

# GULF PORT, MS Break Mission 2008

Let me start by saying we are so very excited for this year's Spring Break Mission trip! Together, I truly believe that this is going to be the best mission trip we have ever been on! Our goal as a Junior High Youth Staff is to provide the youth a very *Safe, Meaningful, and Fun* trip! And most important, a trip *where the Holy Spirit can be felt*. This will take all of us.....staff, parents – and especially the great youth of HPUMC!

It is my hope that the following document will answer any questions you might have regarding the trip! For more information, please feel free to call Tova

**If you need to contact us during the trip (emergencies only, please), call Stephen Lohoefer at or Lisa Stewart at**

## **Q.: What's this mission all about?**

A.: In 1991 there were just a few agencies doing what we do. Mission Discovery was founded by Maury Buchanan, a youth minister since 1975. After many years with Youth For Christ and as a youth minister, Maury led teams of students from his hometown of Nashville, Tennessee to places like the Dominican Republic, and Central America and saw the powerful change in their lives as a result to the trips. It was like a greenhouse for spiritual growth. Having been influenced in his early life by speakers like Tony Campolo, John Perkins and Millard Fuller, Maury felt the call to begin Mission Discovery to serve the needs of the poor in Mexico.

With a laptop computer and his kitchen table he began forming what is today an agency that mobilizes over 3,000 students and adults annually to 13 nations including the United States.

## Mission Discovery Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative word of God.
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto

the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

Location

We will be working in Gulf Port, MS doing hurricane relief. The homes we will be working on are chosen by Mission Discovery. We will be doing a variety of relief work – including, but not limited to foundation, installation, roofing, slab work, renovation, painting, landscaping, etc.

**Q.: Is it safe?**

**A.: Absolutely!** We will be staying in an enclosed compound run by Mission Discovery. We will also be working in areas/locations approved by Mission Discovery

**Q.: Are there any medical considerations?**

**A.: We are well equipped to handle most medical emergencies.** However, should one of the adults or youth need advanced medical attention, several hospitals are a very short distance away.

Additionally, on the medical form you will receive at the first information meeting, please include and describe **ANY** and **ALL** pre-existing medical conditions including behavior conditions and medication-related allergies. This information will be held in the strictest confidence, but is required in case treatment of related or non-related conditions is necessary.

**If your youth takes ANY medications**, it's important to note that we will "take those up" and will have an adult whose sole responsibility is to manage the medications during the trip. This is for the safety of all the youth. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Stephen.

**Do not for any reason discontinue prescription medications** (including any behavior-modifying medications) during the trip and ensure an adequate supply is available for the trip.

**Q.: What about food?**

**A.: All meals are organized and prepared beforehand.** The youth will be eating well-balanced, home cooked meals. Penny Cook is heading up this effort – so....needless to say, you are great hands.

**Q.: What are the sleeping arrangements?**

**A.: Cots & sleeping bags!** Bunk beds and tents. SO.....youth will need to bring their sleeping bag and pillows.

**Q.: What do I need to bring?**

**A.:** It's important to know that everything you bring will get VERY dirty and probably won't be anything you will want to wear again in public. Please don't bring anything nice.

Gear:

1. Tent
2. Sleeping bag, blanket, and pillow
3. Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, brush, soap, and shampoo)
4. Flashlight (bring extra batteries) the new LED type have very good battery life
5. Water bottle or canteen
6. Sunglasses and hat/visor
7. Work gloves (leather is best)
8. Work shoes (two pair. need to be sturdy and ones you don't mind getting dirty)
9. Work clothes (**no** dresses, shorts, or tank tops)
10. Bathing suit and cover for showers (if you would like)
11. Socks & Underwear for every day we are there
12. Long sleeve t-shirts (for sun protection)
13. Sweatshirt/fleece (just in case it gets cold)
14. Jeans for work (old that you don't mind getting REALLY dirty)
15.  Shower and camp shoes
16.  Rain gear
17.  Bible, journal, and pen
18.  Spending money (for meals on road)
19.  Camera and film (disposable cameras are great)
20.  Towel(s) and wash cloth
21.  Sunblock and lip balm
22.  Insect repellent
23. Aspirin, Tylenol or ibuprofen

### **Mission Schedule**

**Friday, March 14: LUGGAGE & TENT DROP OFF!!!** Please bring your bag, sleeping bag and pillow between 6:30-7:30pm. These items will be loaded and you will NOT have access to them until we get to Gulf Port, MS.

**Saturday, March 15, 7:00am Registration & Check-in – please be ready to turn in any medications.** Meet in the lobby just outside of Cornerstone. **PLEASE do not be late!** It is essential that we start on time for this trip. We will leave promptly at 8am.

### **Sunday, March 16 – Wednesday, March 19**

6:45am-Wake up call!  
 7:15am-Breakfast  
 8:00am-Morning devotional and prayer  
 9:00am-Prepare to leave for worksite  
 noon-ish-Break for lunch  
 5-6pm-Break for the day, return to camp  
 7pm-dinner, campfire, singing, skits, and worship  
 11:00-tent time!!!

### **Thursday, March 20:**

**Sunday, March 23:** Meet in the entry to Wesley amphitheatre at 10:45am for the 11:00 Cornerstone service. Wear your mission sweatshirt!!!!

