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provide RECOMMENDED MISSION TRIPS

APPALACHIAN IMPACT - Menifee County in Eastern Kentucky

In 22 of Kentucky's Appalachian counties, more than 10% of occupied housing units are in substandard condition. No running water or indoor plumbing... crumbling foundations... sagging roofs... The median income of this region averages 50% below the U.S. median income. For over 20 years, the EPC has developed a relationship within this community through the Appalachian Impact experience. For novices and veterans alike, Appalachian Impact has been a life changing and faith transforming experience. It is ideal as a level I or II trip for middle and high school students, or for mission trip veterans. It is primarily work project oriented through the renovation of homes for the elderly and needy. There are additional opportunities for children's VBS and community outreach activities, including a literacy program and thrift store located at Project Worth. Accommodations are at the Four Seasons Campground which features air conditioned cabins, a large in-ground swimming pool, chapel, hotel, and dining hall. Any student or leader who has participated on Appalachian Impact before knows full well why this is a very popular mission trip.

The Appalachian Impact trip is unique in that it avails churches the opportunity to plant a mission trip. The goal is to "plant" a trip each week until the summer is full of EPC churches doing God's transforming work. Churches can choose to partner with another church or lead their own week.

One partnership opportunity comes from Grace Chapel EPC of Farmington Hills, MI. They would like to invite another church to serve alongside them the first week of July. Their intent is to partner with a church or youth group that also feels called to eventually lead a mission's trip week in KY. The church or youth group would send a leadership team (comprised of adults or adults and teens) to travel with Grace to gain experience and to prepare to lead their own trip the following year.

If your church is interested in partnering with Grace Chapel or finding out about other church partnership opportunities or leading your own week in KY, please contact Susan Holland, EPC Student Ministries Coordinator, at susan.holland@epc.org or 248-345-2913 for more information.

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BORDER TRANSITIONS MINISTRY, INC. - LAREDO, TEXAS / NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO

Border Transitions Ministry exists to serve the spiritually, physically, and financially poor in Southern Texas and Northern Mexico border region. EPC home missionaries, John & Diane Davis (First EPC in Laredo) invite you to Laredo, TX to serve the poor through food ministry, construction projects, VBS, sports camp, adult education, and medical care. They can tailor your trip according to your group's skills and needs. Translators are provided, if needed. This is a level II or III mission opportunity that is customizable for small to mid-size groups to serve alongside a church that loves and serves on the front lines in poor *colonias* within the Laredo region. Currently no groups will be traveling to Nuevo Laredo, MX. However, there are numerous needs and ministry opportunities to serve the poor in Texas!
Contact: John & Diane Davis, (956) 763-4051, or 956-285-6176 btmlaredo.com@hotmail.com

THE WADE CENTER - BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

The Wade Center was founded by an EPC Pastor and is a year-round outreach/ministry to at-risk children and youth. Every summer, the Wade Center provides a complete Urban-Appalachian project experience that is virtually effortless for church youth leaders – they take care of everything! The Wade Center provides the meals, housing, construction materials, programs, oversight, and spiritual growth opportunities. They also offer an "Adventure Day" where your youth will be able to experience more of the West Virginia frontier through activities, such as: white water rafting, zip lining and completing a ropes course. Your youth will finish the day by playing on Adventure Lake. This is an excellent level I or II experience for high school and mature middle school students. The week includes construction, home renovation, summer camp, tutoring, mentoring, VBS and sports outreach. They can customize your trip according to your needs. The cost is \$350 per person for 6 days, or \$325 if registered prior to Feb 18th. The summer dates available are from June 11 – August 6. The camp runs from Saturday evening (6pm) thru Friday morning (10 am). Early spring dates and winter ski weekends are also available. For more information, visit their websites: www.wadecenter.com and www.wademissions.com.
Contact: Kathryn Vicars, (304) 323-3777 ext. 229, kathryn.vicars@wadecenter.com

TRINITY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY - NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

TCC was founded in 1967, bringing hope to "The city that care forgot." EPC missionaries Kevin and Sandy Brown invite you partner in their mission of "Changing kid's views of themselves and their futures, giving them hope for a better tomorrow." They offer week-long experiences at their facility located in the Hollygrove community of New Orleans. The center includes on-site housing, full commercial kitchen and dining facilities. From repairing a home (post-Katrina) to leading a week of Vacation Bible School, they will work with you to custom-design a trip that will leave a lasting impact on both the community and your youth group. Previous trips have included construction, VBS type youth programs, prayer walks, evangelistic outreaches, drama, sports and more. This is a level II type experience intended for high school and college students. For more information, visit www.tccno.org.
Contact: Sandy Brown, Volunteer Coordinator, (504) 482-7822, sandy@tccno.org

TUNICA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES - Tunica, Mississippi

EPC Pastor, Dr. Paul Husband (Tunica EPC) invites you to partner with TCM to minister to low-income families and children in a very tangible way. Students will minister through Vacation Bible School, construction projects, sports evangelism, orphanage and prison witnessing, and community service projects. This is a level II experience targeted for high school and college students. The Tunica area is a small community with a history of agriculture and segregation. It lies on the fringe of the third largest gambling region in the U.S., after Las Vegas and Atlantic City. The cost is \$250 per participant which includes room, board and construction materials.
Contact: Paul Husband: (662) 357-3837, paulhusband@bellsouth.net, paulehusband@bellsouth.net

JAMAICA MISSIONS - Mandeville, Jamaica

Mission trips to Jamaica offer a wide variety of level III ministry opportunities. Past undertakings by many EPC churches have included construction projects and ministry to local residents. Teams have painted, repaired roofs, poured concrete for churches and homes. They have visited orphanages, local schools, and state-run hospitals. This is all done with the ultimate goal of tangibly sharing the love of Christ to those in need. The team stays at Bethel Christian Retreat in Mandeville. This is situated in the beautiful mountains of central Jamaica. The cabins are clean, but there is no hot water for showers. There are accommodations for meetings and dining. For a 7-10 day stay, the fee for the camp may vary, so call for more information.

Contact: Reservations can be made by contacting the camp director, Dean Dawson. He can be reached by phone at 1-876/965.7453 or by fax at 1-876/965.7454. Be sure to check out Bethel's website, www.bethelmission.org.

If you would like to speak to someone who has gone before, contact Sonny Flowers at River Oaks Community Church (EPC), (336) 766-0033, youth@riveroakschurch.org.

HELPING OUT NEW AND SMALL EPC CHURCHES

Across the EPC, there are many new & smaller churches that are in the beginning stages of growth and putting down roots in their communities. Some of them are open to have EPC youth groups come along side to help them in their outreach efforts, whether it's helping to run a VBS, doing service projects in the community, etc. If your church is interested in helping a small or start-up church carve out its identity for Kingdom purposes, please contact the EPC Student Ministries Office.

YOUTH CONFERENCE MINISTRIES - SON SERVANTS

Son Servants is the missions arm of Youth Conference Ministries (YCM). They offer multiple 5-day domestic and international mission experiences for middle school and high school students. Several EPC youth groups participate in Son Servant trips each year. Visit their website for specific trip dates and locations at <http://ycmhome.org/son-servants> or check out this website for additional trips www.ycmhome.org/sonservants/tripdetails.

ADVENTURES IN MISSION (AIM)

AIM provides a comprehensive list of foreign and domestic mission trips for middle school, high school, college students, and adults. Several EPC churches participate in AIM sponsored trips each year. www.adventures.org



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