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Parents,

Inside this packet is what you need to know on what your child will be doing for our Houston mission trip. You will find a packing list, and notes on what we'll be doing, where we'll be staying, the mission organization, safety, etc. **In the back of the packet, you will find a release form in which you will need to fill out and return to me when you drop your child off to leave.** It is my goal that you feel connected as one with us not only in passion but also in prayer. Please join us in praying each day for your child as he/she goes out into the mission field to bring and discover Jesus.

Thank for your support and prayers thus far, and your commitment not only to your church as we seek to go deeper in Christ and further into the world, but also to your child as you point them to the greater Kingdom we gain in Christ. I am beyond privileged and humbled to be enjoined to that glorious commitment.

Soli Deo Gloria

Thomas Zak

About the City

Houston was founded more than 150 years ago by the Allen brothers, frontier explorers who stood on the grassy banks of Buffalo Bayou and dreamed of what today is modern Houston.

Houston is America's fourth-largest city, with a population of 2.09 million people located in an area more than twice the size of Rhode Island. There are almost 6 million people in the greater metropolitan area. More than 100 different ethnic groups reside in Houston's city limits, making it one of the world's great multi-cultural urban centers.

Houston possesses the third highest homeless population in the nation. An estimated 15,000 homeless individuals live in shelters, abandoned buildings, in encampments, and on the streets. Among these, 1,500 are children. In the greater Houston metropolitan area, one child out of every five lives at or below the poverty level. More than 760,000 Gulf Coast residents live in poverty. 150,000 are marginally homeless—taken in by friends or family because they have nowhere else to go. An additional 250,000 are only one paycheck away from being out on the streets.

About CSM

In 1988, Ridge and Robanne Burns stepped out in faith to create an organization that would focus on building bridges from the suburbs to the urban centers in the United States. **CSM's focus is on giving youth groups and churches a life changing short-term urban experience.**

They help you to experience a city. Living firsthand among the sights, sounds, smells, and textures of urban life is an irreplaceable experience. We'll be housed in the heart of our Houston, providing us with an opportunity to eat at local international restaurants and discover the delights of Salvadorian, Middle Eastern, Filipino, African-American, and other cuisine.

They help you learn a city. There are unique issues and problems that each city faces. There are also unique and incredible things God is doing to foster and further His Kingdom in each city, through the indigenous organizations that operate on the front lines of urban ministry. We'll learn what city dwellers face, and how to overcome challenging circumstances.

They help you help a city. At CSM, we become part of the solution for a city. By offering our time, energy, and prayers, ministry sites are supported and built up to their full potential of service. We will be integrated into a variety of hands-on ministry opportunities to ensure that our time is spent supplying substantive help to God's people in the city of Houston.

Trip Info

Cost: \$400

Dates: June 3rd – 8th

We'll be staying at:

Lindale Baptist Church
10110 Bauman Road
Houston, TX 77076

Students will be sleeping in twin sized bunk beds. Guys and girls will be separate.

Safety

CSM's housing site and the service sites that we'll work with are highly respected safe havens in their communities.

Following evening activities, groups will remain inside the housing site and the door will be locked.

All CSM staff are certified in First Aid and CPR and are equipped with First Aid kits.

Please advise us of any allergies/medical conditions of your child prior to departure.

Packing List

- Personal toiletries (towels, soap, shower shoes, etc.)
- Bible, pen and journal
- Water bottle
- Work clothes
- Several outfits that can get dirty and/or painted on and are comfortable to work in
- Jeans and/or pants that can get dirty
- Closed-toed shoes
- No tank tops or sleeveless tops.
- One-piece swimsuit
- Rain jacket or poncho
- See “Housing” section for bedding needs
- Optional items
- Backpack
- Extension cords and power strips
- Snacks for in-between meals
- Money for CSM t-shirts

Do not bring:

- iPods, iPads, electronic games, etc.
- Anything that is not replaceable or has significant value (jewelry, etc.)
- Large sums of money
- Drugs, alcohol or tobacco products

First Presbyterian Church – Baton Rouge Liability Release Form

Participant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

As a participant or parent / guardian of above minor child and participant in the programs or events of First Presbyterian Church of the City of Baton Rouge I do hereby release, forever discharge and hold harmless it, and its agents, employees, officers, directors, pastors, trustees, volunteers and insurers (collectively "FPCBR"), from any and all liability, claims, or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses arising at or out of such events.

This release covers any and all transportation or drivers provided by FPCBR who are properly licensed to drive, whether driving church owned vehicles or privately owned vehicles. This release also covers meetings on the FPCBR property or any other site during programs and activities.

I further consent to emergency medical or dental treatment, including examination, diagnosis, treatment, anesthetic, and surgical treatment, agree to pay all costs and expenses associated therewith.

- Check here if you give FPCBR permission to publish and print, electronic, or video format the likeness or image of your child. By checking this box, you release all claims against FPCBR with respect to copyright ownership and publication including any claim for compensation related to use of the materials.

Participant's Insurance

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Known Allergies / Medication / Medical Problems: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

Staff Signature: _____