

# COMPASSION MINISTRIES

LIVING THE GRACE OF THE GOSPEL...  
SHARING THE GOSPEL OF GRACE!



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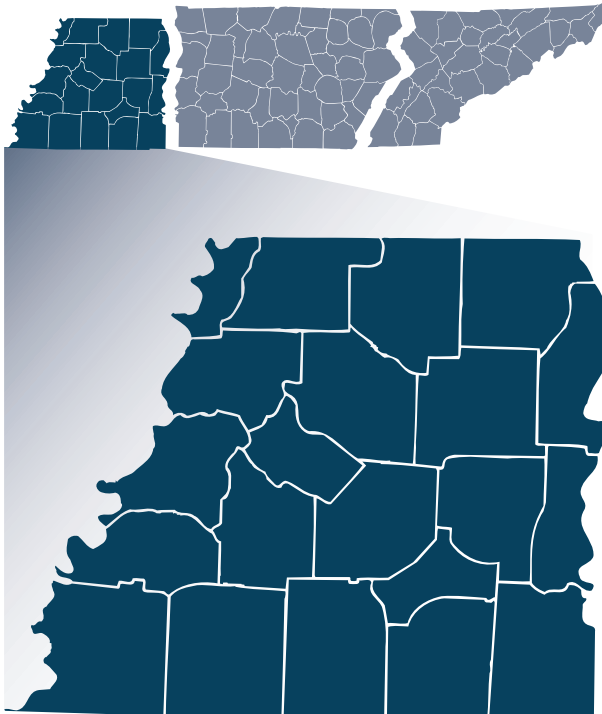
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West TN



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*Making Christ Known by Serving Churches*

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Tennessee Baptist churches giving through the *Cooperative Program* and the *Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions* make TBC ministries possible.



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# MISSISSIPPI RIVER MINISTRY

*Impacting lostness through touching poverty*

*Connecting churches to the underserved  
affected by poverty*



“For the poor will never cease to be in the land;  
therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall  
freely open your hand to your brother, to  
your needy and poor in your land.’”

— DEUTERONOMY 15:11 —



## POVERTY IN WEST TENNESSEE

**20%** OF WEST TN RESIDENTS LIVE IN POVERTY.

**50%** OF THOSE IN POVERTY ARE CHILDREN.

**66%** OF WEST TN COUNTIES HAVE TEEN PREGNANCY RATES HIGHER THAN STATE AVERAGE.

**75%** OF WEST TN COUNTIES HAVE HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAN THE ENTIRE STATE.

**20%** OF ADULTS IN WEST TN HAVE LESS THAN 9 YEARS OF EDUCATION.

**50%** OR MORE OF WEST TN COUNTIES HAVE A HEALTHCARE RESOURCE SHORTAGE IN AT LEAST ONE MAJOR AREA OF CARE.

### WEST TN COUNTIES HAVE:

- Highest rate of *BANKRUPTCY* for the state
- Highest teen *PREGNANCY* rate for the state
- Highest infant *MORTALITY* rate for the state
- Highest rate of *PUBLIC ASSISTANCE* participants for the state

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER MINISTRY

MRM serves churches by facilitating God's vision in West TN to reach the underserved affected by poverty. Churches are challenged to develop ministries that move people from mercy to justice and from relief to development through evangelism and discipleship. MRM serves churches ministering to those poverty in four distinct ways:

### MRM PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

**1**

#### MINISTRY PROJECT FUNDING

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provides funds that can be used your church for specific ministry projects impacting poverty.

**2**

#### MATERIAL RESOURCE CHANNELING

MRM facilitates donations of clothing, diapers, canned food, mattresses, school supplies, furniture, toys.

**3**

#### COMPASSION MINISTRY COACHING & TRAINING

MRM provides church consultations and multiple training events and classes that help churches engage in ministry to the impoverished.

**4**

#### VOLUNTEER MOBILIZATION

MRM facilitates placing volunteers from Churches to ministry sites in West TN.

### JOIN THE MRM FAMILY TODAY!

SIGN UP FOR THE MRM NEWSLETTER BY EMAILING

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MAIL YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO:  
MRM, PO Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024

## CHURCHES

### INVOLVE YOUR CHURCH TODAY!

1. Pray that God will lead your church to discover the physical and spiritual needs of those in your community.
2. Call MRM of TN for information on how to see and respond to the poverty in your community.
3. Listen for the Holy Spirit's leading on the best way to reach out to those needs in the name of Christ.
4. Enlist others by sharing your passion and the needs around you!
5. Pray and go to work!

### TRAINING CLASSES AVAILABLE:

- Ministering Through a Poverty Worldview
- Discovering the Person of Peace
- Ministry Among Sojourners
- Evangelizing those with a Poverty Worldview
- Balancing Relief and Development

*Customized Training Available for your Church  
Training Available in Spanish!*

