



## **2018 Short Term Mission Teams**

*Unleashing Hope for the Most Vulnerable*

### **NORTH AMERICA**

#### **\*SAN DIEGO FAMILY TRIP – Refugee Outreach** *July 1-8, 2018*

Are you looking for a way to engage in your children in a cross cultural experience without having to leave the country? Then this is the trip for you! We will partner with Kaleo Ministries [www.kaleomissions.org](http://www.kaleomissions.org) and work alongside refugees and low income families in the heart of San Diego. The team will have the opportunity to serve in various capacities reaching out to refugees from Southeast Asia, East Africa, Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Bosnia, Kosovo, the Former Soviet Union and other war-torn regions of the world. A portion of our program will be running a Kids Club (Bible story, games, songs, crafts, etc) for refugee children. We will get to show them love, listen to their stories, offer friendship, and shine the light of Jesus. What a wonderful opportunity to connect family to family!

#### **PUERTO RICO – Rebuilding Lives & Homes** *July 12-22, 2018*

We all witnessed the incredible devastation that Hurricane Maria left on the island of Puerto Rico. Still many are without power, homes, and access to

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supplies. Join this team to come alongside of people who are still recovering from the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. The team will partner with a local church to help rebuild lives and homes for 2-3 Puerto Rican families. **Construction experience required.**

## **LATIN AMERICA**

### **CHILE – School Construction**

***September 28 - October 8, 2018***

This trip is for anyone who enjoys serving through participating in an actual hands-on project! Our team will work together with our partners, IAM ministries, in Chile to help in the construction of a school/community center for the Mapuche Indians, an indigenous people group in Southern Chile. In addition, we will participate in various outreaches to build relationships with these beautiful people. The team will have the unique opportunity to stay with local host families and experience the amazing Chilean hospitality first hand. Trust me, you will not want to come home! Construction experience preferred, but not required.

### **PERU – Medical Mission**

***September 18-27, 2018***

Calling all medical professionals who have a heart to use their medical skills to impact people around the world, we need you! During this trip we will come alongside our partners, IAM ministries, to help address some of the medical needs in the community. They are hoping to launch a medical clinic in 2019 and need assistance in the meantime providing medical care for people in the area. There can be a lot of unique opportunities to serve here depending on the experiences of the team. So let us know what skills you have and we can put them to use!

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## EUROPE

### **SPAIN - Memorial Project- FULL**

***May 27-June 8, 2018***

Looking for a team to come alongside one of our missionary families to complete a memorial in honor of their daughter they lost a few years ago. The site of the memorial is at a retreat center which invites workers from Muslim regions to come have training as well as a place for rest. Currently a pergola and fire pit have been constructed and now in order to complete the project they are looking for a team to put in a beautiful garden in her memory. The hopes is that this space could be a place where these workers could come to find healing and rest.

### **GERMANY- Refugees**

***Late July or early August 2018***

Do you have a heart to offer love and support to refugees? We are currently recruiting a small team to Germany to specifically work with Afghan refugees living in camps there. We hope to offer some English camps, possible trauma training, and spend dedicated time to pray over these areas. If this is your heart, please come and join us!

## ASIA

### **INDIA - FULL**

***March 3-17, 2018***

Join this dynamic team for two weeks and experience beautiful people, culture, cuisine, and ministry! This team will be working with two partners. One part of the trip will be visiting OCC sent missionaries looking for a team to pray strategically for work happening in their city. The second part will be working with a dynamic Indian leader developing leaders who are reaching India for Christ.

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**\*PHILIPPINES – Church & Community Ministry**

***June 25-July 8, 2018***

The Philippines is home to some of the friendliest and hospitable people you will ever meet! During this trip we will join a small growing church (5 years old) in a rural community, helping them minister to the needs in their community. We will also partner with International Care Ministries ([caremin.com](http://caremin.com)), who have been working in this area for 25 years, addressing areas of health, values and livelihood. You will learn more about poverty, the dynamics that perpetuate it, and powerful tools that can break the cycle. Activities will include visiting the homes of impoverished families, offering prayer support, children's outreach, health trainings for the community, and school visits. Bring your gifts and we will help you use them!

**THAILAND, REDLIGHT PATTAYA – Sex Trafficking Outreach**

***July 7-20, 2018 and October 13-26, 2018***

Human Trafficking is one of the greatest nightmares of our time. It is believed that there are more human slaves today than any other time in history! Our partner, Not Abandoned, [www.notabandoned.org](http://www.notabandoned.org), is on the ground providing hope, freedom, and opportunity to women trapped in the horror of the sex industry in Pattaya, Thailand. In Pattaya alone, it is estimated that there are more than 200,000 women working as sex slaves. During this trip you will engage one-on-one with girls in the bars, building relationships, listening to their stories, and offering them a WAY OUT. It is guaranteed that this trip will have a profound impact on your life and all you have to do is show up and love.

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**THAILAND – Children’s Trafficking Prevention Camp**  
***Early September 2018***

Most of you are aware of the horrific numbers of women you have been trafficked into the sex industry. Many of these women come from small rural villages and end up in the city in pursuit of financial provision for their families. During this trip, we will be in one of the villages which has a strong history of girls being trafficked from. We will work in a school offering an English camp for at-risk girls which also incorporates trafficking prevention curriculum into it. We will also follow the bus route to the city of Pattaya, which many of these girls are sent to work in as sex slaves. There will be options available in Pattaya for outreach and offering skills training to women currently working in the industry.

**AFRICA**

**ETHIOPIA – Pastor’s Training Trip - FULL**  
***April 21-May 5, 2018***

Do you love teaching the word of God? Want to encourage others in the ministry? We’re looking for 1 or 2 people to join our team training pastors and leaders in Ethiopia.

**KENYA – Street Children Outreach**  
***End of October or early November 2018***

As many of you are aware, our church recently had a big campaign to raise funds to bring children off the streets in Kenya back to homes. We have partnered with Agape Children’s Ministry who have successfully reintegrated around 2,000 street children in the city of Kisumu back into loving families. Because Agape’s model was so successful, Overlake is investing in helping to replicate the model in the city of Kitale. If you join this team, you will help support the launching of this

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project, continue outreach to children living on the streets in Kitale, as well as learn about the water and agricultural development projects being developed to help communities who are receiving these children. This trip will be a life changer and a once in a lifetime opportunity!

**S. AFRICA – City Outreach with Pastor Pat**  
***Early September 2018***

Join a team of volunteers in S. Africa to serve in vulnerable communities affected by HIV/AIDS. Our partner there, iThemba Lethu, has developed a peer-to-peer leadership program for 13-16 year olds in their community. The team will participate in facilitating a leadership camp for 280 youth! Before and after the camp we will have the opportunity to pour into the youth workers for encouragement, mentorship and support. We will also get to experience some real Christian hospitality from a partner church who will be hosting us in their homes, sharing life with us and showing us around their city!

**MIDDLE EAST**

**THE HOLY LAND – Peace & Justice Trip**  
***November 3-13, 2018***

Join this eye-opening spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, including people and places in Israel and the West Bank. Facilitated by professional conflict resolution specialists and religious leaders, this inspirational trip explores the Biblical themes of reconciliation and social justice as well as discover the powerful connection between faith and practice, spirituality and action, while exploring the land of the Bible. From the glittering golden domes and contested Holy Sites of Jerusalem; to the stark natural beauty of the Near Eastern landscapes; to the rich history of people, cultures and communities committed to peace in the midst of violent conflict. Learn from both Israeli Jewish and Palestinian guides and guests, who will

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create opportunities to learn and discuss religious, political, and economic issues facing the region. Trip led by Bellevue Presbyterian in partnership with OCC. For more information go to <https://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/bellevue-presbyterian-overlake-christian-church/>

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