WHERE WILL YOU GO? 2017 Short Term Mission Teams

Unleashing Hope for the Most Vulnerable

NORTH AMERICA

SAN DIEGO – FAMILY FRIENDLY CITY IMPACT Late July

Work with refugees and low income families in the heart of San Diego with ministry partners who work with families all year. Families are welcome and encouraged to engage in this cross-cultural experience without leaving the country.

Contact: <u>Emilyv@occ.org</u>

EUROPE

SPAIN SERVICE TRIP September 2-14

Looking for a team of 2-3 people (so grab a friend you want to travel with) to serve at a Christian camp facility during training for believers coming from the Muslim world. Many are not able to openly study the Bible and fellowship in their home countries. They travel to be equipped to lead others back home in a growing relationship with Jesus. Servants needed for kitchen/service help, clean-up and prayer.

Contact: <u>Dawnm@occ.org</u> for more information.

Italy

June 19-July 2

This is a wonderful opportunity for mature people to provide support for our partners in Italy. Work with our Italian sister church for outreach in their community. We use English classes, kids' programs and music as tools for building relationships in southern Italy. Light construction project is also included with the mission-training center nearby.

Contact Don: djvabundy@comcast.net

ASIA

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

June 22-July 3 FAMILY FRIENDLY

Please join us as we learn about the Filipino culture. The Philippines boasts the 12th largest population on earth with 1000 islands , home to warm, friendly people who are hospitable and musical. We will engage with the poorest of the poor ~ living on less than 50 cents a day. International Care Ministries (caremin.com) will be our host ~ they have been ministering to this population for 25 years, addressing the areas of health, values and livelihood. We will be working to bring HOPE by demonstrating the Love of Christ as we minister to the basic needs of the destitute. You will learn about the bondage of poverty, the dynamics that perpetuate it and the powerful tools that break the chains. Activities will include visiting with impoverished families, bringing rice, hygiene supplies and prayer support. We will work with sponsored preschools ~ helping with crafts, story time and music. We will also train for and teach transformational programs, including health, values and livelihood practices including micro businesses. Bring your gifts and ICM will help you use them. Children middle school aged and older are invited to participate along with adult volunteers.

Contact Crystal: crystalstull@me.com

THAILAND REDLIGHT PATTAYA ANTI-TRAFFICKING OUTREACH July 8-21 and NOVEMBER (Date TBA)

Human Trafficking is still one of the greatest nightmares of our time. It is believed that there are more human slaves today than any other time in history! Every day the innocent are lured, tricked and forced into the horrific world of sex slavery. An unprecedented number of victims (some estimates are upwards of 30,000 or more) die each year from abuse, disease, torture and neglect. Our partner on the ground in Thailand, Not Abandoned, exists to bring freedom, health and opportunity to the women and girls trapped in the horror of the sex industry. You will spend time building relationships, listening to the stories of the victims, and making connections along with our partners from Not Abandoned.

Contact: Alex: www.notabandonded.org

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INDIA PRAYER WALK AND OUTREACH Late October (Dates TBA)

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.

Contact: Lisa: <u>lisafb@hotmail.com</u>.

AFRICA

ETHOPIA PASTORS TRAINING TRIP

Late April -early May

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.

Contact: Lynneg@occ.org

KENYA ORPHAN CARE VIRTUALTRIP June (dates TBA)

"We Stay Home So They Can Go Home"

Have you ever wanted to attend an overseas Mission Trip but couldn't? Maybe money, taking the time off from work, the kids, or a fear of flying stood in your way. Join a team of other OCC members who are meeting, praying, raising support and experiencing Kenya without ever leaving Seattle. The focus of this "trip" will be partnering with Agape Children's Ministry who is working to drastically reduce the number of homeless children on the streets of Kenya. Many of these children turn to sniffing glue to cope with the hunger and trauma of life on the streets...this habit has devastating effects on the brain over time... Agape's goal is to return children to their families and offer what help is needed to equip the family to care for their child. Agape has had extraordinary success in the city of Kisumu, Kenya and is in the process of expanding their ministry to the city of Kitale. Please consider joining the team at OCC to help make Agape in Kitale a reality. Be watching for more information this spring!

Contact: Dawnm@occ.org for more information