

Fusion Student Ministries
Mission Trip 2014
Application Packet

Return Checklist:

- Application: Complete with testimony.
- Copy of Insurance Card: Front and back on one page please.
- \$60 Deposit: *Non-refundable after Dec. 15th, 2013*

*Submit Application & Deposit no later than October 31st

Fusion Student Ministries PROJECT FACT SHEET

Milwaukee, WI

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP

June 15-21, 2014

Project Dates (including travel dates)

Sunday, October 31st, 2013

Commitment Deadline

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Community outreach center/ soup kitchen/ clothing drives

CHURCH PROJECT LEADERS: *Pastor Joel Heald*

PHONE NUMBERS: (815) 766-1650

FIELD / AGENCY LEADERS: Youth Works

DEPARTURE DATE: Sunday, June 15

DEPARTURE TIME: 10:00 AM

RETURN DATE: *To the Church* Saturday, June 21

RETURN TIME: *To the Church* 9:00 PM

TRAVEL DAYS: Sunday June 15 & 21

FIELD MINISTRY DAYS: Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20

TOTAL *ESTIMATED* COST: \$490 (does not include a potential “Fun day” activity)

Includes: All travel, lodging, and ministry costs from Flushing departure until return. Includes all food while on the Mission field. Not included are personal spending on the field for gifts and personal items.

Costs are subject to change, but final costs will be established by 12/8/13

Breakdown: 270 Agency Fee | 75 Travel | 45 Travel Meals | 10 Scheduled Activities | 20 Additional Meals | 15 Shirt | 40 Adult Cost | 15 Pre & Post Trip Training

PRE/POST TRIP TRAINING: There will be 4 mandatory training sessions both before the mission trip, and 3 post-trip meetings. All students and adults attending will need to come to these training times. These are vital to the success of our trip, and to the lasting impact that we will leave on the people that we minister to.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

<u>\$60</u> (<i>non-refundable after Dec. 15</i>)	<u>Sunday, October 13, 2013</u>
<u>\$300</u> (<i>non-refundable</i>)	<u>Sunday, February 23, 2014</u>
<u>\$Balance</u> (<i>non-refundable</i>)	<u>Sunday, April 27, 2014</u>

INFORMATION PACKET

MISSION TRIP 2014

Milwaukee, WI | June 15-21, 2014

APPLICATIONS: Applications and \$60 deposit are due no later than October 31st.
Insurance & Additional Information packet due March 30th (distrib. Feb 2014)

FIRST MEETING: November 3rd at 9am in Room A

TRAINING MEETING DATES: Meetings are mandatory in order to go on the trip. More than one absence will require extra work for the student. Participants will be notified if there will be a meeting date change.

Date	Time	Location
November 3 rd	9:30am	Room A *PARENTS ATTEND (Info Meeting)
December 1 st	9am	Room A (Training #1)
February 9 th	9am	Room A (Training #2)
March 30 th	9am	Room A (Training #3) <i>(Insurance Packet Due)</i>
May 4 th	9am	Room A (Training #4)
May 18 th	9am	Room A *Make-Up session
June 8 th	9:30am	Room A *PARENTS ATTEND (Info Meeting)

POST TRIP MEETING DATES: Meetings are mandatory for all participants. These times will be used to explore how we participate in mission in our day-to-day lives. Participants will be notified if there will be a meeting date change.

Date	Time	Location
June 29 th	9am	Room A
July 10 th	9am	Room A
Aug 17 th	9am	Room A

APPLICATIONS, PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS, MEDICAL

INFORMATION: Remember this information has to be turned in ASAP to Pastor Joel or the Church Office. The initial application and deposit are due no later than Oct. 31st. After December 15th, the deposit is no longer deductible.

In February 2014 all participants will receive a second packet of forms and information provided by YouthWorks, and all appropriate paperwork must be returned by March 30th. Copies of your insurance card must be turned in to the office no later than March 30th. The team leader, Pastor Joel, will be responsible for this information.

COST OF THE TRIP:

The current cost of the trip is **\$490**, All travel, lodging, and ministry costs from Flushing departure until return. Includes all food while on the trip. *Currently not included is the cost of the Fun Day event*, which will be determined by the group after registration is closed. Estimated additional cost ranges from \$20-\$70. Final cost will be determined by December 8th, 2013.

PAYMENT: \$60 due by October 31st along with the application packet, \$300 due by February 23rd; and remaining balance is due April 27th.

* Deposit is non-refundable after December 15th, 2013.

*Please make the checks payable to Flushing Community Church and send them to:

PO 264

Flushing, MI 48433

*Please see the *Mission Trip Support Raising* section of the application for more information about sending out letters.

HOST ORGANIZATION: YouthWorks has been leading mission trips for 20 years. Each summer YouthWorks provides life-changing Christ-centered mission trips for over 30,000 students and adult leaders in over 70 communities across North America. They seek to listen to local ministry partners as they return to the same communities year after year. Their on-site staff works to buy food, find housing, plan programming, set up service sites, create countless resources and do much more – so leaders can focus on relationships. Their goal is to support churches' ministry.

For more information visit www.youthworks.com/about-us/

MILWAUKEE: The Milwaukee area was originally inhabited by Native American tribes. French missionaries and traders first passed through the area in the late 17th and 18th centuries. In 1785, Alexis Laframboise became the first European descent resident of the Milwaukee region. The word "Milwaukee" may come from the Potawatomi language *minwaking* "Gathering place [by the water]". The city of Milwaukee has a tradition of strong family values and rich ethnic heritage. It's a hardworking community that is consciously reaching out to help meet the needs of those who are struggling. Milwaukee is known for its cleanliness, safety, the scenic RiverWalk that is full of restaurants and shops, and the Milwaukee Art Museum.

CLIMATE: As a part of the Midwest, the climate of Milwaukee, WI during our trip will be very similar to Flushing, MI. Expect daytime weather of mid-50s with cool evenings.

DRESS CODE: We need you to help us stay above reproach in all areas of dress. Please help us rise above personal preferences to overcome any perception problems that can occur in a cross-culture ministry.

Please dress modestly at all times. We want you to be comfortable. A team shirt will be provided. You should have comfortable shoes for the ministry days. Wear tennis shoes. Do not bring excessive jewelry that could be a target for theft on the streets.

GIRLS: No short dresses, skirts, shorts. No shirts that reveal the stomach or cleavage. No tight clothing. **BOYS:** No inappropriate words or images on clothing. Please do not bring cut offs t-shirts that expose your armpits or sides (i.e. don't dress like a baller)

CHURCH & YOUTH GROUP ATTENDANCE: In order for our Mission Trip to reach its full potential it is important that we take the time to invest in ourselves and in each other, both socially and spiritually. We are working together to build a team, and teams must spend time together. It is strongly encouraged that you make Sunday AM attendance a priority, as well as regular Youth Group meetings. While outside schedules can conflict please do your best to make this trip, and its lasting impact, a priority on your calendar.

HOUSING: We will be sleeping at a local church during our time in Milwaukee. Please bring a sleeping bag and appropriate bedding. We will find out if air mattresses are allowed. It is also possible that we will travel to a different site in order to shower, so please plan appropriately by packing all toiletries in an easily portable package.

ITEMS TO BRING:

You will receive a comprehensive list at the team meeting on May 4th

Bible, pen, notebook

Personal toiletry items

Shower shoes

Bathing suit (one piece only)

Necessary medications

Dirty clothing bag

Sunscreen

GOOD ATTITUDE! Flexibility is a must!

LUGGAGE & PACKING: Please be aware that our vehicle space is limited, and all participants should plan on packing only 1 bag in addition to a “carry on” if they desire. Sleeping bags must be rolled/bound securely along with the pillow.

MEALS: All cost for the meal on the travel days is built into the total cost, and students will receive their money when we stop for the meal. While on site in Milwaukee, WI the meals will be provided by the summer staff of YouthWorks. We will most likely be participating in the preparation and cleanup, and packing sack lunches on each workday. For our return trip home we will be stopping in Chicago, IL to eat pizza at the famous Gino’s East.

MONEY / GIFTS: Personal gifts and souvenirs can be bought, but remember you have to carry them home. We suggest you bring cash, unless you will carry a large amount of money.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: The medical information form will be included in the *Insurance & Additional Information Packet* distributed in February 2014. In addition to this packet, we need a copy of your medical insurance card turned in by March 30th.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: You will have the opportunity to serve alongside some great organizations that are working to support the Milwaukee community. Two examples of these partners are Adullum Outreach, an all-encompassing community center, and Scott Christian Community Center, which houses a food pantry and clothing give-away service. You will also serve at elderly care centers and a soup kitchen. In the evenings you will have the opportunity to participate in a church service, go to the beach of Lake Michigan, meet and learn from Raymond, a community friend who works with teens growing up in the inner city and adults in Milwaukee, and share a meal with the community at Adullum.

PRAYER PARTNERS: It is highly recommended that each student and adult on the team assemble a group of prayer partners. These are people that are not going on the trip but will commit to pray faithfully for the trip.

TEAM GUIDELINES

- BE ON TIME at all times. Know where you are to be, and be there 5 minutes early.
- Enjoy the city and the people. Be open to all God wants to do in your life.
- Group assignments will be given each day and you must stay with that group at all times.
- If you are uncertain about the food, please take a small portion, and then have more if you desire. DO NOT complain about the food. If you have a diet problem, please see the team leader.
- No guys or girls in each other's room.
- Remember to follow the dress guidelines.
- Music can be an area that is easily misunderstood or can offend. It is recommended that you not bring iPods or Mp3 players as they may present a potential problem. These can be easily lost, stolen, or broken.
- Always be cautious and polite. Show your gratitude to all the staff and student leaders.
- No horse playing or tricks in the housing areas that may cause damage or hurt feelings.
- NO PDA (public display of affection between couples)
- Be involved; stay involved in all activities and ministry.
- Remember your TEAM COVENANT and respect the decisions made for the benefit of the whole group and ministry effort.

CELL PHONE USE: Students will be allowed to carry their cell phones with them, but must follow guidelines or risk losing their phone for the day or week. Cell phones must never be out or used during worship services or discussion times (even for checking the time). While we recognize the potential benefits of utilizing social media, please refrain from taking excessive pictures or sending SMS, MMS, Texts, Snapchats, Kicks, or anything else that is invented between now and then. If an adult leader observes that a cell phone or electronic device is a distraction for a student, and is hindering their ability to fully participate and minister to those around them, it could be confiscated during the day.

All of these procedures are subject to change by YouthWorks policies, the decision of Pastor Joel, or the collective decision of the Mission Trip team.

TIME: Milwaukee is 1 hour behind E.S.T.

PRAYER SUPPORT & FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY

If an individual cannot pay for their trip, the most effective proven method to raise individual funds is to write a letter for distribution to friends, co-workers and church members. Professional fund-raisers for large organizations will tell you that people will give to people they know. Potential contributors are happy to have the opportunity to invest in someone they know personally or an endeavor they care about. God's Word promises us that He will supply our every need.

Prepare the List

We recommend sending no more than least 25% of your letters to attendees of Flushing Community Church.

Friends, relatives, Christian contacts, non-Christians that God may open a door to witness to through this process. It is important to seek help outside of the local church body for two reasons: to include a broader community participating and giving to ministry; to not "tap out" our church community through fundraising.

NOTE: We do encourage you to be the first person to invest in your project. Consider how God would have you to financially invest in it.

Compose the Letter

You are asking people to support the ministry of Flushing Community Church & Fusion Student Ministries. If you are asking for financial contributions, you are asking them to help with the cost that you will incur by conducting the ministry (transportation, meals while on the field, ministry expenses, etc.) Some sources suggest that a common testimony for team members is that while they were initially put off by the idea of sending support letters, the experience turned out to be a highlight of the entire trip.

The following guidelines will help you in writing your support letter:

- There are two types of letters:
 - 1) A letter sent out asking for prayer support only (if you are paying your own way)
 - 2) A letter sent out asking for prayer and financial support
- Compose your own letter. It is unwise to copy from a sample letter. The last thing a donor wants to receive is four copies of the same letter with four different signatures. People prefer to read a personal letter.
- Include the following information in the letter:
 - 1) Information about the city/culture you are traveling to.
 - 2) Information about the sending organization (the church) and the hosting organization (the agency or national church)
 - 3) Description of what the team will be doing (why the team is doing this particular project)
 - 4) The cost of the trip (the same for each individual team member)
 - 5) You may want to recommend a giving amount (\$10, \$25, \$50)
 - 6) Why you want to be involved on the trip (reasons for going that you feel strongest about)
 - 7) How you would like the reader to be involved (prayer, financial, both)
 - 8) All checks must be payable to **[Flushing Community Church]**
 - 9) Mail the check to you (the team member)
 - 10) The date you need the money
 - 11) Contributors are not to write on the memo line of the check
- Include a response slip for them to send to you.
- Keep the letter brief (one page).

** See sample of support letter in next page.

Send the Letter

Make sure you include the following in the envelope:

- Support letter and response slip.
- **Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope.**

****[your church name]** does not supply postage, envelopes, or copies of letters.

Follow-up

It is the team member's responsibility to keep accurate records of who has supported them and at what amount. Please send all of your supporters a personal card or note for their gift, support or prayer. Fusion Student Ministries will do a church wide recap of the project after it is completed however, if you have supporters from outside of the church it is a good idea to get a copy of the recap flyer and distribute to them.

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

Dear _____

One of the things I believe we take for granted more than anything else in our lives is the invitation that God has given us, through Jesus Christ, to have a personal relationship with Him. It's sad to say that we even as believers often forfeit our personal time with God for the many details in our day; the same details that we so desperately need Him to work in. I cannot help but think as God is calling me even now to a greater intimacy in my relationship with Him, that there are many in this world who have yet to hear the Truth about the Real, True, Living God who created them and who loves them and desires a personal relationship with them. This upcoming June I am blessed with the opportunity to do just that, to take God's Truth with a team of 10 others where it has yet to be taken.

In July of 2001 God blessed me with the opportunity to go to the ends of the earth to the city of Makassar and to a small island called Bone Tambune, which are both located in the island country of Indonesia. Two facts about this country pierced my heart and have filled my prayers ever since. First, is the unbelievable amount of people who have yet to hear the Truth about Jesus Christ. With over 180 million out of their total 210 million inhabitants being Muslim, Indonesia stands alone as the world's largest Islamic nation. In fact, Makassar, Indonesia's major port-city of over 2.5 million people has no more than 500 known believers in Jesus Christ. But more than anything else, what I found to be most astounding is the fact that there has been little to no response to this great need by those of us that do believe.

This upcoming June 20th – 30th God has blessed me and a team of others with the opportunity and the honor once again of taking His Truth to the people of Indonesia. During our trip we will be working closely with believers in the city of Makassar whose ministry focuses on touching the least of these with the love of Jesus Christ; whether it be street kids, prostitutes, or lepers. Our desire is to come alongside these believers in showing God's love to those who have yet to hear or receive it. One of our other main focuses as a team is to be an encouragement to the believers we are blessed with the opportunity to work with. Daily these believers live as a minority in an area heavily populated by Muslims and often they face the very real fear of extreme persecution for what they believe.

Just as God has pierced and continues to pierce my heart for the great need in Indonesia, I am praying as I send out these letters that God would begin to touch your heart as well, so that you will be included in what God wants to do and is doing in the islands of Indonesia. The first and most important way I want to challenge you to be included is through your prayers. Pray for the continued wisdom, encouragement, focus, and faith of believers in Indonesia. Pray that God would reveal His Truth and soften the hearts of the many unbelievers there. Pray that God would prepare our team to be used and that we will walk away changed. Secondly, if you are able, I challenge you to be included financially. Each person on our team is raising \$2100, by the end of May, to go on this trip, so prayerfully consider how you might be involved in helping send us and God's love to the ends of the earth. I am already looking forward to seeing how God is going to touch many lives including our own through this trip.

Pursuing God,

Tom Creagh

*****(You Should Include A Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope In Each Support Letter You Send)**



(Please cut this slip and return in the envelope provided ~~ Thank you!)

Name _____ **Email address** _____

_____ I will be one of your prayer partners and commit to pray for you weekly before the project and daily during it.

_____ I will financially support you with a gift of \$ _____ By: check _____ on line contribution: _____

SAMPLE FOLLOW UP LETTER

Dear _____

WOW! The week in the Dominican was amazing! God taught me so much through this trip, my team, and the people we ministered to. Through the busy week we had God taught many incredible lessons that I want to share with you. One thing God taught me was that not only are our words a witness about Christ but also our actions. One thing one of my team members stated was, "We witnessed to over 1,000 people and over 200 came to know Jesus. Now that's amazing that we're going to see these 200 people in heaven but what if we saw the whole 1,000 people in heaven because of what we did this week. Now that would be incredible!" Another thing I was taught was brokenness for the lost and those who rejected Christ. When we were talking to people and presented the Gospel and asked them if they wanted to accept Jesus as their Savior and they said no then we asked them why. Most of the time they answered I'm not ready now. Then we explained that if they died that day they would go to hell and that Jesus could save them from that. They said they understood that perfectly but they just weren't ready. Over those people I shed my tears. I just couldn't comprehend why they were rejecting Jesus. Then one of our leaders Davin told me, "You did your job Shannon. You presented them the Gospel in a way that they understood. It's not your job to make a decision for them, only to present the Gospel. It's their choice not yours." One last thing I want to share with you is the boldness God has given. Down in the Dominican I would just go up to random people I saw and just start sharing the EvangeCube with them, but here in the US I can't even share that with people I know. Since I've been back I've noticed that I am bolder to start talking to people about Jesus. The Lord really used me down in the Dominican Republic and from the changes in my life that were brought on by that trip the Lord will use me to impact my school and my community all because you helped support me. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for your financial and prayer support. Without either one of those things this trip would not have been possible. May the Lord bless you and your family for blessing and changing my life! Now, I want to share with you what we did while down in the Dominican.

Saturday –Arrival in the Dominican Republic. **Sunday**-We had church service and a tour of the facilities in the morning and afternoon. At night our big team split into our small teams and went to local churches. My team went to a church where we took the kids out of service and did a Bible club for them. We taught them songs, acted out the story of Samuel, preached the gospel, and made a craft with them. It was fun being able to hang out with kids and just love on them. That night we had 23 kids. **Monday**-My team went back to the church we were at Sunday night. That morning we went door-to-door evangelizing. After lunch we held a Bible Club where the story of Adam & Eve was taught. We had about 175 people; 145 of those being kids. **Tuesday**-This day our team went to a different church in the area. This day was exactly like Monday except we had 350 kids when we were expecting about 50-60 kids. It was amazing to see the kids just keep coming and coming and coming to see what we were doing. We taught Jesus' life story that day and presented the Gospel to the kids. **Wednesday**-Today was different than the other days. In the morning and in the afternoon we went door-to-door and had a Bible Club. At the morning Bible Club we had 80-100 kids and in the afternoon we had 10-15 kids. (That afternoon we went to a richer part of the Dominican Republic.) **Thursday**-That morning we went to a different part of the city we were in Monday and Tuesday. We went door-to-door here and did another Bible Club. Here we taught the story of Creation. We got to play games and do crafts with about 50 kids. That afternoon we got a chance to go to a school and go to 9 different classes and teach the story of Noah's Ark. We probably talked to 150 kids that afternoon. **Friday**-Free day at Catalina Island! We went snorkeling and got a chance to do some shopping. It was a fun day of relaxation after a week of fun work. **Saturday**-Travel home.
~At all the Bible Clubs we taught songs, Bible verses, and made a craft that coincided with each story.~

Please keep the Dominicans and me in your prayers.

Love always in Christ Jesus,
Shannon Johnson

MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

PARTICIPANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of participant: _____ Gender: () Male () Female
Address: _____ Telephone: _____
Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____
Email _____

PARTICIPANT MEDICAL INFORMATION

How would you describe your present health? () Excellent () Good () Average () Poor
Please state any major illness(es) you have had in the last five years _____

Are you presently under the care of a physician? () Yes () No If yes, please explain _____

Please list any medication you are taking _____

Please list any allergies you have _____
Please explain any physical challenges that you may face on this ministry trip _____

Emergency contact: _____ Telephone: (day) _____ (night) _____

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The training meetings for this mission project are critical for the spiritual unity and physical preparation of the entire team. The participant commits to faithfully attend all meetings at the scheduled times. Unless an arranged absence, for an unavoidable and significant reason, is scheduled previously with Pastor Joel Heald, I will be required to do make-up work for any meeting missed. While on the trip the participant is accepted to abide by the *Team Guidelines* as described in the information packet, in addition to any guidelines presented by YouthWorks or any other hosting organizations. All participants will be expected to fully participate in all activities, including ministry, games, discussion times, and worship. Each morning students will spend time in prayer and personal devotion. Appropriate materials will be made available.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/guardian: _____
(name) (signature)

TESTIMONY

What do you understand the purpose of mission projects to be?

Why do you want to attend the 2014 Mission Trip with Fusion Student Ministries?

How and when did you come to know Jesus as your Savior?

In what areas of your life have you seen spiritual growth over the last year?

Is this your first mission trip? If not, please list all previous experiences.

How do you think you might be challenged beyond your comfort zone on this trip?

What are your expectations for this trip? How do you hope to grow as a result of your participation?
