

Genesis Family Mission Trip  
Shining Light Outreach Center  
Charleston, Missouri  
Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Come and join us for a mission trip that will change your life! Charleston is a small town 2 ½ hours south of St. Louis. Much of the town lives below the poverty level. Shining Light Outreach Center reaches out to the people of that community by providing food, clothing, and a safe place for the kids to hang out. Dean Wallace is a local pastor that is committed to keeping the kids busy and fed as much as possible. It is his dream to have teams come throughout the summer to keep the kids occupied as he shares the love of Jesus with this community.

Mornings:

- Construction, painting, cleaning inside
- Cleaning outside, planting
- Sorting clothing, preparing food, preparing for Kids Club

Afternoons:

- Continue some morning projects, down time for everyone

Evenings:

- Kids Club from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is needed to help in some way, since 120 kids are expected. Supper will be served to the kids and we will eat with them.

Special Thursday Project:

- Clothing give away to the community

Special Friday Project:

- Family fun day as we go to a nearby town for some down time
- Evening block party for the kids and their parents

Saturday:

- Clean up, pack up and head home

Cost:

- \$75 per individual, \$125 per couple, \$200 per family. This includes all meals and snacks at the outreach center. You will need to provide your own transportation, pay for supper on the way there and lunch on the way home, along with your expenses on the Friday fun day. This price includes a wonderful spot to sleep on the floor of an air conditioned classroom in the outreach center. You may bring a cot or air mattress if you like.
- Sharing this time with your Genesis family and never viewing your own life the same way again: PRICELESS

What you need to do:

- Pray about going and encourage others to go
- Register for the trip by Sunday April 19
- Start gathering prizes, candy, food items for the Kids Club
- Start gathering clothes for the clothing give away
- Start giving to the 'Family Mission Trip' fund for construction supplies and food for the kids
- Volunteer to help with projects now, such as finding donations from businesses for food, clothes, construction supplies
- Pray for the Charleston Community as Shining Light Outreach and director Dean Wallace struggle to meet their needs

## **Answers to important questions**

### **Where exactly are we going?**

Charleston, MO is a small town near the Mississippi River in Southeast, MO, about forty five miles from Cape Girardeau. Charleston is a town with a considerable amount of poverty and need, with multiple areas of slums and government housing. The town is about 50% African American.

We will be working with the Shining Light Outreach Center in Charleston, which is a center working with kids, single parents, and families in Charleston ([www.shininglightoutreach.org](http://www.shininglightoutreach.org)). The director of the center is Dean Wallace.

A couple years ago, Shining Light had a very nice building and great piece of land donated to them so they could serve the poor in the area. Our ministry will include two key projects. First, we will do several small construction and clean-up projects. Second, we will provide a kid's club for neighborhood children. They expect as many as 140 kids at the club.

### **Who should go?**

Anyone!!!! We design these mission experiences in a way that every person can participate, and will find a way to serve that they enjoy. We even have plans to care for and involve babies and toddlers in the adventure. So whether you are a family with grown kids, have babies and toddlers, are single, or even retired, this is a great trip for you!

Those bringing children will be responsible for the care of kids during the trip. At some of the work times, we will provide child-care by having our parents and some other adults take turns watching children.

In the past, we have allowed teenagers to attend this trip without their parents if another family will take responsibility to care for them. In other words, they will need to join another family for the week.

### **What does my payment cover?**

Your payment for the trip will cover the basic expenses for the trip, including the meals on site and lodging, as well as some supplies for the project. We will have to do some fund-raising to help us with

supplies for VBS and some construction.

The price does not cover transportation (you are responsible for getting yourself there, although we will travel together), meals eaten out, and any extra fun we plan.

### **What about the two meetings?**

We have two meetings scheduled for those considering this mission trip. The first is on Sunday April 5 right after morning worship in the EHS Commons. This meeting will take about twenty minutes and is designed to give an overview of the trip and answer any questions.

The second trip meeting is on Sunday April 26, and is mandatory for everyone going on the trip. At this meeting, we will begin organizing our mission teams and assign jobs for the trip.

### **How do I register myself and my family for the trip?**

Fill out the attached registration form and turn it in along with payment for the trip no later than Sunday April 19. Forms can be given to Bob & Terry Lancaster or Mike Hubbard.

**GENESIS FAMILY MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION FORM**

Family\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ zip\_\_\_\_\_

e-mail\_\_\_\_\_ home phone\_\_\_\_\_

cell phone\_\_\_\_\_

**Type of registration**

- Individual - \$75
- Couple - \$125
- Family - \$200

**Information on Each person going**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-shirt size** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit this form along with payment for the trip by Sunday April 19.