

MISSION

The Office of Missions, Service, & Public Life serves as a conduit that embodies the mission of the University. The foundation of our work is supported by Matthew 25:25-27 (“...feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, visit the imprisoned...”) and Mark 12:30-31 (“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with your mind, and with all your strength; The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”). These two scripture passages are central to all we do, whether explicitly spoken or implied.

Our WHAT: Purpose

To shape Baylor’s faithful engagement with Waco and the world

Our WHY: Motive

To make a better world...together



Our HOW: Objective

Love your neighbor

- Deepen human connection
- Cultivate self-discovery
- Develop healthy worldview
- Reveal interdependent impact
- Equip servant leaders

\$703,500

Dollar value in volunteer hours in Waco (based on Texas volunteer value)

2,500

Student Volunteers for Steppin’ Out

- Global Missions during 22-23 academic year sent **25** teams, **356** students and **52** faculty/staff leaders to **11** countries worldwide.
- BearAid Disaster Relief served **4** communities impacted by natural disasters – **44** students and **7** leaders
- Baylor supplemented student trips with **\$200,000** of endowed funds
- Hosted/co-hosted **8** Public Life events during 22-23

Missions

1-2 week discipline-specific domestic and international trips led by faculty/staff to help students understand vocation as calling by applying classroom knowledge, integrated with their faith, to address real-world problems.

Service

One-time and ongoing service by Baylor students to the Waco community through partnerships with local organizations.

Public Life

Events designed to bring education and advocacy to issues by exploring what faith in the public square can be.

MOVING FORWARD

- MSPL is entering into an intentional partnership with Arts & Sciences’ Department of Engaged Learning to enhance Baylor’s commitment to service in Waco and students’ understanding of the life of Christian stewardship/citizenship in which they live. A new Assistant Director of Service will serve as a liaison to strengthen the connection between Academics and Student Life.
- Under the director of a new Vice Provost for Global Engagement, Global Missions looks to increase the number of mission trips for course credit.
- Under a redesigned model of service, MSPL will be a resource to student organizations whose mission is service and advocacy — clean water, human trafficking, access to education, women’s health, etc.