



Iowa Flood Disaster Relief

Project Information

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Wellington Student Ministry will be providing a mercy ministry opportunity for students who are currently in high school to Iowa City, Iowa. The dates of our project will be July 2-July 11, 2010. We will be working with Mission to North America (MNA), who is the Presbyterian Church in America's North American missions organization that does church planting, chaplain ministry in the military, short-term missions to depressed area, reaching foreign people living in the US, and disaster relief. Our job will be largely one of rebuilding homes damaged by the flood which have already been mucked out and approved for rebuilding by the oversight agencies on the ground in the disaster area. The purpose of the Iowa Flood Disaster Relief Trip is to open the eyes, hearts, and minds of our students as they learn about need, service, church planting, and missions as they compassionately give themselves away to others. We are looking to recruit a team of 24 people, 5 adult leaders and 19 students.

COST

The team of 24 will be responsible for raising \$21,500 to cover the cost of the project. This cost will cover training, transportation, meals, housing in the inner city, a T-shirt, support-raising materials, help defray the cost of interns. The financial need of our team will be met by contributions from the team members, their family and friends, and the WPC congregation. Each team member will need to be prepared to contribute \$400.

TRANSPORTATION

We will be traveling to Iowa City, Iowa (1450 miles from Wellington) in three vehicles, two 12-passenger vans and a mini-van. The vans will be used to transport our team to the ministry sites daily.

PROJECT PREPARATION

As you consider your involvement in this project it is necessary to understand that it is a 4-month commitment, beginning with the first preparation meeting and concluding with the project itself. In order to help students prepare for the project there will be nine preparation meetings. It is **critical** that team members make their attendance a priority. These meetings will be a time to unify 24 individuals into one team equally trained and focused on the same purpose. The sessions will provide critical information about the trip, safety, construction skills, problem-solving, mercy ministry in the life of a Christian, and what does it mean to truly serve on a short-term trip. Because of the importance of these meetings, each team member will be allowed only TWO absences which should be reserved for emergencies. The times for these meetings will be 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the dates listed below.

MISSIONS PROJECT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 25	Preparation meeting #1 Support-raising instructions and materials given out
Thursday, April 8	Preparation meeting #2 Hand out notebooks Trip training
Thursday, April 15	Preparation meeting #3
Thursday, April 29	Preparation meeting #4
Thursday, May 6	Preparation meeting #5
Thursday, May 13	Preparation meeting #6
Thursday, June 10	Preparation meeting #7
Thursday, June 17	Preparation meeting #8
Thursday, June 24	Preparation meeting #9
Friday, July 2	Depart for Iowa City, IA

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STEP 1: Missions trips are not for everyone. They are not intended to be a spiritual life quick fix. Reflect upon your spiritual life: Does your life and faith reflect this ministry work? Is this a natural step in your relationship with Christ or is it a leap?

STEP 2: Seek guidance through prayer, counsel from parents and other spiritually mature people who know you. This will help to clarify the Lord's leading in your life and your participation in a ministry work of this nature.

STEP 3: Check your calendar to be sure that you can attend all the necessary training meetings. Absences are designed to account for illnesses and family vacations. Missing more than two meetings will result in your forfeiting your place on the team regardless of support raised.

STEP 4: Determine that you can afford the deposit and are will to raising the remainder of the support. Please talk with your parents before making a commitment to the deposit and the raising of support. Everyone participating **MUST** raise support along with the rest of the team by sending the designated amount of letters.

STEP 5: Complete and return a signed application with a \$100 deposit by **Sunday, February 21** or until the trip fills. Applications will not be accepted without a deposit.

QUESTIONS

If you have any additional questions please call:

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