

## **SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP, HELENE, HONDURAS**

A team of volunteers from Sunset Presbyterian will be leaving for Helene, Honduras early on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and returning Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This team will be comprised of college students, single adults, married couples, and parents with mature middle or high school students. During this eight day mission trip, the team will be rehabbing islanders homes, tutoring in the English-Christian school, doing home visitations, leading VBS, hosting Sport Camps, and helping out with Project Clean Sweep. This will be Sunset's ninth trip to Helen.

### **Why Helene?**

Helene is a small island some thirty miles off the coast of Honduras in the Caribbean Sea. Honduras is one of the poorest countries in South America and its government is unable to provide much assistance to the islanders. Helen has no roads, electrical services, public water programs, neither sanitation nor sewer systems. Most islanders live in shanties. They are able to live off the bounty of the jungle and ocean. There is no industry or tourism on the island. This is a poor, unknown place with receptive inhabitants.

Over ten years ago, a Christian organization called Alternative Missions made a commitment to Helene. Since then, they have been able to provide ongoing medical care, regular dental care, safe drinking water, emergency transportation to the mainland, elementary schooling for eighty students, and ongoing discipleship for the local churches. Alternative Missions has developed a compound where volunteers from America feel safe and effective. English is the main language in this former British territory.

### **Commitment to this trip**

There will be an informational meeting at our church, Sunset Presbyterian, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Application for this service-oriented trip will be due by October 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this mission trip is \$2,010. Each volunteer will have support raising opportunities to help reduce the out-of-pocket expenses. There will be a few team meetings before the end of 2009. All team members are also requested to be part of Sunset's Holiday Sharing efforts in December. Starting in February there will be weekly mission trip preparation meetings. Volunteers are also requested to spend one day together participating in an organized community service project.

### **Blessings**

Most of the 200+ volunteers that have already visited Helene from Sunset want to return due to the powerful experience serving the Lord and ministering to the islanders. This is a positive cross-cultural experience that helps volunteers reflect on a biblical way of living.

## **HELENE, HONDURAS MISSION TEAM**

### **Team Member Application**

What an exciting opportunity to serve our God...to go and offer people the love of Christ through our words, our service, and our love. Take time answering these questions, your application is due **Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

FULL LEGAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) NAME (IF UNDER 21) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL EMAIL(S) FOR TRIP UPDATES  
\_\_\_\_\_

MAIN PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDARY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFO  
\_\_\_\_\_

When and why did you become a Christian?

Why do you want to be a part of this Mission Team?

List your experience working in a team environment.

As a member of this mission team I will:  
Read God's word regularly

Attend church regularly  
Pray regularly for God's blessing on this team and trip  
Ask God to increase my love & service to Him & those He puts around me  
Tithe to the church or other Christian organizations

I understand the cost of this trip is \$2,010. In order to participate in this project, you also need to have full support of your parent(s). This means that one parent/guardian for each student will have to sign this form.

TEAM MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MEMBER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION & a \$100 TRIP DEPOSIT TO:  
SUNSET PRESEBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
C/O MARK RUNBERG OR TRACI FRANZKE  
BY SUNDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**