



Vision For Youth's
"New Hope" Short-Term
Missions Trips
2012 Information Packet



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Dear New Hope Participants,

The staff at Vision For Youth is getting excited about the summer ministry that will soon be upon us! We are praying for you and the ministry we will be doing together.

Here is some information that will help you get farther along in your planning for the summer. There are instructions, procedures, rules and liability forms - and other important details!

Thanks for considering this mission's trip. Continue praying and working toward the city!

The Lord always has something unusual waiting for us there. I'm confident that it will be life changing for you and your students!

Please feel free to call or write when you have questions. I'll try and help as much as possible.

Blessings!!

Don Jackson
(Psalm 139)



2012 New Hope Fact Sheet

If you've spent any time at all downtown in any of this country's largest cities, you will certainly agree with us that these areas are a large and very needy mission field! That's why we have made the commitment to lead short-term youth mission trips into some of America's large inner-cities. We will participate in inner-city and cross-cultural evangelism and ministry. Our goal is to serve alongside of God's people in some of America's large inner cities, seeing the Lord work in lives, and encouraging students to hear His call for full time ministry - perhaps in some of the big cities right here in the United States.

We will concentrate on training and evangelism with an inner-city and cross-cultural emphasis. More specifically, we will work with Straight Street Ministries in Roanoke, VA, Cross-Community Baptist Church in New York City (along with other local churches in Queens, Staten Island, and Manhattan), Inner-City Impact in the Humboldt Park and Cicero sections of Chicago, and Inner-City Missions and Urban Hope, along with the city's park district in the north end of Philadelphia. Our plan is to gather each morning for corporate prayer and to end each day with a time of worship and a practical and relevant message from God's Word. Each day we'll leave the hotel as a group and head into our assigned neighborhoods in the cities for our daily outreach activities – which will be planned and organized by our host missionaries and the VFY staff. These trips will give your group true cross-cultural experiences without necessarily leaving our country.

When? Roanoke, VA- May 20-26 (College/Young Adult); Philadelphia- June 24-30; Chicago– July 1-7; New York City– July 15-21; Berlin- July 29-August 4 (College/Young Adult/Leadership level teens)

Individual Price: \$525, includes lodging, 2 meals per day, banquet with authentic city food, the evening Bible conference, New Hope T-shirt, training and ministry opportunities in the cities.

Lodging: Our groups will be utilizing safe and secure hotels in key areas of each city for our housing needs and as the base of our ministry operations. (Holiday Inn Express in Roanoke, VA; Howard Johnson's Queens in NYC; Sheraton Four Points O'Hare in Chicago; and the City Line Crowne Plaza in Philadelphia.) The cost for each trip is based on 4 people per room – church groups will be responsible for rooms used based upon 4 people in each room.

Transportation: Each church is responsible for the transportation of your group – both to and from the cities and daily travel to and from the ministry sites within the city. If your group is flying – let us know right away and we'll help you make arrangements to get your group from the airport to our hotel. However, each group will need to make their own travel arrangements while in the cities.

Personnel: Vision For Youth staff members and representatives along with adult youth leaders from participating churches will supervise the week's program and activities. They will also speak in the evening Bible conference sessions. Missionaries and pastors from the cities will provide instruction, guidance, and training in culturally-relevant and effective ways.

Prayer: Prayer support is one of the most important aspects of New Hope Student Ministry. We are praying for you specifically – and each day in the city will begin with a time of intensive prayer.

Please recruit a team of prayer warriors back home as well. We'll endeavor to find ways to send prayer requests and answers to prayer to your home churches throughout the week we are in the city.

Flexibility: The key to ministry success for inner-city ministry is flexibility! We will plan and pray much – plus, we'll do whatever we can to communicate the specific details of our time in the city. However, probably the most important personal characteristic of effective ministry will be personal flexibility. Inner-city ministry requires daily flexibility. Please share this principle with your students, youth workers, and parents! Each day in the city will be different. Flexibility is a must. Factors in the inner-city change often. These factors include: the weather, transportation, health, neighborhood circumstances, and many, many other matters. It will be exciting to see what God is going to do in and through our lives. We want to be servants – and we must have good attitudes. We'll do whatever we can to help. If that is our attitude (“I'll do anything”) – then our week will be a success. God will bless and lead – no matter what sort of “urban time” changes we encounter.

Evangelistic Principles in the City:

- ✓ Make sure that each person knows how to share the Gospel. Work on that with your students ahead of time. (For instance, this could be the Roman's Road, the Wordless Book, Evangelism Explosion, etc.) Each person needs to be confident in their ability to share their faith in Christ!
- ✓ Be careful of terminology. Teach your group to share Biblical truth without using “Christian” lingo.
- ✓ Be careful not to “talk someone into” salvation. Be careful of intimidation or coercive methods.
- ✓ Stay away from personal questions to children in the city. External items (hair styles, braids, tattoos, colors, etc.) could be gang signs. Plus, the kids' family members could be in gangs, in prison, or their whereabouts unknown.
- ✓ Make sure that each person brings a pocket-sized New Testament to use during the week – they should also be prepared to give away their New Testament to someone they witness to.
- ✓ Each person should be prepared to give his or her own testimony in a public setting.
- ✓ Each person should also be prepared to teach a simple Bible lesson (with a strong & clear Gospel message) for others – especially in a VBS-type or children's Bible club format. Plan on bringing your own visual aids and other necessary communication materials.
- ✓ Sidewalk chalk, face paint, nail polish, “Wordless Book” bracelets, tracts, copies of the Gospel of John are examples of tools used with success on past trips.

VFY New Hope Core Values & Key Ingredients:

Vision For Youth's missions trips feature the following characteristics:

- ✓ Strong local church emphasis – we work with churches & ministries in the city - and we work as a conduit for church youth groups who desire an inner-city outreach experience for their students;
- ✓ Our trips provide creative and culturally-relevant means of evangelism – students must be prepared to share their faith with others;
- ✓ We offer a unified team approach to ministry – VFY takes church youth groups into an inner-city setting to work under the leadership of an established local ministry;
- ✓ Our trips include strong Bible preaching in the form of a daily Bible conference, daily student-led worship, and life-changing evangelistic experiences.

Financial Information & Deadlines:

- **Reminder: the total price per person is \$525**
- **January 20th – A deposit of \$200 per church is due to Vision For Youth. This deposit holds space on the team for your church group. (All deposits are applied to the total amount due.)**
- **March 23rd - \$200 per person is due to VFY. This secures housing and meals for a specific number of people from your group.**
- **May 25th – A complete room list (4 persons per room), along with t-shirt sizes for your group (adults and students), is due to VFY. (The hotels require this list for room check-in and registration.) E-mail t-shirt sizes to VFY (donj.vfy@gmail.com) before May 25th!**

The remaining amount of money is due to VFY upon arrival. (Each church must bring a church check (payable to Vision For Youth) with the balance due - or must make prior arrangements with VFY!)

Permission / Liability Forms:

Permission & liability forms for each person are required. Make 2 photocopies of the attached forms for each person attending *New Hope*. Each church is required to bring 2 copies of the signed permission and liability forms for each person. Bring those copies with you when you arrive on site on Sunday afternoon. (You will keep 1 copy with you, and one copy will be given to VFY. This way, a copy of the emergency forms will always be available for the participants.)

- ✓ Each person is also responsible for his or her own health insurance. (Group leaders must bring a photocopy of each person's health insurance card.)
- ✓ Also, make sure that each group member is healthy enough for daily participation in all events. We cannot allow individuals to stay back at the hotel alone during our time in the city, etc.

Important Reminder: The cost of *New Hope* is \$525 per person – which is based on 4 people per room! Therefore, if your group has less than 4 people in a specific room – we will need to charge your church at the 4-people-per-room rate! If a married youth worker couple prefers to stay in their own room – we still will need to charge the 4-people-per-room rate!



VFY's Basic Rules for New Hope

1. Dress should be modest.
2. In the hotel - guys and girls must stay out of the rooms of the opposite sex.
3. Do not bring anything into the city that may draw undue attention to yourself. Keep ALL valuables locked in your hotel room.
4. NEVER go anywhere alone.
5. Obey all "*in the city rules?*" which will be given during the "Street Smarts" orientation session.
6. Leave baseball hats, hat pins, diaper pins or bowling pins in your hotel room unless otherwise noted.
7. Ladies, keep your shoulders covered while in the city (no spaghetti straps, tube tops, tank tops, etc.). Guys, do not wear sleeveless shirts in the city, (muscle shirts, etc.). Ladies and guys must have midriffs and backs completely covered. Also, guys, no mini-skirts at anytime.

8. Take showers, brush your teeth and hair, and any other personal hygiene that will make you look good and smell good.
9. Your normal student ministries rules.
10. The usual stuff!



New Hope Sample Schedule

Sunday:

- 4-6 PM Arrive and Register
- 7 PM Orientation Session
- 9 PM Free time
- 11 PM In rooms

***Monday – Friday:**

- 8:30 AM Group Prayer at Hotel
- 9 AM Head to Ministry Locations
- 10 AM Ministry
- 12 PM Lunch
- 1 PM Ministry
- 5 or 5:30 PM Supper
- 7-9 PM Bible Conference
- 11:00 PM In rooms

Saturday:

- Pack and head for home

***We will determine which day will be best for your “tourist / site-seeing” day. Plan to make your own schedule for tourist activities on that day. You will also be responsible for your transportation and food costs for that day.**



Witnessing Verses NIV

(Suggested but not required)

Rom. 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Rom. 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Rom. 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Prov. 14:12 “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”

1Tim. 2:5 “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

1Pet. 3:18 “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,”

Rom. 5:8 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Rev. 3:20 “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

Rom. 10:9 “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.”

John 14:6 “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

***Please make sure that each participant is prepared and confident to share his or her own faith in a clear and concise manner as preparation for this trip!**



VFY NEW HOPE Missions Trip 2012 Parental Permission Form

Full Name of Participant: _____

Complete Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Grade: _____ Gender: _____ DOB: _____

Parents' E-Mail Address: _____

MEDICAL:

Is your child allergic to penicillin? _____ To other medicines? Describe: _____

Does your child have any other allergies? _____

Is there any medical information, which you feel we should know? _____

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHURCH GROUP LEADER HAS ALL MEDICINE BEFORE LEAVING!

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Doctor's Name _____ Business Phone _____

Father's Full Name _____ Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Other Emergency Contact - Name _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Insurance ID Number / Group Number _____

When it is deemed necessary for your child's health, the trip leader reserves the right to have him/her hospitalized or to use outside medical, surgical or dental aid, in which case all such expenses shall be paid for by the parent / guardian.

_____ Signed / Dated

NOTE: We will be taking photographs of the participants during VFY *New Hope* which may be used for VFY promotional purposes. Please give us your permission by initialing on this line:

_____.



VFY NEW HOPE Missions Trip 2012 Liability Release Form

In consideration for being accepted by Vision For Youth, Inc. for participation in the New Hope Student Ministry, I do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Vision For Youth, Inc. and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the participant that occur while said person is participating in the above-described trip or activity including recreation and work activities. The undersigned further hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said organization, its directors, employees and agents for any liability sustained by said acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____

The undersigned further consents to the administration of first-aid and/or doctor's care, or any other form of medical treatment necessitated by illness or injury that may require the same. In the event of the necessity of such care or treatment as heretofore described, the undersigned agrees to hold harmless said organization, its directors, employees and agents from any acts of malfeasance, and/or failure to act on the part of those chose to administer medical on behalf of the participant.

Print Child's Name _____

Participant's Signature _____

Participant's Health Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____ Group Number _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

Parent / Legal Guardian's Signature _____

Participant's Home Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Participant's E-Mail _____



VFY NEW HOPE

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Group Reservation List

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM & SEND TO VFY BEFORE May 25th

CHURCH NAME _____ GROUP LEADER _____

LEADER'S CELL PHONE _____ LEADER'S E-MAIL _____

On the following lines please list the names of all participants, their age, gender, T-shirt size, and rooming preference list as indicated. Please print!

Room 1 -

Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____

Room 2 -

Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____

Room 3 -

Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____

Room 4 -

Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____

Room 5 -

Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____
 Name _____ M: ___ F: ___ Age: ___ T-shirt size: _____

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