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THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT 2010

Week long Urban Missions for high-school and college groups.

Location: Newark New Jersey

These are holistic mission trips that are focused on restoring the brokenness of the community with the love of Christ.

Cost \$280/ week/person or \$40/day/person (Check made payable to “Safe Haven”)

\$50 Deposit when form is sent in.

50% of total cost due two weeks before trip

Remaining balance due on arrival

How many can come? -10-50 people.

What does that include?

- ❖ Food
- ❖ Lodging
- ❖ Supplies
- ❖ Program costs
- ❖ T-shirt

What does it not include?

- ❖ Travel to Newark
- ❖ Day off expenses
- ❖ Any dinners out or team nights



Winter Mission Weeks in Newark 2010

Winter week 1: Sat. January 2.- Sat. January 9

Spring Mission Weeks in Newark 2010

Spring Week 1: Sat. February 10-Sat. February 27

Spring Week 2: Sat. February 27-Sat. March 6

Spring Week 3: Sat. March 6-Sat. March 13

Spring week 4-6: (Customized for the rest of the spring to fit your dates)

Summer Mission Weeks in Newark 2010

Summer Week 1: Sat June 12-Sat. June 19

Summer Week 2: Sat June 19-Sat. June 26

Summer Week 3: Sat June 26-Sat. July 3

Summer Week 4: Sat. July 3-Sat. July 10

Summer Week 5: Sat. July 10-Sat. July 17

Summer Week 6: Sat. July 17-Sat. July 24

Summer Week 7: Sat. July 24-Sat. July 31

Summer Week 8: Sat. July 31-Sat. August 7

Summer Week 9: Sat. August 7-Sat. August 14

Mission Activities

Outreach Activities – Radical Mission work to hurting communities in Newark.

The gospel in action through you.

*Vacation Bible School for Urban Kids (We call it Kids Club) – Every day during the summer we will have Kids club for kids in the community. Many of these kids do not receive much love from home and do not receive much food either. We will love them, feed them, play with them, do a variety of developmental activities with them, and most importantly teach them about Jesus in a way they can understand. This is an awesome way to form relationships that will impact kids lives forever. God's Word is central in all we do. Creative music, drama, games and arts and crafts will be part of our mission. Come prepared with ideas and lots of energy.

*Family Dinner – Every Wednesday we will do a dinner for the community that you will prepare and organize. If the weather is nice we do it outside and many people from the community come and are fed. Many of the kids in our community do not receive healthy or substantial dinners, so we get to meet a very real need by feeding them. We will also have Bible verses for each table to memorize. This is a fun community event that everyone looks forward to.

*Community Outreach - Every day we will have a time of reaching out to the community through physical or spiritual restoration and service. Our goal is to show the community that the church is not a building, and that the love of Christ is everywhere that His followers go. Outreach like this is what has made our ministry such a light to the community. By doing things like this we are showing people faith in action and loving them even if they don't believe the way we do, Our hope is that these outreaches will impact people to the heart and show them what the true church is meant to do. Below are a few of the many different activities to choose from. Please select 3-4 that you would like to be a part of.

1. Community Beautification – Cleaning off graffiti, litter pick up, basic landscaping, minor outdoor construction projects around our broken community.
2. Care for the elderly – Visiting and caring for the elderly in the community homes. Entertaining them, listening to them, reading to them and praying for them.
3. Day Care outreach – Visiting day-care centers in the community and playing and loving these kids. Doing arts and crafts and various other projects with them.

4. Drug Rehabilitation Facility – Serving and sharing the love of Christ with drug addicts and those in need of forgiveness and restoration. This is a wonderful chance to help out our partner ministries that reach this large population in our city.
5. Homeless Shelters – Serving some of our partners who minister to the homeless. (Sometimes it is the same ministry as #4) Help feed, clothe, and pray for those in the deepest need. This is a great chance to share the love of Christ with the lowest of the low, those that society has rejected and deemed worthless. We get to show them there is great hope in Jesus and that His love never changes no matter what. We get to show them they are worth just as much to the Kingdom of God as anyone else and that in Christ they are not low, but lifted up.
6. Day trips – We will also be taking kids from the VBS on various trips throughout the summer. We will be going to the pool, the zoo, the Statue of Liberty, museums and many other great places. This is a great time to develop deeper friendship and really share the love of Christ with kids on a personal level.
7. Building Repair – There are many churches and community assets around Newark in need of repair (including ours). The high cost of upkeep and the low amount of income from our poor congregations leave many church buildings in disarray. This is a great chance to serve the body of Christ in Newark by helping fix things in these buildings. If anyone has special construction skills, please make sure to include that in the team profile section of the application.

In-reach activities -Your heart radically exposed to a loving God.
The Gospel in action to you.

***Heart Check** – This is our teaching and worship time. We will sing some songs of praise and then a speaker will share from God’s Word a message to challenge and draw our hearts closer to Jesus, our first love. This is a great time to quiet your heart and let the Lord meet us where we are.

***Debriefing time** – This is a time to share about the day, both high points and low points. This is a good way to find strength in Christ and learn from each other’s experiences.

***Team Time** – A chance for teams to gather, share and build team unity. Team leaders are in charge of planning this time.

Free Time

Each day there is free time blocked off in the schedule to do whatever you want to do (as long as it is within the guidelines each team leader sets).

Free Day

There are a variety of activities to do on your free day. Some teams have gone to the beach, water parks, New York City, or even just hung out here and done a tour of Newark or a picnic in some of our nice parks.



Nehemiah Project 2010 Mission Week Schedule

(This an example of a team's schedule for one of the mission weeks.)

Saturday

- 4:00 –6:00 pm – Team arrives
- 7:00 pm – Registration and Dinner
- 8:00 pm – Orientation
- 9:00 pm – Worship and prayer time
- 10:00 pm – Get settled
- 11:00 pm – Lights out



Sunday

- 7:00 am - Arise my soul arise/ personal devotions
- 7:30 am – 8:15 am - Breakfast and clean up and team meeting with everyone
- 8:15 am – 9:15 am - Group Time and reflection
- 9:15 am – Praise band practice, clean rooms and building, pack bags for leaving.
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm – Worship Service
- 1:00- pm Free Time (Go to NYC)
- 10:00 pm – Return to Site
- 11:00 pm – Lights out

(Schedule Continued)

Monday

- 7:00 am - Arise my soul arise/ personal devotions
- 7:30 am - Breakfast and clean up, pack lunches
- 8:30 am – Prayer, Team Meeting, Morning Prep
- 9:00 am – VBS (Safe Summer Day Camp)
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Community Outreach
- 3:00 pm – Free Time (youth center open) (Upstairs closed off to kids from community)
- 6:00 pm – Dinner and clean up, fellowship.
- 7:30 pm - Daily Debriefing
- 8:00 pm - Heart Check
- 9:00 pm – Team Time/Free time
- 11:00 pm – Lights out



Tuesday

- 7:00 am - Arise my soul arise/ personal devotions
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- 8:30 am – Prayer, Team Meeting, Morning Prep
- 9:00 am – VBS (Safe Summer Day Camp)
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Community Outreach
- 3:00 pm – Free Time (youth center open) (Upstairs closed off to kids from community)
- 6:00 pm – Dinner and clean up, fellowship.
- 7:30 pm - Daily Debriefing (Youth Center)
- 8:00 pm – Team Time (Plan an event for team building)
- 10:00 pm – Free time
- 11:00 pm – Lights out



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- 7:00 am - Arise my soul arise/ personal devotions
- 7:30 am - Breakfast and clean up, pack lunches.
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- 9:00 am – VBS (Safe Summer Day Camp)
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Community Outreach
- 3:00 pm – Free Time (youth center open) (Upstairs closed off to kids from community)
- 6:00 pm – Family Dinner
- 8:00 pm - Daily Debriefing (Powell Hall)
- 9:00 pm – Heart Check
- 10:00 pm – Free time/Team Time
- 11:00 pm – Lights out



(Schedule Continued)

Thursday

- 7:00 am - Arise my soul arise/ personal devotions
- 7:30 am - Breakfast and clean up, pack lunches.
- 8:30 am – Prayer, Team Meeting, Morning Prep
- 9:00 am – VBS (Safe Summer Day Camp)
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Community Outreach
- 3:00 pm – Free Time (youth center open) (Upstairs closed off to kids from community)
- 6:00 pm – Dinner and clean up, fellowship.
- 7:30 pm - Daily Debriefing (Powell Hall)
- 8:00 pm – Team Time (Plan an event for team building)
- 10:00 pm – Free time
- 11:00 pm – Lights out



Friday

- 7:00 am - Arise my soul arise/ personal devotions
- 7:30 am - Breakfast and clean up, pack lunches.
- 8:30 am – Prayer, Team Meeting, Morning Prep
- 9:00 am – VBS (Safe Summer Day Camp)
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Community Outreach
- 3:00 pm – Free Time (youth center open) (Upstairs closed off to kids from community)
- 6:00 pm – Dinner (Teenagers for Crossover welcome)
- 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Cross over (Teen Youth group)
- 10:00 pm – Debriefing and Heart Check
- Lights out whenever Team Leader decides.

Saturday

Pack up, clean site, and head home

Schedules can be customized to meet your needs and what is best for your group.

Please include an extra sheet with details of what you want and we can form your trip to fit your needs as well as serve our city.



More Details

Sleeping arrangements

1. All missionaries sleep on the floor in one of the partnering organizations, Everyone sleeps in sleeping bags (or on air mattresses if you have them.) This is not a five star hotel, (Maybe a four)
2. Boys and girls must stay in different areas in order to help maintain integrity and to help avoid any appearance of evil. A room designated a boys' room for the week cannot be entered by females for any reason. The same applies for girls' rooms: no guys allowed
3. Air-conditioning units may be turned on during the night to help ensure comfortable rest. Please do not turn AC units on in rooms until after 8 pm and make sure they are off by 9 am the next morning. We cannot afford to run them all day so please be considerate of the host agency's electric bill.
4. Please make sure that all sleep space used is vacuumed and cleaned for the next team coming after you. Please be considerate and do everything possible to take care of the condition of the space you use.

Bathrooms and Showers

1. There are designated male and female bathrooms at all host sites. Teams will develop a plan of action for taking showers to fit into your schedule.
2. Each missionary is responsible for packing their own towel and toiletries.

Meals and supplies

1. Trinity will take care of all supplies for meals. It comes out of the money raised to be here. There will be a schedule set up for helping with meals and clean up.
2. All supplies will be purchased by the Trinity Team Coordinator. If there are other things needed please make sure to inform the coordinator.
3. Make sure that there is always a thorough cleaning of kitchen and floors after each meal. Please take out all garbage to the garbage shed in the parking lot. Garbage pick-up is every Monday and Thursday morning at 6 am. It can go out the night before after 7 pm.



THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT 2010
Mission Week Sign Up Form

Organization Name: _____

Contact

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____ **Website:** _____

Details

Mission Week Desired: _____ **Second Choice:** _____

Number of Youth: _____ **Number of Leaders:** _____

Total Cost of trip: _____

Mission of interest: Rank in order of priority (See list of mission activities above)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Free time of interest (This can change): Rank in order of priority

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Special needs _____

Please mail form and \$50 deposit payable to "Safe Haven"
The Nehemiah Project, c/o of Trinity Church
483 Ferry St. Newark Nj 07105

“Would They Weep?”

6/7/2008

Pastor Danny Iverson’s perspective on Trinity’s Ministry.

If the Church disappeared from the community, would the community weep?

That is the question we here at Trinity constantly challenge ourselves with. A question that God seems to keep using to drive us forward, as we unite with Christ in mission through holistic ministry to our broken community in the inner city of Newark, NJ.

This past Spring, the mayor of Newark--surrounded by a dozen cops, three major news networks and his entire staff team--came to Trinity for the second time to do open office hours for the community. Nearly three hundred community members gathered to wait and speak to the mayor one-on-one as he patiently endured the five and half hour event: the questions, the criticism and our lack of air conditioning.

This is just one of many examples of how Trinity has become the center of development in our community; a “Safe Haven” for hundreds of kids and teenagers; a home of recovery for addicts; a multi-cultural hub where the good news of Jesus transcends religion, race, denominational and political preferences, and economic status. A true house of prayer, a spiritual hospital, a Kingdom preview, a place where the gospel of Jesus Christ is central and the Word of God is held high, a place where the story of redemption never stops being shared.

Would our community weep if we left?

Our Community

We are a mission church, very committed to our community and to reaching a very un-churched and depraved multi-ethnic culture that shows no desire to submit to God and very little desire to love their neighbor. There are no other English speaking Protestant churches within 20 blocks, and very little community development. There is an estimated 2,500 at-risk youth within a 15 block radius of our church building, three major project housing complexes, four K-8th grade schools, and one high school. Our building is located within four blocks of all three projects, and across the street from Hawkins Street School, one of Newark’s most needy institutes. Our community is one of the hubs for gang activity, drug dealing, prostitution, child abuse, and poverty. There are 5 strip clubs within 5 blocks, one hears more sirens than birds singing, and litter covers the worn streets and sidewalks like a blanket.

Our ministry to the community

Over the last two years I have learned that the primary goal of the church shouldn’t be to get the community into the church building on Sunday morning, but rather to get “the Church” into the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through holistic discipleship. The church is called to bring the whole gospel for the whole person. Our main focus isn’t adding members of the community to our church, but adding our church as a vital member of the community, bearing the love of Christ to them and leading them to the throne of grace, by bearing witness to the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ and its power to radically change the hearts of sinners and an entire community. We are beginning to see that increasingly happen. Inevitably our membership and church growth has come from this community. Ninety percent of our congregation walks to worship service on Sunday morning.

Weekly, over three hundred people from the community are a part of the various ministries of worship, Bible study, prayer, discipleship, youth development, social justice and mercy. We have over 150 kids and teenagers on our rosters, many whose homes are more dangerous and destructive than even the streets. They have come to “Safe Haven,” the youth ministry arm of Trinity, to find love, to find family. I just learned that one of our 4th graders was raped by her step-father. I am tired of hearing these stories repeated and seeing these precious kids throughout the day and knowing the pain they have experienced and are experiencing. We are more motivated than ever to reach these kids with the love of Christ. Some of them are even bringing their parents and generational curses are being broken as the grace, mercy and covenant promises of Jesus come to bear on their lives. We also host two different Narcotics Anonymous meetings, one Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, a faith-based after-school development program for elementary school students which employs our teenagers as youth counselors, a daily food pantry, various “family meal times” to feed the hungry children, Kids Clubs, Sunday school, youth field trips, young men’s and women’s mentorship, men’s Bible studies and adult home groups. We are the hub for community events and even the school across the street shares our building on occasion when they need space.

We have had nearly 600 college and high-school students from a variety of denominations and from various states come through the last five years on week-long mission trips. These teams have been salt and light and instrumental in breaking down barriers with kids and their families.

Thank you for praying about coming and joining us in this mission. May God use your time here in Newark to empower you to live for Him and others.

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