

ARIZONA OUTREACH '09

It's time to get ready to serve God in a unique way and in an exciting place--a Navajo Reservation near Four Corners, USA! We will be traveling in a caravan from Pleasanton to Sweetwater, Arizona, deep in the high desert.

In order to join us on this OUTREACH, there are a number of requirements you must fulfill. Please carefully read all the information in this brochure (also available on the High School Ministry Website: www.thecrossing.org). You MUST notify the HSM Office of your intention to join us BY NO LATER THAN JUNE 28th so your name can be placed on the list of prospective OUTREACH TEAM members.

Priority for being considered as an OUTREACH TEAM member will first be given to students & adults who are part of the VBC community. The completion of the OUTREACH requirements will also be a factor in the final determination of whether or not you will be invited to join this year's team. Start praying & preparing TODAY!

DATE & TIME OF DEPARTURE

4:30 a.m., Friday, July 17

DATE & TIME OF RETURN

Late evening, Sunday, July 26

DESTINATION

Immanuel Mission
Sweetwater, Arizona
Emergency Phone: 928-674-3616

ITINERARY

7/17: Kingman, Arizona
7/18-23: Sweetwater, Arizona
7/24: Sedona, Arizona
7/25: Kingman, Arizona

EXPENSES

Cost per person: **\$250.00**
\$25.00 Discount for memorizing
ALL 60 CLIMB verses (or other option) by July 12

REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

- 1) **Submit a completed REGISTRATION & EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM.** All candidates for participation in this year's OUTREACH must be registered by the deadline...

Deadline: June 28th

- 2) **Memorize 30 C. L. I. M. B. Verses OR 15 C.L.I.M.B. Verses PLUS Ephesians 6:10-20**

Deadline: July 12th

Details: Verses must be recited to any member of the VBC Staff or other designated adult Student Ministry Leaders. Verses can be obtained from the HSM Office or online at www.thecrossing.org on the HSM webpage.

- 3) **Participate in the 30 day FOCUS (see reverse)**

- 4) **Participate in an Evangelistic Encounter**

Deadline: July 12th

Details: Download a list of interview questions from the HSM website or obtain a copy from the HSM Office or GRAGE. Invite people who do not claim to be Christians to participate in this activity & turn in the paperwork to the HSM Office.

- 5) **Serve in a Bay Area ministry setting:**

- Community Ministries (contact Wayne Johnson @ 227-1301 ext. 20)
- Scheduled outreach events (contact Sarah Burns @ 227-1301 ext. 21)
- International Students Events (contact Chris Cline @ 683-4310)
- Vacation Bible School at VBC (contact Katina Roeder @ 227-1301 ext. 12)
- Create your own & acquire approval (contact Tim Barley @ 227-1301 ext. 11)

Deadline: July 12th

Details: To participate in any of the above events you must give advance notification to the event leader and you must also contact the HSM Office once you have completed your service.

- 6) **Receive a recommendation after an interview with a VBC Staff person or adult leader in the Student Ministry in which you attend.**

Deadline: June 28th

Details: If you are a student, contact a Student Ministry Pastor for the name of the leader who will interview you. The VBC Staff or Student Ministry leader should notify the HSM office once the interview has taken place.

- 7) **Submit FULL payment for outreach (\$250.00)**

Deadline: July 15th

Details: \$25.00 discount for memorizing all 60 CLIMB verses expires by noon on July 12th.

- 8) **Attend ALL Training Sessions**

Dates: July 13, 14, & 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Details: These are mandatory sessions, so if you can't attend each one, please contact a Student Ministry leader immediately. Invite family and friends to attend our drama dress rehearsal on Wednesday night, July 15 @ 9:00 p.m.!



AZ Outreach BLOGSPOT: valleybiblechurch.blogspot.com

AZ Outreach HOTLINE: (925) 227-1301 ext. 34

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out this form & return to the HSM Office.

Student/Adult Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Church Home: _____

Have you ever attended a ministry outreach with VBC? _____

If so, where & when? _____

Emergency Information

Contact Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Please fill out this form & return to the HSM Office.

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Insurance Information

Company: _____

Policy #: _____

Pertinent Medical History

(In consideration of hot daytime temperatures and physically stressful labor)

Special Medical Instructions

(List all prescription medication)

I hereby give VBC @ The Crossing permission to take my son/daughter to Arizona during the week of July 17-26, 2009, and give adult leaders of Valley Bible Church permission to seek medical care for him/her in case of injury, accident, or serious illness.

Parent or Guardian: _____

30 Day FOCUS



If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23

Each member of the Outreach Team is expected to participate in a daily commitment to read, journal, and pray for 30 consecutive days prior to our departure, beginning on **June 18th**. There are readings from Scripture that have been selected for each of the 30 days (available both online and at the INFO/GREETING table in the GARAGE lobby).

Below are the expectations that accompany this 30 day FOCUS:

- Daily, read the assigned Scripture passage, beginning June 18th.
- Write your thoughts about what the passage says to you and how it relates to your life.
- Pray each day that God will show you how to apply what you're reading and meditating on.
- Fast from something for 30 days. To "fast" means to give up or abstain. For our purposes, this fast is to deny ourselves something so that we can draw closer to the Lord. The idea is to fast from something that tends to occupy and/or distract your mind, body, spirit, & time each day so that you can use that time to FOCUS on God, his Word, and your own heart. Ideally, we would encourage you to fast from something *completely* for 30 days. However, you may choose to fast from something by *reducing* your involvement with or use of the item you are sacrificing. For example:

• *No phone calls or texts during a certain period of time of the day to focus on your reading and/or journaling*

• *Not listening to any secular music (non-Christ-centered) between certain hours of the day, or altogether during the fast*

• *Abstaining from TV, the internet, or video games for certain times of the day, or again, altogether during the fast*

Give serious consideration about from what you will fast. If you truly seek God, he will be faithful to help you see what he wants you to sacrifice. Keep praying until you are confident of his answer. Remember, the idea is to fast from something that creates distraction in your spiritual life so that it can be replaced with acts like reading, prayer, journaling, and worship. We're encouraging everyone to wear a bracelet signifying what they're fasting from during the course of the fast as a reminder to yourself and for us to encourage one another. These bracelets will be given out on Sunday, June 14th, but will continue to be available after that date through the HSM Office.

The spiritual discipline of fasting isn't about changing your behavior--it's about asking the Lord to show you what you need to see about your own life, and to bond us together spiritually as a team in preparation for our ministry roles in Arizona. This isn't about "performance" or living by lifeless rules. It's about loving God with all of your heart, soul, and mind. If something needs to be changed in your life, he'll provide you with everything you need for that to be accomplished.

PACKING CHECKLIST

- ✦ Bible/Notepad/Pens
- ✦ Sleeping bag/Pillow/Mat
- ✦ Flashlight
- ✦ Alarm Clock (battery operated)
- ✦ Sunscreen
- ✦ Toiletries/Towels
- ✦ Water Bottle
- ✦ Tennis shoes & socks
- ✦ Work clothes for 5 days (T-shirts w/sleeves, long shorts)
- ✦ Jacket/Sweatshirt
- ✦ Collared Shirt/Slacks (guys)
- ✦ Dress/Skirt (knee length)
- ✦ Blouse (girls)
- ✦ Swimsuit (one-piece only)
- ✦ Additional Clothing
- ✦ Daypack
- ✦ Sunglasses
- ✦ Hat/Visor
- ✦ Camera/Film
- ✦ Spending \$\$\$
- ✦ Flip-Flops (for showers)

DO NOT BRING:

- ✦ Cell phones
- ✦ iPods/MP3 players
- ✦ Weapons
- ✦ Inappropriate clothing
- ✦ Tobacco, illegal substances, alcohol
- ✦ Any items or materials that would be out of place at a ministry event

You may bring **ONE** soft-sided bag that you can carry yourself. Pillows, mats & sleeping bags may be packed separately, but should be secured to each other and **NOT IN PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS**. NO laundry facilities are available, so pack accordingly. Write your name on everything possible!

