

Michigan District Student Ministry Summer Mission 2011

June 25- July 3

Costa Rica, Central America

This summer we will be traveling to northern Costa Rica. Our ministry will involve:

- 1) Door to Door Evangelism/Distribution.
- 2) Prayer Walks
- 3) Construction (manual labor).
- 4) Sports Evangelism (soccer & volleyball).
- 5) Vacation Bible School.
- 6) Open Air Services.

This trip is designed for students entering 9th grade next fall and older including, college age students who will have the option to go as interns. Pray about this trip and then, if that's *a go*, sign up for an interview with your Youth Pastor/Leader in January. The total cost is approximately \$1,600 per person. A \$75.00 deposit is due as soon as you know you'd like to go (no later than January 31, 2011). The deposit reserves your spot and indicates that you are committed to our team. It also sets in motion reservations of plane tickets, housing arrangements, food purchases etc. We will be partnering with A.I.M. (Adventures In Missions) with whom our trip leader, Pastor Jeff Bridell, has previously gone to Mexico on a short term mission's trip. AIM's registration is entirely online. **Please go to the following web address to register: <http://www.adventures.org/apply/index.asp?guid=39D83DDF15>**

Other Information

I. Payment Schedule

- ASAP \$75.00 non-refundable deposit is due.
- March 2 \$500.00 more is due.
- April 20 \$550.00 more is due.
- May 25 \$475.00 final payment is due
- May 25 \$1,600 total must be in.

II. Fundraising Guidelines

- Each student is required to individually raise his/her \$1600. Money will be turned in and kept in a special account with the district. Please inform your Youth Pastor/Leader of all monies collected for his information and for the District record keeping. Payments should be made to

your Missionary Church. Then your church should forward the monies in one check to the Michigan District of the Missionary Church.

- Each student is required to send (via mail) **at least 30 prayer/financial support letters** by February 1, 2011. A sample letter is attached.
- I strongly recommend group fundraisers (i.e. silent auction, spaghetti dinner, car washes, servant auction, etc...) Money from these fundraisers will go toward your church's total goal of \$1,600 x the number of students you have going.

III. Student Requirements

1. Be a Christian who is serious about his or her faith, daily striving to be Christ-like and pleasing to God.
2. Pray about your decision to go and sense that it is what God wants you to do.
3. Have your parents/guardians support.
4. Have completed at least 8th grade. This trip is for senior high and college-age students.
5. Be interviewed by their Youth Pastor/Leader and pass the interview.
6. Be willing to raise \$1,600 in financial support. You are personally responsible for raising this support through personal finances (a \$500 maximum per person/family), church fundraisers, and support letters.
7. Be committed to receiving training at the mandatory District evangelism training day (2 or 3 sessions).
8. Be committed to attending missions team meetings for the next six months and be willing to focus on learning while at the meetings.
9. Commit yourself to learning conversational Spanish and even Spanish worship songs.
10. Let God stretch and mold you in new and sometimes difficult ways.
11. Be willing to obey the rules and the leaders who enforce them, serve the Costa Rican people, and trust God to meet your needs.
12. Be focused on what God wants. This is not a time for dating or exclusive friendships. We are building relationships with the Costa Rican people.
13. Be enthusiastic and thankful in your attitude.
14. Obtain a Passport for traveling to Costa Rica. (You will need a birth certificate first.)
15. Find two prayer partners, outside of your immediate family, to pray for you from now until the end of the trip. 1) _____ 2) _____
16. Memorize the Roman Road and be prepared to share it orally without notes.
17. Write out your personal testimony and be prepared & willing to share it orally before, during and after the trip.

Missions Support Letter Sample

Dear Aunt Sally,

Hello from your favorite nephew Jeff! How are you? I hope your tomato garden is growing well. Did you try that Miracle Grow? I hear it works great.

Well, the reason I'm writing you is that my church youth group is going on a missions trip to Costa Rica, Central America this June 25-July 3, 2011. Costa Rica is north of Panama in Central America. We will be working with local churches in reaching their community doing a variety of ministries:

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- 3) Construction (manual labor).
- 4) Sports evangelism (soccer & volleyball).
- 5) Vacation Bible School.
- 6) Open air services.

The group we are going with is called AIM (Adventures In Missions). They will train us and set up all the ministry. We will do the work.

I am looking for prayer and financial support. Our major prayer needs are for the safety and health of our team, overcoming cultural barriers, open hearts of the Costa Rican people, courage, effective ministry, and personal growth of each team member. Would you please pray for my team and me?

Each of us needs to raise a total of \$1,600. The plane tickets are a big part of the cost at \$650-\$875 of the total, but site preparation, food and ground transportation accounts for the remaining cost. I would greatly appreciate any help you could give. If you are able, please send your tax deductible gift by February 23, 2011. Checks can be written to Your Missionary Church Name here. If you have any questions or just want to talk to me about the trip more, call me @ 248-953-3546.

May your tomatoes grow more round than the barn! I'll see you at the family reunion in August.

Your Nephew,
Jeff Bridell

Roman's Road

(Memorize word perfect)

Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 10:9, 10

“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

Romans 12:2

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”