

**Middle School Mission Trip
to
Casar, North Carolina**



July 11-18, 2010

HOPE Youth Ministry
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Some Basic Questions...

Where is Casar, North Carolina?

Located just 60 miles northwest of Charlotte, NC, Casar is located at the edge of beautiful South Mountain State Park.

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 week-long 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 North Carolina, ground transportation, and work project materials. Souvenirs are your responsibility, of course, as is food during our traveling to and from North Carolina. 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?

We will be working at South Mountain Retreat Center and Camp. Our primary focus for this trip will be on relationships, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, the work project, and cultural exposure within our group. Our work projects will vary from working on expanding the camp so that they can open and minister to large groups of people. We will be working to help finish the dining hall, build an amphitheatre, and continue to expand on the low ropes course that we built last year.

Where will we stay? Where will we eat?

We will be staying at South Mountain Retreat Center and Camp. We will be sleeping in fully air conditioned and very clean dorms. The dorms are less than 4 years old and are in great shape! All meals in North Carolina will be provided by Jim Green's talented wife, Judy. She will cook and prepare all of our meals during the week. We will NOT go hungry!

Who should go on this trip? What if I am not in Middle School or on the YMT?

Any 6th-8th grade student or Youth Ministry Team Leader. This mission trip is ideal for middle schoolers who have never gone on a missionary journey before as well as those that were on the trip last year. Since there is a great interest and a limited number of spots, we will have a waiting list for anyone not in 6th-8th grade or on the youth ministry team. If there are 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
Ground Transportation	\$ 100.00
Lodging on the way home from Casar ...	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total ...	\$ 600.00

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

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Due to the registrations, deposits, and fees that must be paid in advance we will strictly follow this payment schedule. March 7th 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 March 7, 2010
- 2nd deposit \$150.00 ... April 18, 2010
- 3rd deposit \$150.00 ... May 16, 2010
- Balance due ... June 16, 2010

Aside from the 1st 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.

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

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 ... 7-8pm

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 ... 7-8pm

Wednesday, June 23, 2010 ... 7-8pm

Saturday, July 10, 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 16th** ... 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 1st** ... raise funds by soliciting sponsors.
- Yard Sale** - **June 12th** ... 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

(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 July 11th I will be leaving with HOPE's Youth Ministry on a mission trip to Casar, North Carolina. While in Casar, 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 just being an example of Jesus Christ through our actions. I will be in Casar from July 11th-18th, 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 Casar 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 my name in the memo section. 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 Casar, pray for the people, and please remember to pray July 11th-19th!

Sincerely,

(Your Name Here)

Name _____

Casar, North Carolina July 11-18, 2010 student application

Please carefully consider your participation in North Carolina '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
March 7, 2010.**



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Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Birth Date _____ Grade _____

All pertinent team information and updates information is set via email. Please include any and all emails that you would like to receive emails.

What do you expect to experience by being a part of this summer mission team?

What do you expect God to teach you through this experience?

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- ✓ **I will work with the rest of my team members and complete the tasks assigned to me without grumbling or complaining.** I will work and serve the same way I believe Jesus would work and serve.
- ✓ **I will obey all rules** established by HOPE Youth Ministry, Christian Enterprises, the hotels and all other organizations and ministries used while a part of the mission trip. I will respect and obey the leaders while on this trip.
- ✓ **I will remain within the confines of my room/dormitory** when the leaders have established it is "lights out". If I am outside my room/dormitory or someone other than my roommates is in my room/dormitory I will be asked to leave and my parents will be required to secure transportation from the summer trip location to my home. **(THERE WILL BE NO SECOND CHANCE WITH THIS RULE.)**

I agree to abide by these rules and those enforced by any ministries and organizations that we will be traveling and working. I understand that if I am unable to obey these rules I will be asked to leave the summer trip and my parents will be responsible to provide transportation home.

Participant signature and date _____

Father/legal guardian signature and date _____

Mother/legal guardian signature and date _____

ALL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED

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*As part of the HOPE Youth Ministry summer mission trip team to Casar, North Carolina, I, _____, agree to participate in **ALL** 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 Casar, North Carolina on July 11-18, 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
Casar, North Carolina**

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) July 11-18, 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 _____