SERVE THE WORLD Short Term Teams 2019

THAILAND Anti- Trafficking Outreach	Oct. 4-18 & July 6-19	REDLIGHT Training & Outreach is an exciting opportunity to reach out and make a difference in lives of those trapped in human trafficking. The team will travel to the city of Pattaya, Thailand which is one of the largest destinations for sex tourism in the world with an estimated 200,000 people trapped in the sex industry. We will work alongside our partners, Not Abandoned, to offer women a way out of this life of oppression and bondage. You will visit them in their workplace, hear their stories, develop relationship, and ultimately introduce them to practical job training programs and services available to them through our center. In depth training will be provided and no special skills needed to participate, but just to show up and love. This is a unique opportunity to give worth, speak life, and provide hope to women who so desperately need it!
INDIA Interfaith Exchange	Oct 25- Nov. 9	Join this team as we experience the beautiful people, culture and ministry in India! This is an excellent trip for anyone who would like to learn more and build bridges with those from Muslim and Hindu backgrounds. You will have the opportunity to hear their stories and converse together about family, life and faith. While visiting our partner there, you will also see firsthand a dynamic Christian movement among both Hindus and Muslims in India and be able to join hands in strategically praying for the work happening there. You will walk away from this trip with a greater understanding of the persecution facing both Hindus, Muslims and Christians in India and how to better come alongside and pray for them.
ISRAEL- PALESTINE Peace & Reconciliation (Age:18-35)	Oct. 30- Nov. 10	Join this exciting team as we travel to the Holy Land! This trip will be centered around learning and experiencing the Holy Land in both Israel and Palestine and hearing the multi-narrative history and context for both these regions. Part of our trip will serve to visit key biblical places like the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Golgotha. However, part of our trip will also be focused around learning and serving among the "living stones"—churches and families of Christians who have been in the region for centuries, enduring and ministering during various political, cultural, and sociological changes. This trip is designed for young adults and professionals (around 18-35 in age) who are looking to expand their worldview in terms of the Christian Church and its context in the Holy Land.
PERU Medical Mission	Nov. 2-11	Are you a medical professional who desires to use their vocation to impact people around the world? We can use you! This team will come alongside our local partners in Tacna, Peru who have a vision to bless their community with ongoing, quality, and affordable healthcare in an area where many medical needs go untreated. In early 2020, our partners plan to open a permanent health clinic, but in the meantime could use a team to help catalyze this vision by offering general health screenings & check- ups in several locations throughout the city. We are seeking doctors, pediatricians, nurses, physical therapists, dermatologists, chiropractors, optometrists, and dentists just to name a few. Let us know your expertise and I am sure we can put you to work!
*KENYA Street Children	Nov. 4-15 (approx.) & July 7-21	Our church is championing a phenomenal ministry in Kenya which rescues children from the streets of Kenya and reintegrates them back into loving families. We are partnered with Agape Children's Ministry who have successfully reintegrated over 2,000 street children back to family and we desire to replicate this model in various cities throughout Kenya. Currently we are working in the city of Kitale and seeking a team to come alongside the ministry there, to encourage the workers, help cast vision to local pastors, love on children both living at the center and on the streets in Kitale, as well as learn about sustainable development projects which help support the communities receiving these children. This trip will be a life changer and a once in a lifetime opportunity! (Children 12 years and older welcome with a parent.)

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* CHILE Construction & Outreach	Nov. 15-24	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 with the construction of a church in a small community called Melipeuco. In this community, there is a growing local church led by a Chilean pastor who has a deep passion to reach out to meet the needs of the nearby indigenous Mapuche communities. The church meets regularly in a rented facility, but their biggest need right now is to have an actual structure of their own to meet in. In addition, we will participate in various outreaches to build relationships with the beautiful people in this community.
*SPAIN Service Trip FULL	April 5-14	Do you enjoy working with your hands and completing projects? This team will help increase the capacity for ministry of one of OCC partners in Spain, Monte Olivos. Monte Olivos is a retreat center for Muslim workers serving in the Middle East and North Africa. It is a place for workers to receive training and find rest. This coming year they are putting in a new building in an effort to be able to bless even more people who are serving in Muslim ministry. The team will help with some of the finishing touches in order to expedite the launching of this new building. Projects may include painting, furnishing rooms, and landscaping. The efforts of this team will be a tremendous blessing to this ministry.
PUERTO RICO Building Homes FULL	March 24– April 2	OCC desires to continue to respond to the needs that prevail in Puerto Rico from the devastating Hurricane Maria. Join this team to link arms with families who are still recovering and trying to rebuild their lives. The team will partner with a local ministry to help rebuild homes for 1-2 Puerto Rican families.
MIDDLE EAST Refugee Work FULL	March 28- April 7	This trip entails providing training to Kurdish and Syrian refugees at two community centers/schools in the Middle East. The possible training and volunteer opportunities desired could be around teaching English, music (especially violin), personal health, dance, soccer, business training, computers, theological training, medical training (dentists & hygienists needed) or other income generating ideas. The priority is to provide practical support and tools to Syrian refugees and the Kurdish people so they can find better employment or have the opportunity to launch their own small business which will help them find financial stability and an opportunity to move out of a life of poverty. The team will also have the opportunity to visit a few refugee camps as well.
KENYA- SM Street Children FULL	April 6-14	Our church is championing a phenomenal ministry in Kenya which rescues children from the streets of Kenya and reintegrates them back into loving families. We are partnered with Agape Children's Ministry who have successfully reintegrated over 2,000 street children back to family and we desire to replicate this model in various cities throughout Kenya. Currently we are working in the city of Kitale and seeking a team to come alongside the ministry there, to encourage the workers, help cast vision to local pastors, love on children both living at the center and on the streets in Kitale, as well as learn about sustainable development projects which help support the communities receiving these children. This trip will be a life changer and a once in a lifetime opportunity! (Children 12 years and older welcome with a parent.)
ETHIOPIA Pastor's Training- FULL	March 23 - April 13	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.
NORTH AFRICA Medical Mission FULL	June 16-29	Join this exciting team as they travel to North Africa providing medical care for children with disabilities. The team will come alongside our OCC ministry partners who run centers to reach out and help those children with disabilities. Our partners there would greatly welcome anyone in the medical profession that might have a heart for these children and be able to assess their medical needs and offer any support. There is also plenty of opportunity to equip and train caregivers as well. Not only will the team be able to provide medical assistance, but will also be able to encourage workers as we visit the various ministries around the country. This will be an excellent opportunity for exposure to Muslim ministry and you will surely walk away with a greater vision for the world around us!

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