

Birmingham, Alabama

When: Thursday, July 8 - Sunday, July 18, 2010

Cost: \$750 - grades 9th-12th

Commitment: Participation in fundraising efforts, monthly meetings, and post-event worship service (see commitment card for more details)

Trip Leaders: Reggie & Karlee Nichols, Jeremy & Toni Groff, and Kyle & Amanda Henderson

During this mission opportunity, students will leave the ARC Campus early morning on Thursday, July 8, and will drive to Louisville, Kentucky to spend the night. On Friday, July 9, the students will arrive in Birmingham in the early afternoon. They will experience the Civil Rights Museum later that evening. On Saturday, July 10, they will be involved in ministry within the city and Sunday, July 11, will experience a worship service during the morning and actually conduct a service for a student ministry during the evening. Monday morning, July 12, the students will be exposed to a church plant in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama area and will then travel back into Birmingham to begin M-FUGE that afternoon. M-FUGE has highly trained staffers who will facilitate the planning for us each day. We will get to invest our time and energy into a variety of mission projects over the week (children's ministry, games and recreation ministries, social ministries, creative ministries or painting, construction, and yard work). During the day the students will be challenged and stretched as individuals; in the evenings, they will have an opportunity to build group unity over dinner, worship, fellowship and church group devotions.



Dominican Republic



When: Saturday, July 17 - Sunday, July 25, 2010

Cost: \$1450 - grades 11th-12th (and underclassmen if space allows)

Commitment: Participation in fundraising efforts, monthly meetings, and post-event worship service (see commitment card for more details)

Trip Leaders: Bob & Marilyn Mack

The Dominican Republic Mission Team will leave Rochester early, Saturday, July 17, and arrive in Santa Domingo that evening. On Sunday, July 18, our students will experience attending a Dominican church service in the morning. Later that day, they will begin their ministry in villages surrounding Santa Domingo using puppets, mimes, Spanish songs, faith stories and crafts to convey the message of God's love to the Dominican Nationals. Beginning on Monday, the students' mornings will begin with the building of wall and roof panels for the chapel that will be assembled later in the week. In the afternoon, they will be exposed to some Dominican culture such as touring the oldest church in the western hemisphere, experiencing a "market" where bartering is a way of doing business, or other cultural experiences. In the late afternoon or evening, the students will again share the Gospel through their ministry in a different village each day. On one of the last days there, they will load up the chapel panels that were built throughout the week and go out to a village that was chosen specifically for our group. The congregation in that village has no church building and we will erect the chapel panels into a place where the Dominicans can worship God for years to come. The last day in the DR we will go to a resort where we can relax and reflect on the week, spend time relating our trip experiences to Rochester, and understand how we can continue to love on people and show them God's love in specific ways once we are home. During this trip, the students will build relationships with each other, the Dominicans, and especially build a deeper relationship with God. They will serve with their hands by building a chapel for a congregation that has no money to build any building of their own. They will serve with their hearts by learning to love the Dominicans and serving them in many different ways. They will learn to depend on God in ways they would not be exposed to at home in Rochester.