

Mission Trip Informational Meeting

October 20, 2009

When: June 3-9, 2010

Where: Waco, Texas

Who: Passion Missions (Melissa Russell and LCMS church in the area)

What: See Waco Information sheet

How: With God's help and many training sessions. We have monthly preparation trainings beginning on **November 15 after the 11:00 service till 2:00 (bring a sack lunch)**. The sessions are more preparation than training. We try to prepare the teams for unexpected challenges and dealing with conflict, while helping them to grow in the practice of prayer, articulating their faith, and speaking to new people. We will focus on team building, breaking down cliques, and flexibility. **There will be homework with the sessions!** The trainings are heavily focused on spiritual preparation. The other dates for training sessions are:

December 6

Lasagna dinner December 16

January 10

February 7

March 7

April 11

May 16

All of these will take place on **Sundays after the 11:00 service. We will either go till 2:00 or 2:30** (I will let you know in advance) and the ones closer to the trip may be extended further.

Other sessions may be added! We will either order food or eat sack lunches. I will let you know ahead of time.

Adult Leadership: There is an application process for all adults wishing to serve as leaders on the mission trip. There will be no more than 1 adult for every 4 youth. It is important for the youth to have ownership of their team and to have the opportunity to grow as leaders. The adult leaders are expected to attend all training sessions as well.

Can friends go? Yes, if they attend KREED or Sunday School regularly or if they worship at Bethany. They are also expected to attend all training sessions.

Payment required: \$200. **The first payment for \$100 is due on November 15th** with the completed applicant form. The second payment of \$100 is due on March 21st

Fundraising: There will be one large fundraiser for the middle school and senior high mission trips. It is a golf tournament in September of '10. Parent help is needed. There will also be two dinners (one for advent, one for lent). The first dinner is **December 16 at 5:30**. Youth will need to arrive as close to 4:00 as possible. We will need parents to make lasagna, salads, and garlic bread. The youth will dress nice and help serve. There will also be a bio about each participant so that the people of Bethany can see who is serving on the mission trip. We will do chili for the lent dinner.

Scholarship Funds: Finances should never prevent a youth from participating. If you have a need for a scholarship, please talk to Kim.