

Grace Chapel Short-Term Mission Trips 2008

For 2008, Grace Chapel offers you the following trips for your prayerful consideration. All of these trips are designed to give you a flavor of cross-cultural ministry service and encourage you to discover God's purpose for the world.

Adult Trips

Ecuador (Around July 25 - August 3): Jesus says in John 7:38 "whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." The Ecuador team will be joining Grace Chapel's missionary partners Bruce and Cherith Rydbeck in reaching out to a rural community in this South American country such that they might not only have clean physical water, but might also have streams of living water flowing within them! We will spend the majority of our trip living with a community, working along side them to build their clean water system, and teaching vacation bible school to the children. Last year we also had the opportunity to see some of the other ministries the Rydbecks are involved in and explore some of the capital city of Quito. Please keep in mind that this trip requires a fair deal of physical labor at high altitude (~10,000 feet). *Cost: \$1900.*

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Egypt (June 24 - July 3): This team will be traveling to Cairo, Egypt to partner with Kasr El Dohara Church (KDEC), the largest evangelical church in the Middle East. During our time there, we will attend Changing Point 2008, a three day mission conference aimed at those age 18-35, to learn practical ways to minister to Muslims and those from the Middle East. Then, we'll take part in some short-term outreach opportunities in Cairo alongside leaders from KDEC, which may include home visits, evangelism, refugee work, development projects, and drama and music. This exciting trip is a great opportunity for 5-10 team members to experience the rich history of Egypt while helping with an increasingly important ministry. *Cost: \$1900*

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India (Mid- to late- August): This team will travel to North India to visit our ministry partner, Good News For India, which was founded by 'Uncle' George Chavanikamannil. While in India, we will serve on the campus of NTC (New Theological College - the main training center for GNFI) by helping with projects on campus, serving in chapel and devotions, and building relationships with the students and faculty. We will also serve at one or more of the satellite training centers, as well as schools, sewing centers, and churches that have been started by the graduates of NTC. In addition, we will prayer walk through one or more of the Hindu holy sites on the Ganges River. *Cost: \$1900*

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Jordan (June 9 - 18): This team of 10 people will travel to Jordan to visit our ministry partners at Grace Iraqi Church. We will serve at a family summer camp hosted by Grace Iraqi Church and assist missionaries Jodi Miller and team during our stay in Jordan. *Cost: \$1900.*

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Malawi (June 28 - July 10): Grace Chapel's team of 14 will continue to partner with World Relief in the Mzimba district of Malawi. This summer the plan is to run a pastor's conference, a youth conference, and medical clinics. We are specifically looking for people with a medical background, including experience in pediatrics and infectious disease, and for people who would feel comfortable speaking at the youth conference for around 200 people. *Cost: \$1900.*

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Moldova (Last two weeks of August): This team will consist of deaf members and ASL interpreters. The group will work with the Jesus Savior Church Deaf Team and Moldovan interpreters to run a Vacation Bible School and an outreach ministry to children in the local communities around Chisinau and Cahul. This team will consist of 10 to 15 people. *Cost: \$1900.*

For more information contact Edward Shepard at bushep@rcn.com.

Modolva VBS (Late June to early July): This team of approximately 12 will partner with our sister church, Isus Salvatorul in Chisinau, to present a vacation Bible school program to the church's children as well as to the broader community. This group can consist of adults, college and high school age students. *Cost: \$1900*

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Nepal (Two trips: August, 2008 and January, 2009): This team seeks members with an interest and/or experience in education, business practices or healthcare, as well as those with experience teaching theology and pastoral skills. The goal of the team is to build collaborative work with five agencies: Bethel Church, Prison fellowship Nepal (PFN), National Churches Fellowship Nepal, Tansen Mission Hospital and NBCBS University student movement. Specifically, we will seek to strengthen business development programs; provide training and service for the Tansen teaching hospital and school of nursing; expand training with elementary school teachers in a new model school begun in January 2008; and solidify and build on a vocational guidance program for older children in the PFN home. We might also consider providing some theological education for pastors in training. *Cost: \$1900*

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Russian (July 31 - August 11): We will be partnering with the Holy Trinity Church (through RCCM - Russian Center for Church Multiplication), located in the city of Veronezh - Just south of Moscow. As in the past, this team will provide outreach support in spreading the Gospel throughout the community and help to encourage and buildup the church. In a city where alcoholism and drug use runs high, and hopelessness can be read on many faces on the streets, we engage the inner city youth through the use of sports, arts and crafts, skits and other creative means - forming relationships with the team, the church and ultimately, Christ. Through these relationships, we share the message of the Gospel and hope to bridge connections with the Holy Trinity Church where they can explore faith and find fellowship. If you have desire or calling to grow in, and serve Christ through short-term missions this summer, prayerfully consider applying to team Russia. "Again Jesus said, Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." - John 20:21 *Cost: \$1,900.*

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The Middle and High School Trips are closed and not taking new applicants.

Middle School

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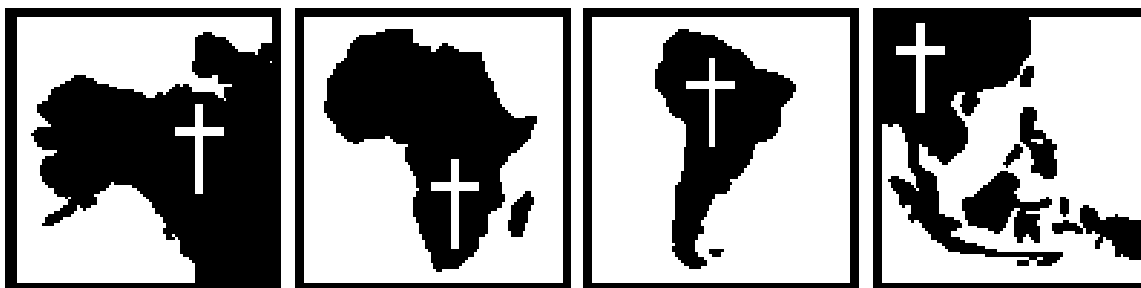
West Virginia (July 12 - 19) We are partnering with World Vision Appalachia to bring a team of students to the hills of West Virginia. Throughout the week we will be serving people in the area by doing various construction projects in and around their homes. Each student will also have the opportunity to be a part of a Vacation Bible School for children in the neighborhood where we'll be working. *This trip is not taking new applicants.*

Trinidad (June 27 - July 5) We will be traveling to the island of Trinidad to partner with Trinidad and Tobago Urban Ministries (TTUM). Our primary task is to present the Vacation Bible School curriculum we develop as a team to children at a nearby orphanage each morning. The afternoons will be spent doing various construction jobs on the campus of TTUM or visiting a number of ministries, such as a Boys Prison, a homeless shelter and AIDS orphanages. *This trip is not taking new applicants.*

High School

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Ensenda, Mexico (July 5 - 13) We will travel to Ensenada, Mexico, located 70 miles south of the US border. Our mission will be to develop and implement a Vacation Bible School at a local orphanage and village. In addition to the VBS, we will be involved in several build projects during the week. A big emphasis will be placed on building relationships with those who we are serving! Based on the number of accepted applicants, we will have two mission teams serving in separate locations in Mexico, and will regroup each day at one central-based camp. One location will be the orphanage we partnered with last year. The second location will be a new initiative. *This trip is not taking new applicants.*



For more information or to get an application, contact the trip leader of your trip of interest.

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