## From Vision Tour to Mission Trip



## **Overview**

After going to Los Angeles with SCBaptist for a Vision Tour in 2022, Jeremy Creech led a team back to LA in 2024.

During his time on the Vision Trip, Creech, Associate Pastor at Barnwell First Baptist Church, was able to hear about the needs of church plants, pastors, and ministries in LA. After going back to LA for a second time with the Palmetto Collective, Creech felt the Lord calling him to lead a team to serve and share the Good News in LA, and about a year later, he organized a team of ten back to LA in February of 2024.

The team stayed at Send Relief's Los Angeles Ministry Center, a ministry focused on poverty alleviation in partnership with churches through homelessness and human trafficking prevention. "God put it on my heart to pray about years ago, so I was thrilled to be staying there and learning about what they do," Donna Creech shared. The team learned firsthand about the center's efforts to rescue and rehabilitate these individuals, offering them a path to restoration and redemption.

## **Meeting Needs**

Their mission extended beyond the walls of the ministry center, reaching into LA's most marginalized communities, including Skid Row and MacArthur Park, both known for the high population of homeless and high levels of drug activity. Through their outreach efforts, they helped meet not only physical needs but also spiritual ones, planting seeds of faith in those they met.

The team also met up with Will Browning, a Barnwell native, now serving with Send California and the North American Mission Board. They also spent time with two church plants, The Abiding LA and Set Free Church. Supreethi Tadamatla shared, "When we all went there, we thought that we were going to serve people, but actually God worked through us and in us and we are not the same."

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