



EQUIPPING THROUGH MINI-GRANTS

Last spring, 50 teenage girls gathered for a powerful conference in Chesterfield, Virginia—an experience made possible through the generosity of the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions.

This impactful event came to life because of a Mini-Grant awarded to a group of young moms with a vision to pour into the next generation. Together, they created a meaningful day of worship, connection, and spiritual growth. Many of the girls made decisions to surrender their lives to Christ and reflect His love in their own communities.

This conference is a powerful example of how HerMission Mini-Grants help turn faithful ideas into lasting ministry. These grants provide seed funding for churches to launch new ministries, strengthen ongoing programs, and respond to specific needs within their communities. Whether a congregation is looking to host a transformative conference, establish a community outreach initiative, or develop a specialized discipleship program, the goal is to help churches address the unique needs of their communities with excellence and intentionality.

Prayer Focus: Pray that Mini-Grants would equip and empower faithful ideas to reach people and advance God's mission across Virginia.



CHURCH PLANTING

Today, Craig Barber not only pastors Simple Rhythms in Abingdon, VA, but he also coaches new church planters entering the same V3 training that once shaped him. His experience has become a resource for others discerning how to begin new churches in a time of cultural change. Simple Rhythms launched in 2022 through Craig and Highlands Fellowship. Through V3's two-year church planter cohort, Craig gained a vision for forming disciples who live on mission together. "I longed to see people more fully formed as disciples on mission," Craig reflects.

That vision now takes shape in Huddles—discipleship groups of 8-12 people built around three rhythms: UP (communion with God), IN (community with one another), and OUT (co-mission in the world). In just a few years, the church has launched more than 50 Huddles, with 42 currently active.

Recently, a new Huddle began at Emory & Henry University among nine undergraduate students. "Their OUT rhythms have to be people-oriented, not project-oriented," Craig explains. "They are learning to embody Jesus' presence in everyday interactions with fellow students."

Prayer Focus: Pray that God would raise up more disciples and church planters through the ministry of Simple Rhythms and V3.