



Student Ministry  
Summer Mission Projects 2010

# INFORMATIONAL PACKET

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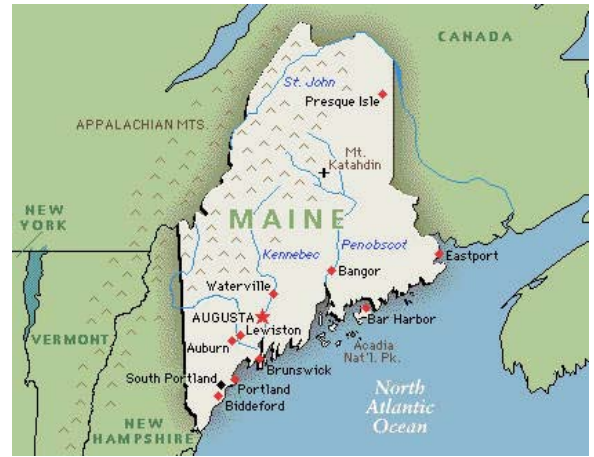
**\*Things to know:** Important dates for all trips (Maine, Ukraine & Chicago), Being Prepared Spiritually, Recruiting Your Support Team, and Sample Support Letter

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# MAINE

June 18-27, 2010

## Dates to Remember



- 1/31**      **Informational Meeting:** 12:30pm in the Gym  
\*For all students & parents of students wishing to participate in this trip.
- 2/7**      **Application Deadline** - Completed application, \$50 non-refundable deposit & draft support letter due. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**
- 2/21**      **35 Support Letters w/ stamped envelopes due**
- 2/28**      **Teams Assigned/Posted**
- 3/7**      **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission Includes Me**  
Training: Teaching Children and Teens  
Sunday, 12:30pm-3pm - **Bring Lunch**
- 4/11**      **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission is about the Kingdom**  
Training: *Leading a person to Christ*  
Sunday, 12:30pm-3pm - **Bring Lunch**  
**DUE: half of support, \$297.50**
- 5/16**      **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission is about the Team**  
Sunday, 12:30pm-3pm - **Bring Lunch**  
**DUE: full support, \$595**
- 6/6**      **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission Never Ends**  
Prayer Meeting followed by **Packing List Meeting – MUST BRING A PARENT!**  
Sunday, 6:00pm  
**DUE: Medical Release form, Home Ministry Commitment form**
- 6/18**      Leave for Maine!
- 6/27**      Team Returns; Trip Report in the Gym
- 7/18**      **Mandatory Team Meeting:** Bring lunch & come prepared to discuss your trip experience!  
Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30pm

\*Team leaders will set up additional meetings. Check with them regarding specific times & dates.



# UKRAINE

June 18-29, 2010

## Dates to Remember



- 1/31 Informational Meeting: 12:30pm in the Gym  
\*For all students & parents of students wishing to participate in this trip.
- 2/07 Application Deadline - Completed application & draft support letter due along with:  
▪ \$100 non-refundable deposit  
▪ a copy of your passport or paid passport application  
**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**
- 2/21 Team Meeting: Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30  
**\*DUE: 50 completed support letters w/envelopes.**
- 3/7 Team Meeting: Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- 3/14 Team Meeting: Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- 3/21 Team Meeting: Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- 4/11 Team Meeting: Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30pm  
**DUE: half of your support, \$1047.50, and your passport**
- 4/25 Team Meeting: Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- 5/16 **DUE: Full Support, \$2095**
- 6/6 Mandatory Prayer Meeting followed by **Packing List Meeting – MUST BRING A PARENT!**  
Sunday, 6:00pm  
**DUE: Medical Release form, Home Ministry Commitment form**
- 6/13 Prayer Lunch/ Pick Up Team Bag: Sunday, 12:30pm
- 6/18 Leave for Ukraine
- 6/29 Team returns (**tentative date**)

\*Team leaders will set up additional meetings. Check with them regarding specific times & dates.\*

# CHICAGO

July 3-12, 2010

## Dates to Remember



- 1/31 **Informational Meeting:** 12:30pm in the Gym  
\*For all students & parents of students wishing to participate in this trip
- 2/7 **Application Deadline** - Completed application, \$50 non-refundable deposit & draft support letter due.  
**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**
- 2/21 **40 Support Letters w/ stamped envelopes due**
- 3/7 **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission Includes Me**  
Sunday, 12:30pm-3pm - **Bring Lunch**
- 4/11 **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission is about the Kingdom**  
*Training: Leading a person to Christ*  
Sunday, 12:30pm-3pm - **Bring Lunch**  
**DUE: half of support, \$397.50**
- 5/16 **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission is about the Team**  
Sunday, 12:30pm-3pm - **Bring Lunch**  
**DUE: full support, \$795**
- 6/6 **Mandatory Team Meeting: Mission Never Ends**  
Prayer Meeting followed by **Packing List Meeting – MUST BRING A PARENT!**  
Sunday, 6:00pm  
**DUE: Medical Release form, Home Ministry Commitment form**
- 7/3 Leave for Chicago!
- 7/12 Team Returns
- 7/18 **Mandatory Team Meeting:** Bring lunch & come prepared to discuss your trip experience!  
Sunday, 12:30pm-2:30pm

\*Team leaders will set up additional meetings. Check with them regarding specific times & dates.\*



For more information about the **Center for Student Missions**, the organization we will be partnering with in Chicago, check out:

[www.csm.org/chicago.php](http://www.csm.org/chicago.php)



# SUMMIT SUMMER MISSIONS

## Being Prepared Spiritually

Going on a mission trip is a big commitment and takes a lot of focus and spiritual preparedness. Remember the four things that you are to be on this trip.

***Be Faithful***—be faithful to God and to the group, to do what is set before you. Be faithful to follow through on your commitment to attend team meetings and prepare your team materials to the best of your ability.

*As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him. Proverbs 10:26*

***Be Flexible***— be flexible when plans change and disappointments come. Living, traveling and working with a team of people can be full of unexpected moments! Being prepared involves being flexible with one another in those moments!

*In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9*

*Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. James 4:13-17*

***Be Focused***—be focused on what God is saying and on the purpose for the trip. Don't miss what God is doing in our midst! True focus **requires** leaving dating, cell phones, iPods, MP3s, and any other electronic devices, at home.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

***Be an Example***—be a good example to the people to whom you are ministering. You are a chosen representative of Jesus, BVBC, churches in Maine, Chicago's CSM and missionaries in the Ukraine. **Being an Example Requires:**

- Respect for each person on the team, not just your favorites.
- Respect for each other's property; if it isn't yours, **DON'T** touch it.
- Respect for each other's privacy- in tents, bathrooms, and personal business.
- Respect for the authority of your leaders and anyone else requesting something of you.
- Respect for the law of the land and the laws of The Word.

*He must become greater; I must become less. John 3:30*

***Your Commitment***—begins the day you sign up and does not end until you have sent your last thank you letter to your supporters. It includes attendance at **all** meetings (group and ministry team) and participation in **all** group activities. It is a requirement and if it is lacking, you will be asked to step down from your position on the team.

**\*In the event a team member needs to be sent home as a disciplinary action, it will be the responsibility of the parents to finance transportation for their son/daughter and an adult leader.\***

# Recruiting Your Support Team



Whether you are a missionary for a week or a lifetime, you must have a support team behind you. Your support team is a critical part of your trip's success. These are the people who will pray for us, encourage us, and provide the resources for us to complete our mission. Our support team is as much a part of this team as you and other team members.

## 5 Prayer Partners

On your application you are required to identify 5 people who will commit to pray for you while you are a part of this mission team. They commit to praying for you **weekly** before the project, **daily** during the project, and **weekly** for one month after the project is complete. Be sure to ask them before you place them on your Prayer Partner list. ALSO, your 5 Prayer Partners must have e-mail access, so that we can send them prayer updates.

## Why Raise Support?

- It forces you to depend on God and His people.
- It gives others a chance to share in your ministry.
- It builds a team to support you through prayer.
- It builds a team to support you through accountability.

## The Support Letter

The following format should be used as an example from which you may construct your own letter. You should integrate all points listed below in your letter. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Matthew McNutt, Chris Z. or Joy McDermott.

### Items every support letter should include:

1. Where you are going.
2. Why you are going. If you have been on a mission trip before you can describe what happened on that trip and how it impacted you.
3. With whom you are going.
4. What you will do.
5. When you will leave and when you will return.
6. What you plan to do for your Home Ministry Commitment. If you don't know yet, mention that you will have to complete 20 hours of HMC in order to be a part of this team.
7. How much money you will need and how much you are contributing yourself (minimum: US projects \$50, Ukraine project \$100).
8. **Deadlines for funds:** ½ by April 11<sup>th</sup>; total by May 16<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made out to "BVBC/Student Summer Missions."
9. Contributions are tax-deductible and non-refundable. **(We are unable to provide receipts for donations under \$250).**
10. Where they can contact you (phone number, address).
11. Self-addressed and stamped envelope for them to return prayer and financial support info. to you!!! You should note who is supporting you and then **PROMPTLY** turn the money into Pastor Matthew, Chris Z. or Joy McDermott.
12. A Response Slip that includes a place to indicate prayer and/or financial support.

### MORE HINTS:

1. Make it personal. Don't just fill in the blanks on the sample letter.
2. Keep it short and to the point (not more than two pages – one, if possible).
3. Remember to put a return address and stamp on your envelope.
4. Have someone proofread your letter for style, grammar, and spelling.
5. Write a general greeting at the opening of the letter and sign it by hand.

When you have written your master support letter, turn it in by the application deadline for your trip (**February 7**). We will make corrections and suggestions and return it to you. After you have made changes, return a copy **WITH** your addressed

and stamped envelopes by **February 21**. We will mail them after approving the changes.

### **IDEAS ABOUT PEOPLE TO WHOM YOU CAN SEND YOUR SUPPORT LETTER:**

1. Send letters to people you know at church. If you don't know them personally, introduce yourself to them. Tell them who you are, who recommended you put them on your list, and thank them for taking the time to read your letter.
2. Be aware that if you send a letter to someone who is well known to many of our students, your letter may be one of multiple requests.
3. Send your letter to family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.).
4. Send your letter to friends or friends of the family.
5. If you have moved to your present home from somewhere else in the country, you could send your support letter to friends from your previous church. You could also send the letter to your previous pastor or church missions committee.
6. You can ask your family to suggest people they know who might be interested in helping support your trip.

## **Responsibility to your Support Team**

### **WRITE A WELL CRAFTED LETTER**

From your first contact you represent yourself, BVBC, the ministry sites, and Jesus. Write a letter that makes you proud.

### **KEEP THEM INFORMED**

Let your Prayer Partners know what's going on. Use the e-mail addresses they gave you to send updates. This will help them pray for you.

### **THANK THEM**

This may seem obvious, but you must remember to thank your supporters. EVERY financial supporter MUST get at least three letters back from you.

#### **1. THANK YOU NOTE**

Send a Thank You note **AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THE SUPPORT!** Then turn in the support to Pastor Matthew McNutt, Chris Z. or Joy McDermott.

#### **2. FIELD LETTER**

We will take an afternoon on our trip to send updates to all your financial supporters. The better prepared you are for this, the easier it will be. We suggest bringing mailing labels, postcards, and stamps. This simplifies the process for you. You may wish to purchase postcards on the field. Also, bear in mind that US stamps will not be accepted outside of the US. In both cases you will need to bring cash for these purchases. Store all of this in a Ziploc bag to keep together and protected.

#### **3. POST-TRIP LETTER**

When you return you should write a letter that summarizes the trip. Tell what you learned and thank them again for being a part of your Support Team. You can be creative with this. You might write it like a newspaper and include pictures. Send it as a Christmas Card. Make it fun!



# Sample Letter

The following format can be used as an example from which you may construct your own letter. DON'T JUST FILL IN THE BLANKS! Use some creativity (include photos, make it colorful, etc)! If you have any questions, contact the Student Ministry office 302-478-4255.

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Dear <<NAME OF POTENTIAL SUPPORTER>>,

I want to tell you about an exciting mission opportunity I have this summer. A group of students and leaders from Brandywine Valley Baptist Church will be going to <<where>> from <<dates of trip>>.

While we are there we will....

I am really looking forward to this trip because....

The cost of the summer project is \$ <<amount >>. I am trusting God to use individuals like you to help me raise the majority of my support. I will be contributing <<\$50 (for Maine or Chicago), \$100 (for Ukraine)>> of my own money towards this trip. Half of my support must be raised by April 11, with the remaining amount due May 16. I also need prayer support before, during and after my trip.

Would you please consider supporting me with your prayers and a financial investment? I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope that you can use to send me your reply. Donations should be made out to "BVBC Student Summer Missions" and mailed in the enclosed envelope. All financial investments are tax-deductible and non-refundable. Please note that BVBC is unable to provide receipts for donations less than \$250. In case the return envelope is lost or was not enclosed, please use my home address to send your response, << include your home address>>.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Looking forward to a great trip,

<< your signature >>

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## RESPONSE SLIP

Supporter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- I will support <<your name>> with my prayers.
- I would like to receive prayer updates via e-mail.  
e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_
- I will support <<your name>> with a financial gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.