

SPRING BREAK TRIPS 2012

Come discover that when you give yourself to bless others, you are impacted even more!

Urban Discipleship Center - Bronx, NY

Priority 1 partners with many inner-city organizations, churches, and ministries who serve the disadvantaged of NYC. Volunteers will be connected with several of these organizations to directly impact and serve people, such as: a Breakfast Ministry to homeless; a lunch program for homeless; an after-school program for tutoring inner-city children; the World Vision Storehouse, that serves all of the Bronx; participate in the "AmazinGRace" photo scavenger hunt to explore the city; and attend a small inner-city church.

Christian Endeavor –Fayette County, West Virginia

This trip will be a week of ministry to help people who live in struggling economic areas of West Virginia. In this Appalachian Region, Fayette County, 21.7% of the population lives under the poverty level, with a median income of \$24,788 per household. The main industries of the area are coal mining, a lumber mill, and a metal alloy plant. The week will mainly involve doing some kind of construction or deconstruction work, a camp Gathering Time for a spiritual challenge and opportunities to meet people of these often closed rural communities.

Restoring Eden – Appalachia, VA

There are many, many ways to take care of the earth. Restoring Eden wants to help you find ways that you can put your faith into action through getting your hands dirty for God's creation. On this trip, we are doing community health surveys in Appalachia. Door to door recording peoples health histories to see how coal mining and mountain top removal in particular. Students will be trained in IRB protocol (health survey requirements) and then will go in van loads into poor communities and then break into groups of two who will go door to door. Half of the week will be in impacted communities and then the other half in control counties (non-coal).

New Vision Renewable Energy - Philippi, West Virginia

Your team will learn about how significant the burden of energy costs are for ministries, community facilities and for lower to moderate income families, at the same time they are learning how to help people help themselves. Through energy audits and weatherization projects, fabrication of solar panels and installation of the renewable energy systems, your team will work alongside people to help them realize a significant and lasting change in their lives.

Camp Bethel - Wise, Virginia

Camp Bethel is building a canopy zip line for its facility. Workers will be involved with site preparation and construction of various types, building platforms, securing cables and testing. Other opportunities to serve include painting of cabins, cleaning, maintenance and grounds.

Urban Promise - Camden, New Jersey

The days may include volunteering as classroom aids in our K-8 grades Camden Forward School or participating in work projects during the morning and volunteering in one of our 6 after school programs. Work Projects are usually light landscaping (weeding, mowing, raking, trimming, etc.), painting, cleaning or organization, mailings or office work, and etc. This is an opportunity to connect with Camden children in their own environment as you help them with homework, play games and participate in other after school program activities. Our program also includes an educational aspect and we take our groups on tours of the city, introduce them to other community organizations, and invite guest speakers and large group discussions.

Push the Rock -Allentown, Pennsylvania

The project will involve volunteering at a local elementary school in the urban area of Allentown. Volunteers will be helping in the school/classroom during the day and assist in running a basketball clinic from 3:30-5:30 Monday - Friday. We will also be serving in some other areas with the school and with the community director. We currently run a weekly after school program at the school in partnership with El Faro Church (located a few blocks from the school). Even though it is a public school, we are permitted to openly share the Gospel with the students. Our goal with this project is to strengthen our current partnership with the school and the church while demonstrating Christ's love to the students and faculty.

Koinonia Farms - Americus, Georgia

A spring break week at Koinonia will involve time spent in each of our five pillars of community life: prayer, work, study, service and fellowship. Daily devotions, farm work, learning about Koinonia history, and serving one another and our neighbors, and time spent together around the dinner table or around the fire circle is all part of the experience. Specifically for spring of 2012, participants can expect to assist us with painting the exterior of some of the farm buildings, and doing other general work around the grounds in preparation for our 70th anniversary celebration.

CROSS Ministries Charlotte, North Carolina

Participants will be assisting with one or more Critical Home Repair (CHR) Projects of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte. Habitat Charlotte assists individuals and families in owner-occupied homes where homes are in need of critical repairs. These repairs may include replacement of roofs and sub-floors and may also include weatherization, painting and siding. Participants can expect to work hard and most of the group must be willing to get on the roof. By using volunteers, the homeowners receive either free or reduced cost repairs. In addition, the group will participate in activities of the Urban Eagles of Charlotte. This group of soccer players cares for youth who live in low-income neighbors through programs such as soccer and bible study. CROSS Missions is a ministry of Myers Park Presbyterian church and will be your host for the week.