Florida Impact Trip

For: Students Entering 9th Grade - Graduated Seniors
Trip Dates: July 12 - 18, 2020
Cost: $1000

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Ministry Partner: APEX Missions
Mission Statement: “Discover prayer, mercy & justice as a lifestyle.”

Things You Should Know

● Space is limited to 30 students on this trip.
● Application opens online **Sunday, January 26 at 5 pm**
  and closes **Sunday, February 2 at 5 pm**.
● **$200 deposit due at the time of application.**
● Spots are filled based on the order applications are received, priority
given to students regularly attending and registered for HSM.
● Commitment to all meeting dates are a requirement for participating.
● **You will be notified once accepted** or if you’re placed on waiting list.
Location Overview

City of Miami Official Flag

Location
Miami, Florida

Community
Westchester/Olympia Heights

Population
100,000 people within 3 miles radius of host church.

Primary Household Languages
80% Spanish
20% English
76% Bilingual
(Second Generation)

Religion
According to a 2014 study by the Pew Research Center, Christianity is the most prevalently practiced religion in Miami (68%), with 39% professing attendance at a variety of churches that could be considered Protestant, and 27% professing Roman Catholic beliefs, followed by Judaism (8%); Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and a variety of other religions have smaller followings; atheism or no self-identifying organized religious affiliation was practiced by 24%.

Economy
Average household income $40,762. About 8.5% of families and 11.8% of the population were below the poverty line as of 2014.

People
Miami has a minority-majority population, as non-Hispanic whites comprise less than half of the population, 11.9%, down from 41.7% in 1970. Hispanic or Latino (of any race) make up 70% of Miami’s population. As of the 2010 census, the racial makeup of the population of Miami was 72.6% White American (including White Hispanic), 19.2% Black or African American, 1% Asian American, and the remainder belonged to other groups or was of mixed ancestry.

Climate/Weather
Tropical, with pleasantly warm winters and long and muggy summers.

Average Temp
July - H 92°/ L 82°
What will our team be doing?
Students will help lead summer camp ministry, getting to know the kids and families in these ethnically diverse and culturally rich communities. Academic enrichment, bible study, worship and play are the cornerstones to the ministry. Church and community leaders from various parts of the city will engage our team on topics of evangelism, immigration, gospel community & biblical justice while Apex Staff leads the daily training in personal evangelism. Students will not only learn about the community they are serving in, they will be going home with training and tools that will help them become gospel influenced in their own communities.

Safety
Students will be lodging at True Vine Christian Church. It is used to house mission teams over the course of the summer and is well equipped. Separate sleeping spaces, bathrooms and showers will be designated for male/female participants. Van’s will be driven by adult leaders only.

Team Expectations
Participants must identify as Christian and confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Must be able to love others and serve well. We are looking for those who demonstrate humility; meekness; a pure heart; and a willingness to engage in prayer ministry and evangelical outreaches empowered by the Holy Spirit. With peace as our anchor and joy as our strength, we expect our teams to endure long days of ministry. Students must be willing to share testimonies with those we interact with. (No experience is required, we will train). Participants are expected to be present at all training meetings and hitting key fundraising dates in order to equip, inform and train for the trip!

Tentative Itinerary
Payments and Important Dates

Important Deadlines

Finances

$200 deposit due at the time of application

NOTE: Deposit is NOT tax-deductible and non-refundable once you’ve been accepted to the team.

$200 - March 8
$200 - April 19
$200 - May 17
$200 - Final Payment Due In Full by June 14

Fundraising

- Individual Fundraising Goal ($800)

Raising support is a HUGE part of the mission trip experience. Even if you have the means to pay for a trip in full, it is our belief that raising support is a key part of a mission experience. It allows students to see the goodness of God additionally through the provision of the trip cost.

Raising support is a partnership – us and God! The phrase “God will provide” can often lead us into a mindset of laziness or lead us to an apathetic approach to raising support.

“All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.” Proverbs 14:23.

Not only is this mindset unbiblical, it will also jeopardize the team’s effectiveness if ALL funds are not raised.

We encourage the team members to take an individual approach to raising support.

Support letters are a great place to start, and a sample support letter will be provided at our first official team meeting.

The total cost of the trip is $1000. This will include:

- Flight and ground transportation
- Lodging Accommodations
- All meals (airport meals not included)
- Ministry materials
- Trip T-Shirt
- Emergency Funds
- Volunteer Leader Support

Payment Remittance

Your primary venue to collect donations will be through your own personal fundraising page on the Managed Missions website. (More details to follow) It is the responsibility of the participant to collect and track all contributions to cover the trip cost. Participants should give all cash/check donations to the team leaders at team meetings.

Note: It is imperative that the students’ contributors make checks written out to “Hosanna Church” not the individual person.

Contributions are tax deductible with the exception of the $200 deposit and cash (unless the donor is noted). Hosanna has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. All contributions are non-refundable and non-transferable.
Team Meetings and Training Schedule

There will be 8 team meetings. It is imperative that **ALL** team members attend **EVERY** team meeting. Team meetings are used for training and practice. Failure to attend team meetings will greatly impact the participant's experience and may result in the participant not being able to go on the impact trip. Note the **TENTATIVE** schedule below. Dates are subject to change.

**Dates/meeting locations subject to change**

2 All TRIP Meetings (REQUIRED)
Sunday, February 9, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC
Sunday, March 1, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC

Florida Team Meeting 1
Sunday, March 8
12 - 2pm | Rosemount Campus | CLC
*First payment due ($200)

Florida Team Meeting 2
Sunday, April 19
12 - 2pm | Rosemount Campus | CLC
*Second Payment Due ($200)

Florida Team Meeting 3
Sunday, May 17
12 - 2pm | Rosemount Campus | CLC
*Third Payment Due ($200)

Florida Team Meeting 4
Sunday, June 14
12 - 2pm | Rosemount Campus | CLC
*Final Payment Due ($200)

Florida Team & Parent Meeting 5
Sunday, June 28
12 - 2pm | Rosemount Campus | CLC
*Parents invited to meeting @ 1:15pm - 2pm

Final Florida Team Meeting 6
Wednesday, July 8
6 - 8:30pm | Rosemount Campus | CLC
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- Spots are filled based on the order applications are received, priority given to students regularly attending and registered for HSM.
- You will be notified once accepted or if you’re placed on waiting list. Please do not inquire about the status of applications for at least 2 weeks after sign-up date.
- There is one application for all 6 Student Ministries Trips this summer (Guatemala, Haiti, Wyoming, Florida, India, Cuba). You will be given the opportunity to indicate your interest in other trips and prioritize your trip preferences on the application.

The following essay questions will be on the online application.
Prepare your answers ahead of time in order to submit your application in a timely manner!

1. **Overseas Experience**
   Please describe where/when you've traveled outside of the U.S.

2. **References**
   List three people who know you well and can act as a personal reference. If you have been on a previous Impact Trip, please include the trip leader. (Please include name, relationship and contact number).

3. **Application Essay:** Please write out a 250 - 500 word essay that addresses the following questions:
   - How would you describe your faith?
   - How has your background (family, environment, experiences) impacted who you are and your faith?
   - What are your expectations for this trip?
   - Why is it important that you go on this trip?
   - How do you believe this impact trip will impact you personally?
   - How are you going to impact the team you will be a part of?
   - How do you hope to impact the people you will be interacting with on this trip?
Sample Fundraising Letter

Dear _____________,

This (month) I have the amazing opportunity of serving with a team to (location) on a Hosanna Impact trip through Hosanna Student Ministries. Hosanna Church facilitates Impact trips from the United States all over the world. This summer I will be joining an Impact team from (dates). I am excited that the Lord has enabled me to be a part of this experience.

As a part of the team, I will be involved in (briefly describe ministry you expect to do). I am really looking forward to sharing God’s love in the communities we are visiting.

I know that this kind of work is in vain without prayer, so I am asking that you consider praying for me, for our team, and especially for the people I will serve in (location). I also ask that you prayerfully consider contributing financially. The total amount I need to raise toward the missions project is (trip cost). This amount includes all cost associated with travelling to and staying in (location), ministry materials, and missionary offering. My hope is to have the necessary funds together by (week prior to payment deadline). I have faith that God will make it possible.

Please pray with me that this need will be met. I’m excited, hopeful and expecting to learn so much through this experience. I greatly appreciate you letting me share with you what I believe will be one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

Sincerely,

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(optional tear off portion)

I wish to support (your name) in their ministry to (trip location).

☐ $50 Donation ☐ $100 Donation ☐ $________ Donation

Support Via Online Contribution:
You may contribute online via my personal fundraising page on the Managed Missions webpage: [INCLUDE LINK HERE]

For those wishing to donate via check,
Make checks payable to Hosanna
(Please DO NOT include my name in the memo)

Mail checks to:

| Your name | Your address | Your city, zip, state |

This paragraph must be included in your fundraising letters.