

Hope on Every CORNER

God moves through Serve
Tour Virginia Beach

What happens when the Church moves beyond the walls and into the community?

In Virginia Beach, the answer is powerful transformation. Through Serve Tour Virginia Beach (a partnership between the SBC of Virginia, Send Relief, and local churches) God brought hope to neighborhoods, schools, parks, and even hotel lobbies.

In just one weekend, 865 volunteers from 58 churches across 13 states took part in 40 projects. These included block parties, school makeovers, food pantry expansions, community gardens, and outreach to the unhoused. More than 5,375 people were served, and most importantly, there were over 1,175 Gospel conversations and 28 salvations.

One volunteer-led grill walk in a Hispanic neighborhood saw 13 people come to Christ. In another, a 74-year-old volunteer

led someone to Jesus for the first time, through tears of joy.

A block party hosted by a soon-to-launch church plant opened the door to minister to an unchurched pastor's son. Volunteers also cared for the homeless, built a deck for a church planter, tripled the capacity of a Chinese church's food pantry, and flipped teachers' lounges to bless educators.

Bus driver "survival kits" were delivered by volunteers in partnership with a bivocational pastor sparking conversations filled with compassion and Gospel hope.

At every turn, the love of Jesus was visible. Galatians 6:10 reminds us, *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, we must work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith."*

This wasn't just a local effort. Staff members from the International Mission Board drove in

from Richmond and another church brought nearly half its congregation.

A truck driver volunteering for Serve Tour led a hotel clerk to Christ. *"God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8, HCSB).

Truth echoed in conversations, prayers, and tears.

Serve Tour Virginia Beach wasn't just about what the Church did—it was about what God did. He stirred hearts, opened doors, and changed lives. And through every ministry project, every conversation, and every act of kindness, one message rang clear: *Jesus is alive, and He is at work.*

Let's continue to be the hands and feet of Christ. Because when the Church goes out, the Gospel goes forth—and lives are never the same. ■



"How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things!"
Romans 10:15b, HCSB

