



Something New & Exciting at St. John's

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St. John's Short-term Mission Team Plan

About a year ago, Bob Deik brought together a group of people who had an interest in short-term mission trips. The idea was to form a short-term mission trip support team at St. John's.

Consistent with our congregation mission statement, "Encountering, Connecting, Responding to Jesus", we have named our group Jesus' Response Team. The objective of this team is to provide opportunities for people to use their gifts of time, talent and treasures to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ on local, domestic, and international short-term mission trips.

The Jesus' Response Team will provide leadership, guidance, administrative support, financial planning and intercessory prayer on behalf of all those who will "Go". However, anyone can be part of this team effort without actually taking a trip. We will always need help with organizational & administrative matters, financial gifts and simple things like driving a mission team to an airport. At this time what we will need most from our congregation is supportive prayer. Our long range goal is to develop a strong missions program that can provide local, domestic and international mission opportunities.

The Hopewell Reformed Church (HRC) has been very active with local, domestic, and international missions for many years. Recently, we invited the HRC's Mission Team leadership to share some of their ideas and experiences with us. We have decided to accept HRC's invitation to partner with them for our first short-term international mission trip. This trip will be to the Dominican Republic and is planned for the traditional Easter Recess which will be April 16th to the 23rd of 2011. We will be supporting an HRC initiated ministry called Sowers of the Kingdom by participating in medical clinics, VBS, construction projects, and pastoral support. Individuals, couples and parents with children 14 and older are welcomed to join the team.

We are currently in the early planning stages of our first trip and we will be releasing more information in the coming weeks. Until then, please give prayerful consideration to joining our team on a life changing journey! Look for more information at our Rally Day booth on September 12th. An informational meeting will be held at St. John's in mid October with HRC presenting more specific details regarding the trip. If you are interested in attending the meeting or have any questions please contact me 845-724-3518 or e-mail me at cohenrd98@comcast.net and I will add you to the list.

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