



Reducing Lostness in Georgia Together

God has blessed this state with wonderful pastors, dedicated associational missionaries, associational and church leaders, and faithful church members who love the Lord and deeply desire to see others come to know Him.

At the 2011 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Georgia Baptists were challenged through the report from the Convention Study Task Force to reach the 8.1 million lost people expected to be living in Georgia by the year 2020. What miracles might we see if we focus our energies upon the 5 *Smooth Stones* presented by the Task Force:

- ▶ Spiritual renewal
- ▶ Kingdom generosity
- ▶ Church revitalization
- ▶ Church planting
- ▶ Authentic evangelism

Join me in praying that the hearts of Georgia Baptists will grasp the urgent need of people for Jesus Christ and that God will bring spiritual renewal among us that will lead to the realization of each of the 5 *Smooth Stones*.

None of us can realize our mission alone. Just as God has called you to serve your church or association, God has called your Georgia Baptist Convention missionary staff to partner with you in accomplishing our mission together.

Our website, 5smoothstones.gabaptist.org, is a resource which introduces the basic concepts of the 5 *Smooth Stones*. I invite you to explore the site and join the conversation through our upcoming listening sessions. You will receive more resources in the coming months as we adjust ministries of the Convention to best accomplish the 5 *Smooth Stones*.

I pray that you will resolve to meet every opportunity to share the Gospel and to allow God to work His miracles through Georgia Baptists to reduce the number of lost people in Georgia and around the world. Join me in praying every day that God will use every Georgia Baptist pastor, associational missionary, and church member in miraculous ways to effectively share Jesus Christ with lost people who desperately need Him.

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