

**High School Mission Trip  
to  
Critz, Virginia**



**August 1-8, 2010**

HOPE Youth Ministry  
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## Some Basic Questions...

### Where is Critz, Virginia?

Located just 60 miles south of Roanoke, VA, Critz is located at the edge of the Appalachian Mountains near the border of North Carolina.

### Who are Christian Enterprises and Jim Green?

Christian Enterprises is the non-profit organization that Jim Green has established to lead mission trips of youth and adults around the western hemisphere. Jim has been involved in ministry for over 50 years, faithfully serving God wherever led and in whatever capacity his calling takes him. Post-Katrina, Jim and his wife Judy committed to 2 years in Biloxi, MS in an effort to rebuild the city. There are few people at his age that have both the energy and excitement to lead teenagers on a venture like this as well as the passion of serving God flow so freely through his veins. Currently, Jim lives in Auburn, Alabama spending his time leading short term mission trips all around the Western Hemisphere.

### How much will this project cost?

The cost for this weeklong missionary journey is \$600 per person. To help offset this cost, we will have several fundraisers throughout the year beginning as early as November. If you stay ahead of the game, you can use money raised from fundraisers as your scheduled payments. It is 100% possible to raise the ENTIRE amount needed for your trip... if you work hard at the fundraisers.

### What does the cost include?

Practically everything! Included: all of our lodging, food while in Critz, ground transportation, and work project materials. Souvenirs are your responsibility, of course, as is food during our traveling to and from Critz. This would be lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on both Sundays. These would be anything from fast food type meals (McDonalds, Wendy's, Subway, etc.) to the home cooking of Cracker Barrel.

### What will we do?

Our primary goal for this trip will be to interact with the people of our host community. Our focus will be on relationships, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, the work project, service, hard work, and fun. We will be working in a local community that is very poverty stricken. Our projects will vary from helping to repair porches, painting, cleaning debris from their yard, minor construction on their homes, and possibly even repairing roofs and floors.

### Where will we stay? Where will we eat?

Jim and Judy Green provide all the meals for us while we are in Virginia. While we are there we will be staying either at a local hotel or camp that could accommodate a large group.

### Who should go on this trip?

Any 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student or Youth Ministry Team Leader. These projects are ideal for someone who has never gone on a missionary journey before as well as for the veteran traveler. Since there is a great interest and a limited number of spots, we will have a waiting list for anyone not in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade or on the youth ministry team. If there any available spots on the trip, we will fill them with the people on the waiting list. To be put on the waiting list, you must fill out and submit an application.

### What are the requirements?

- 1) Parental permission for anyone under 18 years of age.
- 2) Participation in all pre-trip preparation meetings.
- 3) A heart for people.
- 4) A positive attitude.

Any additional questions??? – Dave@meetHOPE.org

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We have done our best to make your trip as affordable as possible. We believe through active fundraising the total cost of this trip can be raised.

COST PER STUDENT:

Christian Enterprises	\$ 450.00
Lodging on the way home from Critz	\$ 50.00
Transportation	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total ...	\$ 600.00

Additional spending money will be needed for meals while traveling, personal items, and souvenirs.

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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Due to the registrations, deposits, and fees that must be paid in advance we will strictly follow this payment schedule. **February 21<sup>st</sup>** is the **final** deadline for registration. You are responsible for the cost of your trip if you back out at any time after that date. *Because there are a limited number of available spaces on this trip, **you are NOT registered until we have received your initial deposit and paperwork.*** Spaces will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Late payments may forfeit your space on the trip. All deposits are non-refundable.

- Paperwork and 1st deposit \$200.00 ... BEFORE February 21, 2010
- 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit \$150.00 ... April 18, 2010
- 3<sup>rd</sup> deposit \$150.00 ... May 16, 2010
- Balance due ... June 16, 2010

Aside from the 1<sup>st</sup> deposit and the balance due, this payment plan is not set in stone. You can choose to pay in smaller increments if you so desire. If you need help working out a payment plan, please speak with Dave.

Please give all deposits and paperwork to Tara Dea or place in the office mailbox (located in the copier room of the main office) marked "YOUTH MINISTRY". Please do **NOT** give money or paperwork to Dave. All deposits should be in a **clearly marked envelope** with your name and North Carolina Mission Team. Any checks from sponsors or donors should have your name in the memo line.

## REFRIDGERATOR COPY

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I will mark these dates on my calendar and make them a priority.

**Sunday, March 7, 2010** ... **12 -1pm**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2010** ... **8:15-9:15pm**  
**Wednesday, May 26, 2010** ... **8:15-9:15pm**  
**Wednesday, June 23, 2010** ... **8:15-9:15pm**  
**Saturday, July 31, 2010** ... **7:30-8:15pm** (with your luggage)

- Enjoy the City** - **October and November** ... Selling Enjoy the City Fundraising books (great Christmas presents too). You will make \$8 profit for every book you sell...
- Spaghetti Dinner** - **January 16<sup>th</sup>** ... set up, service, & clean up. Those who sign up and work hard will receive a portion of the fundraising based on how much and how long you worked.
- Wawa Fundraiser** - **Late Winter / Early Spring** ... Selling Wawa coupons. Earn \$1 for every coupon you sell. These coupons are a discount to the general public cost of hoagies... and we make a profit!
- Chic-Fil-A** - **Winter and Spring** ... Bring your family, friends and whomever to Chic-Fil-A that day and reap some of the profits!
- Fuddruckers** - **Spring** ... Bring your family, friends and whomever to Fuddruckers that day and reap some of the profits!
- Joe Corbi's** - **Spring** ... Sell pizza and cookies, Joe Corbi Style. Percentage of what you sell goes towards your trip.
- Golf Tournament** - **May 1<sup>st</sup>** ... raise funds by soliciting sponsors.
- Yard Sale** - **June 12<sup>th</sup>** ... Set up, service, & clean up. Those who sign up and work hard will receive a portion of the fundraising based on how much and how long you worked.
- Support Letter** - see attached sample letter. This is the best and MOST effective way to earn money for your trip. If you send out 100 letters to family and friends and only 60 people respond donating \$10 each, your trip is paid for!

**Fundraiser questions or interested in helping any of the above fundraisers? Please contact Traci Davis (Our Fundraising Guru) at 856-346-0845**

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(Date)

Dear Family and Friends,

I am writing to let you know of a great opportunity God has given me and how you can help. On August 1<sup>st</sup> I will be leaving with HOPE's Youth Ministry on a mission trip to Critz, Virginia. While in Critz, I will be part of a team serving people, working with local organizations that help people in poverty, serving the poor and the elderly, and helping people build homes that they cannot afford to do so themselves. I will be in Critz from August 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. I am so excited that God is going to work through me ... and in me, while on this trip.

As my family and friends, you can help me in two very important ways. First and most importantly, **I NEED YOUR PRAYERS!** We will be traveling to a different culture and ministering to people who are both physically and spiritually poor. It will be only through God's power that this trip can be successful. Second, a trip like this requires financial support. I am trusting God to provide this, and I am asking you to help. I am committed to going to Critz because I believe it is where God wants me to go and I am asking you to be a part of my experience by helping to support this mission trip. Please make checks payable to "**HOPE Church**", with a note attached asking to put towards my trip. All money received will be tax deductible and go directly into an account to be used for my trip expenses (travel, registration, supplies, room and board, etc.).

Thank you for your love and support. Please pray for our team as we prepare for Critz, pray for the people, and please remember to pray August 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

(Your Name Here)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# **Critz, Virginia August 1st-8th, 2010 student application**

Please carefully consider your participation in Critz '10. The decision to join any mission trip team should be done with much thought, consideration, and prayer. Think carefully about why you want to join this mission experience. Consider why you want to be a part of this team. Pray earnestly about your attitude and your involvement.

A mission trip is not a social event, it is not a retreat, and it is not a vacation. It will stretch and pressure you in ways you have not been challenged ever in your life. It will require you to sacrifice and serve in ways you have not done before. It will require you to put others ahead of your own interests and work together as a team. A mission trip will challenge you physically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually; and it will require you to look at the deepest parts of your life.

*"But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates and then checking to see if there is enough money to pay the bills?"*

Please keep the cost sheet with payment schedule for your records.

**Completed application and \$200 non-refundable deposit are due  
February 21, 2010.**



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*As part of the HOPE Youth Ministry summer mission trip team to Critz, Virginia, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to participate in the following training/team building meetings. These meetings will be an opportunity for me to strengthen my relationship with God and "fine tune" my spirit so I can be a useful member of the team.*

*Attendance will be taken at each of these meetings and I understand that completion of all work, participation in meetings, and attendance of these meetings is **required** for me to go with the team to Critz, Virginia on August 1-8, 2010.*

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Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Legal Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Legal Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*This covenant must be signed and returned with the registration materials.**

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**CONSENT FORM**

**HOPE United Methodist Church - Youth Ministry  
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**Participant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

To HOPE Youth Ministry:

The undersigned does give permission for our (my) child, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend and participate in activities sponsored by HOPE United Methodist Church on (date) August 1-8, 2010.

We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the medical practice act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

The undersigned will be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to this authorization.

Should it be necessary for our (my) child to return home due to medical reasons, behavior reasons, or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs.

We acknowledge that this trip may be recognized as a "High Adventure" mission trip that will/may include work on a construction site, transportation in planes and vehicles being driven by HOPE's and other staff, and other events too numerous to mention, and that despite the best precautions, accidents may happen. We agree that in the event of such an accident, regardless of its location, we will hold harmless and free of liability: HOPE Church, HOPE's Youth Leaders, both individually and as a group, Christian Enterprises and their assigned staff, as well as any other organization we will work through during this trip.

**Insurance Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Phone #'s** \_\_\_\_\_ **ask for:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **ask for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of last tetanus shot** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any allergic reactions?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's signature/date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's signature/date** \_\_\_\_\_

ALL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED

**Volunteer/Employee/Participant Disclaimer, Assumption of Risk and Waiver**

(NOTE: this form should be signed and attached to all volunteer registration forms, event and activity registration forms and employment applications)

I declare that all the information given by me in this application/registration is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission to representatives of Hope United Methodist Church ("Hope") to investigate and verify all information given in this application/registration form. I give my permission to have employers past and present, law enforcement, and personal references disclose information related to my fitness for service with Hope. I give consent to Hope to conduct a criminal background check and to review my driving records. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless Hope, its trustees, leadership team members, officers, employees and volunteers, and any person or organization that provides information for or to Hope concerning me, or any attempt to verify, the information provided in this application.

I agree that my application/registration may be denied for any reason, or no reason, and Hope reserves exclusive right to determine the fitness of its volunteers and employees. I agree that the Hope may deny my application, or terminate my service at any time with or without cause, and is under no obligation to disclose its reasons for doing so.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Hope's programs, activities and events, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Certain programs, activities and events (including, but not limited to work groups and construction projects, sports activities, games, travel, hiking, biking, swimming, kayaking, climbing, sailing, boating, science classes/demonstrations, theatrical productions, etc.) of Hope involve risk, including the potential for permanent injury, paralysis and death; and
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the conditions of participation in any particular program, activity or event. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless the Hope United Methodist Church, its trustees, leadership team members, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers and affiliates with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, to the fullest extent permitted by law, whether arising from negligence or otherwise.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE DISCLAIMER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS SET FORTH THEREIN. I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY MY SIGNING THIS FORM AND AGREEING TO THESE TERMS, AND I SIGN THIS FORM AND AGREE TO THESE TERMS FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT FOR MYSELF.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_