

Grace Chapel Middle School

Summer Missions Application 2009 West Virginia and Trinidad

In the summer of 2009, Grace Chapel will offer two Middle School mission trips. The West Virginia trip will be primarily focused on a building project to improve life in a poor community. It will also offer some time to do VBS with kids in the area. The Trinidad trip will include a variety of activities such as evangelism, running a Vacation Bible School, and some construction work. Please answer the following questions truthfully and accurately so we can determine which trip will best use your gifts and help you continue growing in your walk with Christ. Applications should be turned in to Brian Dietz by Sunday, February 8th. Once you have turned in your application you will need to sign up for a 10 minute interview with the trip leaders. The interviews will take place on February 15th from 11:30pm – 3:30pm. Also, be sure to read the key dates and information at the end to be sure that you are available during the times of training and preparation.

Contact Information:

Full Name **as it would appear on your passport or birth certificate**
(this is very important for making flight reservations so please print clearly)

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

E-mail Address _____

Parents E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade (present) _____

Please circle one: Male Female

Home Address _____

Home Phone No. _____

Do you have a Passport Y / N If yes, what country issued it? _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

School & Activities:

Current School _____

Sports, Music, Clubs, other Extracurricular Activities _____

Prior Missions Experience:

Christian Life:

1) Who is God to you? _____

2) How did you come to know Jesus? Describe your personal relationship with Him.

3) What difference does your faith make in your daily life? _____

4) Describe how often you read the Bible and pray. Do you use a devotional book? If so, which one?

Personal Background Information:

Please list several words (at least 6) that your friends and family would say describe you.

Briefly describe your home life and your relationship with your immediate family. _____

Describe an experience you've had as part of a team. What was your role? _____

What are your strengths and weaknesses? _____

What trip is your first choice (circle one)? West Virginia Trinidad

Why do you want to go on a mission trip this summer? _____

Do you have any medical conditions that might affect your performance as a member of a mission trip team? If so please describe here: _____

Is there anything else you would like to let us know about you? Please note any conflicts you have with the dates listed below especially.

Key Information and Dates for Parents and Students

Mission trips at Grace Chapel are funded through support raising. This means that every member of the team will send out support letters to family and friends who will be asked to partner with us through prayer, encouragement and finances. Last summer it cost \$800 for West Virginia and \$1050 for Trinidad. We will know soon what the exact costs for this year will be. These costs will be communicated in an upcoming parent's letter. Often the support letters cover all the support for each student.

The following are the key dates throughout the mission trip experience. Please check them carefully to make sure that you will be available.

January 25	Mission Trip Applications Given Out (available until interviews)
February 8	Mission Trip Application Due
February 15	Interviews 11:30am – 3:30pm
March – June	Training Meetings that start with a parents meeting, generally on Sunday afternoons, occasionally on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For WV there are approximately 5 -7 meetings and for Trinidad there are approximately 8 – 10 meetings. An exact schedule will be given out at the parents meeting in March.
May 1 – 3	Training Retreat at Camp Brookwoods
July 3 – 11	Trinidad Trip
July 18 - 25	West Virginia Trip
July / August	Team Reunions – typically one or two to debrief the trips

If you are accepted for this team, you will be required to attend the Missions Training Retreat and the team training meetings as well, In addition to committing to attend one of the trips if accepted, your signature and your parent's signature below indicates that you will attend the missions training retreat and at least 80% of the team meetings. If you have any problems with this commitment please notify Brian before your interview.

Your signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your parent's signature: _____ **Date:** _____