



Mission Trip '10 \\ Buffalo, NY
Information packet
July 24-31st, 2010

About \\

Every year Detour Student Ministry prays for the plans of a new mission trip and the challenges that these trips will offer to those students who take the adventure with us. Mission trips are where students are given the chance to use the tools that God has equipped them with to share Christ with the lost. Every trip is different and unique; each one with difficulties, trials, and triumphs. It is our hearts desire, as a ministry, that God use us as a body of believers, to glorify His name through these mission trips.

Buffalo Bio \\

Despite being within the parameters of the United States, there are still people, communities, and cities in need of assistance, service, and the love of Christ. From an outsider's point of view, the city of Buffalo would appear to us to be like any other city, with its share of problems. However, the cry of Buffalo rings in a different tune than what she appears. What used to be one of the most popular thriving cities in America has become one of the fastest dying communities in our country. Buffalo's beautiful scenery hides its brokenness, as it has a high concentration of violence and gangs within the inner city. Poverty is a way of life and teenage pregnancy is no surprise to those who live within the city limits. We have chosen Buffalo, New York to be our mission trip destination because it needs groups like us to come and serve the people with open hearts and minds. It needs us to give all that we have and can give in order to pour out the love that is within us.

Why Buffalo? \\

Six years ago we went to Buffalo and saw firsthand the needs that were within this city. Last summer we went back partnering with a church within Buffalo, Renovation Church, to help them facilitate Summer Jam. We went in with expectations of what God would use us for and do within the community and he did blew us away! While we were there, God gave us the chance to further this church's vision: Reaching the community and connecting them to Christ! This year, we will have the chance to partner with their church again to accomplish even more than ever before!

Commitment \\

As is with any major trip, mission trips take great commitment from students and leaders alike. However, commitments have different elements and we believe that mission trips cover several different levels of commitment.

Commitment to God \\
Once the individual has answered the call to missions, that individual makes a commitment to God that they will not only pray for the circumstances of the trip, but they will begin asking God to prepare their heart and mind for what God he is going to do in and through them while on the trip. No matter what the destination of the trip, the area selected needs your prayers and so do those who are going with you on the trip. In this case, Buffalo needs their hearts softened and students need the courage to step out in faith and share Christ. We also make the commitment to glorify God in all that we do. Mission trips cannot be successful without including God in every way. We want to make certain that he is acknowledged and given thanks for all that we have, get, and do while on this trip. We must remember that we are unworthy of this gift but blessed to be able to be a part of it all. Without Him, we are nothing and it would be impossible for us to be successful on this trip.

Commitment to the team and meetings \\

When one commits to taking this trip, he or she is no longer an individual person, but a team member who is committed to doing the very best that they can in their area of service

as well as committing to help in any other areas where needed. Mission trips take tons of flexibility, as many may remember from past trips, but this does not mean that the individual can neglect the tasks given to them to complete nor can they neglect the time they must spend with their team members. In order for the team to work well together and be prepared, all members must be available for the scheduled meetings. We give this schedule early enough so that the individual can make the arrangements possible to attend ALL of the meetings. We expect that every person going on our trip will be at every meeting. We know that summer brings many challenges, however when the student or leader makes the commitment to going on a mission trip, they make the commitment of sacrificing their heart, time, and efforts.

Commitment to work outside of meetings \\ Unfortunately, we do not have unlimited amounts of time to spend with the students, preparing to the very detail every single thing that we will do while we are in Buffalo. This is why it will be extremely important that if an individual is given a task to complete between meetings, that they do so. We will not be able to spend our meetings finishing work that should have been completed outside of the group. If you have any extra preparations, supplies that are needed, or memorization please do so before you group meets.

Commitment to raise support \\ Support for mission trips comes in two different forms: financial and spiritual. Both of these elements are equally important when preparing for any trip to the mission field. This is why we ask that each student sends out a support letter to their friends and family members. We want others to be able to join us in lifting up Buffalo and the team in prayer. Although God has given us the gift of going on a trip that will not be as expensive as past trips, this does not mean that we should not raise financial and spiritual support. Remember that it is crucial to send these letters out early and continue to send updated letters to family and friends. **Your support letters should be sent out by no later than April 1st.**

Commitment to Buffalo, NY \\ When you begin this journey of preparing the mission trip, you commit to following through with your promises, not only to God but to the community of Buffalo, NY. Following through means that you will give every action all that you have, whether that may be playing with a needy child, hammering nails for hours, or even cleaning up after another team member. Our purpose in Buffalo is to show Christ's love in every way that we can. Our attitudes should be encouraging to one another, leaders, and all of those who we will be serving. A committed heart and a positive attitude about any circumstance will make a lasting impression on the community.

Cost \\

Estimated cost \$250

What to bring \\

- Inflatable bed as well as bedding (pillow/sheets/blanket)
- Towels and toiletries
- Bathing suit
- Shower shoes
- Clothing fit for service projects
- Bible
- A GREAT ATTITUDE!

Mission Trip Meetings \\ Important Dates

**These dates are non-negotiable and must be attended by ALL STUDENTS who will be going on the mission trip. If a student misses a mission trip meeting due to an EMERGENCY, he or she must have directly spoken with Pastor Jonathan Cockrell by phone (620-7375), not by voicemail OR email. If the individual DOES NOT make those arrangements, he or she will forfeit any mission trip money that they have already given to be deposited into a general fund for the trip. Please be sure to make the necessary changes to your summer schedule that will ensure your full participation in the meetings.*

1. **March 7th 4-5pm** in CPC upstairs (this will be the **LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP**. If you miss this meeting you **CAN'T GO ON THIS YEAR'S MISSION TRIP**. (If there is an emergency and you have to miss the meeting, you **MUST** contact Jonathan @ 620-7375 and make arrangements with him.)

Items needed for registration at this meeting:

- \$50 non-refundable deposit
- letter of interest

*A letter of interest is an individual's personal explanation for wanting to go on the mission trip, what they wish to learn while they are there, and what commitments they will make.

2. **April 1st - ALL support letters should be mailed out**
3. **April 18th 4pm - Job assignments and team meetings**
4. **May 16th 4pm - Mission Team meetings (Next \$50 due this night).**
5. **June 27th 6pm - Mission Team meetings (Next \$50 due this night.)**
6. **July 11th 6pm - Mission Team meetings (Remaining \$100 due).**
7. **July 18th 6pm - Mission Team meetings**

Dates of Mission Trip || July 24 - July 31st **BUFFALO MISSION**

Important forms \\

The following forms will need to be turned at the June 27th meeting:

- Medical Release Form (All Adults and Students)
- Scotts Hill Baptist Church Waiver and indemnity agreement
- The Big Ten