PURPOSE

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 and Mark 12:30–31. 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

Missions
One-to-two 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.

$723,384
Dollar value in volunteer hours in Waco (national)

Steppin’ Out
2,700+
Student Volunteers

90
Local Volunteer Sites

• Global Missions sent out 23 teams, 267 students and 60 faculty/staff leaders to 14 countries worldwide.
• More than 800 students, faculty and staff have participated in our campus composting and gardening programs, diverting 4,332 lbs of food wasted from landfill into campus composting.
• BearAid volunteers cleaned and sorted 300 pairs of shoes and packed 500 hygiene kits for refugees on the Texas border.
• Baylor Buddies logged 285 hours of mentoring to school children.

BAYLOR ENGAGE
During the 2023-2024 academic year, MSPL began a collaboration with the Office of Engaged Learning (Arts & Sciences) and the Center for Global Engagement to create a new pathway of intentional global engagement for Baylor faculty, staff, and students. We are calling this initiative Baylor Engage. Through the efforts of this group, Baylor became a member of the Community Based Global Learning Collaborative. We have joined other universities like Dartmouth, Northeastern, Elon, and Cornell to develop assessment, toolkits, research and, most importantly, engaged learning for the common good.

MOVING FORWARD

• In Spring/Summer 2025, Baylor Engage will pilot our first program in Latin America. The goal is to develop a “hub” of engagement in various regions of the world.
• We will begin Phase 1 of a partnership with One More Child (Christian non-profit caring for women and children), in Barcenas, Guatemala. The goal is to provide resources and structure to a local church for community development.
• Thanks to a $10k grant, Campus Kitchen student organization is being rebuilt and reimagined to include partners from academic units and departments, focused on sustainability and food security.