how thankful she was for South Carolina Baptists and their support while she was abroad. “Through the Cooperative Program, they give us the opportunity to go and to send, and they train and equip you to go,” Zora said. Through their prayers and financial gifts, South Carolina Baptists are not only sending students like Zora across the globe but also equipping them to share Christ right here at home.

Because you give through the Cooperative Program, the next generation of SC Baptist college students like Zora are being mobilized to share the hope of the Gospel in South Carolina and around the world.

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