



Christ the King CHURCH

East Bank West Virginia Mission Trip – Information Packet

Location: East Bend, West Virginia

Date: June 30th – July 6th

Who can participate? Rising 9th graders -12th graders

How do I register? ctkcharlotte.org/events

Theme: Relentless

Relentless describes someone who is... Unstoppable. Energized. Enduring. Relentless also can describe someone who is overbearing, harsh, dissatisfied. Each day at camp this summer, your group will explore how King David was relentless in a different way. He threw himself into life with great passion, sometimes suffering painful consequences. Despite huge successes and devastating failures, David relentlessly pursued God. He recognized God's relentless love and mercy and responded with relentless faith, trusting God to guide and shape his life. Through faith, David became a "man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22).

What will we do?

Your group will demonstrate Jesus' love and compassion in tangible ways, serving real people in need while working on projects like...

- Building wheelchair ramps and handrails
- Weatherizing homes and trailers
- Reconstructing sagging porches
- Significant painting projects
- Interior and exterior carpentry
- Other home repair projects that the homeowner cannot otherwise complete

Where we will stay:

East Bank Middle School
First Ave. & Brannon Street
East Bank WV 25067

The lodging facility does have indoor showers! If you are worried about modesty, bring your swimsuits!

Typical Service Week Schedule

SUNDAY:

12–2 p.m. Check-in
 3 p.m. Welcome program
 4:15 p.m. Adult meeting
 5–6:30 p.m. Dinner
 7 p.m. Evening program Meet your crew Project assignments
 8:30 p.m. Youth group devotions
 11 p.m. Lights-out

MON, TUES, THURS, FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. Wake-up call
7-7:45 a.m. Breakfast - gather tools, fill water jugs, pack coolers with lunches
8 a.m.. morning program, depart for sites, work on project, lunch, and crew devotions
3:30 p.m. return to lodging facility, report progress, recreation/free time
5-6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Evening program
8:30 p.m. . . . Youth group devotions
11 p.m. Lights-out (midnight Friday)

Check-out: Groups depart on Saturday, July 6th between 7:00 am -9:00 a.m.

How we will get there: We will rent passenger vans, driven by adult leaders; (adults will be screened)

Total Cost: \$590 -\$75 deposit = Balance \$515

Fundraisers

Spaghetti Auction & Dinner ~ April 6th
Pine Needle Sales every Saturday from February 23rd - April 13th 8:00 am - Noon
Donation Letter - Sample attached

Do I need to do anything before I leave?

Yes! We will have **4 team meetings** so that we can be prepared to serve. Attendance is required at team meetings, but we understand that sometimes there are scheduling conflicts out of your control and you may legitimately get sick. You can miss one team meeting without any repercussions 😊

Team Meeting Dates

- Sunday, March 17 – Parent's and Youth Mission meeting #1 12:45-2:45 deadline to register
- Sunday, April 28 - Mission Meeting #2 12:45-2:45
- Saturday, May 11th 11-2 pm. Group building mission meeting #3
- Final Payment Due May 15th
- Sunday, June 23- Blessing of mission trip participants 11 a.m. service
- June 23rd Last mission meeting 12:45-2:45 p.m.
- Saturday June 29th luggage drop off 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sunday June 30th Meet at church 8:30 a.m. to leave
- Saturday, July 6th arrive home about 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 14th mission trip wrap up meeting 5-8 p.m. @ Pastor Craig's
- Sunday, July 28th youth lead worship services about mission trip – followed by lunch at 1 -2:30 p.m.

“I want to go but...”

“I don't have the money.”

Where God guides, He provides. As you pray about going, God will lead you in decisions on how to save, make extra money, and ask for support from friends and family. He will also surprise you with financial support from people or places you would have never imagined.

“I'm not sure what I can do or have to offer.”

Can you smile, listen, pray, and care about people? Your presence and prayers make all the difference in corners of the world where there is no witness of Christ. Additionally, during your pre-trip training, you will be equipped and prepared for the activities of that mission trip.

“I've never thought I was “called” to do missions”

You may not be called to spend the rest of your life living overseas, but we are all called to serve God near and far. Your experience on a short – term mission trip will help you grow in your living relationship with Jesus Christ and discern God's plan for your life.

What do I do next?

1. Pray. Talk to your parents and family. Ask God to show you if He wants you on this trip.
2. Complete the online application Link: <https://ctkcharlotte.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/170/responses/new>
3. Pay your \$75 deposit when completing the application.
4. Attend all training meetings
5. Join a small group if you are not already in one.

Raising Support

God is our provider, not people. Trusting Him to supply for your trip is a spiritual adventure of faith. It is part of your growth process that God will take you through to prepare for the task ahead.

Why we raise support?

- It will generate a prayer team; When people are challenged to give financially, they are likely to pray for you.
- Your faith will grow; Support-raising is a faith journey. When days go by and your support level does not increase, you may be tempted to question your call to missions. But those are the days to be reminded that God has called you and that He will supply every need. Often the best faith lessons appear as we wait on God. That's when we learn that we limited and God is limitless.
- It broadens the missionary vision and your call. Your enthusiasm and dedication stimulates and challenges interest and involvement in missions.

How we raise support?

- Pray that God will lead you and your team to look for the resources for this trip.
- Evaluate your contribution. Other people can tell you the surprising places God provided money: unexpected refund check, garage sales, extra income opportunities. Challenge yourself to plan ahead and to evaluate what sacrifices you can make in the next months to contribute to your trip.
- Look outside the church. Friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors (even unbelievers) will feel blessed to invest in you and God's leading in your life. Seek their support. **Do not ask people unless you have a connection with them!**

How should I collect donations?

- **Highly encourage** people to give online. It is fast, easy and safe. Direct them to ctkcharlotte.org Click on the give tab. Choose to give to the Youth Mission Fund and in the comment field available have them put your name.
- Include self-addressed envelope with stamp with every support letter you send. Church address should be in sent area and return area. See *next page*
- Bring checks to training meetings each month. Each should be made payable to Christ the King. The church will make copies for each student's records. Memo line should include student's name. Do not give cash or checks to staff members outside of the team meetings.
- Follow up with a personal thank you note.
- Upon return from the trip, send a report letter to all the people from whom you have requested prayer and support, not just to the ones that gave money.

To Do List:

- Make a list of people that you are going to reach out to. You may **not** reach out to anyone who attends Christ the King Church (unless they are family)
- Write your support letters using the templates provided
- Bring in your letter to be edited and approved by trip leaders
- Send out your requests via email and/or mail
- Set up a FB event and invite all your friends. Send updates leading up to the trip
- Include your supporters in the dinner invitation after the trip @ CTK
- Come up with your own personal touch to make people feel a part of your experience.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Deposit Due:** NOW!!!
- **Support Letters Mailed by:** March 1st
- **50% of money in by:** April 19th
- **100% of money in by:** May 15th

Set Personal Goals

1. I am going to reach out to ___ different people to request support.
2. I would like to receive at least _____ people supporting me in prayer.
3. I am planning on contributing \$_____ of my personal money.
4. I would like to help the rest of the team raise \$_____.

Raising Support is not as hard as you think. How many people do you know? 5? 9? 25?

It breaks down to:

- 4 people giving \$50 and 1 person giving \$25
- 9 people giving \$25
- 25 people giving \$9

Addressing your Envelopes properly:

Business Envelope should include: Giving letter and smaller envelope is put in this envelope.

Student's Name

Street number and street name
city, state, zip

Mr & Mrs Trip Giver
Street Address
City, State Zip

Smaller Envelope: Leave this unsealed and insert with the letter into the bigger envelope

Christ the King
Attention: CtK Students
13501 S Tryon St
Charlotte NC 28278



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Dear Friends and Family:

I want to share with you a ministry opportunity that God has presented to me. From July 8th - July 14th God has offered me the chance to go to East Bend, West Virginia with my youth group from Christ the King Church. During our time there we will be building handicap ramps, repairing homes, and serving in food banks. While God has opened a door for me to develop a greater heart of compassion for His people, the exciting part is that you will be able to share in this compassion in several ways.

First, please be praying for me as I prepare and go to East Bend, you will have a direct impact on my ministry. Prayer is of vital importance to every aspect of life and this project is no exception. Second, the cost of the trip is \$590 per student. The church mission fund has pledged to assist each student to help with the cost. I have put aside \$_____ from my own money and need to raise another \$_____. Will you consider supporting me financially?

You can give by check or cash using the tear-off portion below. Please respond by May 15th if you can help pray for me and the other 30 students and 10 adults joining me on this trip. We will need prayers that God will prepare us for our visit and bless our efforts as we minister to those around us. We will also need prayers that our financial needs will be met. At this time, we need to raise \$590.00 each to attend this trip, and that is a challenge!

I look forward to doing God's work and letting you know all about how God has worked through this team when I return in July.

God Bless,

-----**Detach and Return**-----

____ Yes, I want to support (____) with my prayers and my gift of \$ ____.

____ Yes, I want to support (____) with my prayers at this time.

Name: _____ Zip: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____

Make checks payable to: Christ the King 13501 S Tryon Street Charlotte NC 28278

Memo Line: Youth Mission Fund ~ Student's Name (Return this in the self-addressed envelope.)