

August 18, 2016

Hello Leaders!

We are praying for you! Thank you for all your hours of preparation for the summer. I hope this is a helpful packet for you as you prepare for St. Louis. Almost all of this information is available on the web site so feel free to direct people there: [restorestlouis.org/summerurbanmissions/](http://restorestlouis.org/summerurbanmissions/). Please also feel free to call or e-mail me with questions (314-280-4397; [andrew@ncfstl.org](mailto:andrew@ncfstl.org)).

Please read this packet! There are a number of things you need to be thinking/praying about now (please look specifically at page 3). One of those things is to send a deposit if you have not done so already. We ask for deposits by December 1.

**ONE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS...**First, instead of asking for ½ the total payment as in years past on April 1, we are asking for \$200 non-refundable deposit per person coming on April 1. In the past, we have had some teams making a wild swing in terms of numbers at the last minute. This helps us to know a better ballpark of numbers more closely to the summer. We hope this is a helpful deadline for your students and staff to commit to coming and signing up :)

Our cost for this year is \$400 per person.

Another request...Please pray for yourself and your students as you prepare. Take 5 minutes now to ask God for his Spirit's work in your heart and the hearts of your students. Specifically, pray that you would learn what it means

- to believe God's Son and understand our place in his family;
- to be reconciled within church family;
- to advance God's kingdom through Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy.

God's grace and mercy to you today both as you proclaim the good news of salvation by faith in Christ and as you live out a tangible expression of that in the world!

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## Summer Urban Teams 2017 Packet

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## WHAT TO BE THINKING ABOUT NOW

### Cost

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Roster as best you have it at this point

T-shirt sizes for your team members.

The balance of your payment is due June 1, 2016.

Total cost is \$400 per each individual coming (this includes leaders).

### Set up, prayer, and training session times for your team

We will be sending you training material for your group that we would like for you to go over before you come. Why? You would not go to Russia without specific preparations and we don't think you should come to St. Louis without specific preparations either. As a suggestion, you could plan on meeting the first Sundays evenings between now and the beginning of March, April, May and June. These meetings would be good times to go over your preparation for Kids Bible Clubs...

### Preparation for Kids Bible Clubs

These are NOT your typical VBS clubs. These are generally URBAN and done in neighborhood parks (do NOT picture a suburban backyard please). Please read the info in the packet for your ASSIGNED topics and PLEASE LEARN URBAN-FRIENDLY SONGS BEFORE YOU COME!!! What's best??? Go to an "at-risk" community near you and "practice" first before you come to St. Louis.

### Boots and Work Clothes

Youth MUST bring boots (go to a thrift store and get boots if you/your students can not afford retail cost). Work clothes MUST be brought (including jeans/long pants and long sleeved shirts).

### Medical Release Forms

Everyone needs these. Please bring a copy for each vehicle.

## PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

New City Fellowship St. Louis will be hosting work teams for nine weeks during the summer. Teams come from across America to learn, tutor, work, and teach in a structured week-long program.

### Vision Statement

New City Fellowship Summer Teams exist to seek the establishment of God's kingdom rule in the hearts of every ethnic group by discipling the nations in the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ through a clear proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone and by doing Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy.

### Mission Statement

New City Fellowship Summer Teams and the people they serve and interact with will experience the reconciling love of God in Jesus Christ

- ...through a restored relationship with God and with one another across all racial, social and economic divisions which has been achieved through Jesus Christ

- ...through multi-culturally redeemed worship where the delight of God in us and our delight in Him is experienced

- ...through Christian community relationships where fellowship, love, increased knowledge of God and a commitment to take care of all basic human need is practiced

- ...through an equipping of the people of God that mobilizes each member to be a part of extending God's justice and mercy to the nations and proclaims the unsearchable love of God in Christ Jesus to St. Louis and throughout the world

### How Will Our Mission Be Accomplished? God Will Advance His Gospel of the Kingdom Through Us this Summer As We...

#### 1. Believe the Gospel Together

The Gospel is God's power for salvation (Romans 1:16,17). It is not just the beginning point for entering into a relationship with God, but it is the way to address every problem and the means for growth at every step. The heart of the Gospel is this message: "Christ became sin for us, in order that we might become the righteousness of God in him." (II Corinthians 5:7).

Through the Gospel we learn to believe God's love, forgiveness and the sense of acceptance as "sons and daughters of God". We find that in every facet and every area of life God is now committed to us in a relationship of grace and therefore of strength through his Spirit to live a new life. We are in fact completely new creations who are in the process of growing up into the image of God revealed in Christ.

As we learn to believe the Gospel, this new identity gives us the freedom to admit sin more readily, freely receive grace more quickly, pursue obedience more joyfully, view one another

within the church with a defined, fundamental identity as redeemed children of God and have greater compassion for those outside the church who have not yet found the amazing grace of God in Christ Jesus.

*Primarily, we will be learning about the Gospel as we worship, work, eat, and sleep together. We will believe the Gospel together as leaders at New City Fellowship share with teams on Sunday morning, afternoon, and then daily during devotions Monday through Thursday mornings. Youth groups will have nightly debriefing time to focus and process on what students are learning. The week is designed (packed to the max) to show both our sins and our weaknesses to point to the fact that we need a Savior.*

## **2. Take on a Kingdom Focus**

When Jesus Christ came to earth he announced the good news (Gospel) of the kingdom (Matthew 4:23). He came as the King of kings and the Ruler of the Universe to save a people for himself, through his own sacrifice, and restore us under his loving rule and reign as a people who would live lives defined by godly justice, mercy and humility (Micah 6:8). The focus of Christ's ministry in this world is described in Isaiah 42:1-4 "Here is my Servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

As his people, we are freed from a lifestyle of self-focused sin and freed to "seek first his kingdom" (Matthew 6:33). Like Jesus, we are anointed by the Spirit (Matthew 3:11), gifted to make his love known (Ephesians 4:7-13), and will be led by the Spirit to sovereignly appointed opportunities for good works (Eph. 2:10).

God's kingdom priorities are not hidden from us, nor are they ours to define. God has spoken in his Word and declared to us what he wants our service to look like: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I." Isaiah 58:6-9

*Seeking first the kingdom means these types of ministries will mark us as the Church. We will care for the widow, the orphan and the immigrant in our midst. It also means we will seek justice in marriage relationships, parenting responsibilities and work issues. God is concerned that his justice fill the earth, and that means justice both personally and socially. In his love and graciousness, these ministries are not the "calling" of a special few of God's people, but it is the*

privilege of all God's people to live such lives of service.

*We will work, sweat, cry, and laugh Monday through Thursday in the homes of widows, the elderly, the refugee, the disabled, and other people who need assistance Monday through Thursday afternoons. A part of our work time will be spent working on New City Fellowship's building to facilitate kingdom work that is carried on there. The work in the community will look like demolition, painting, plumbing, drywall, digging, cleaning maggots in basements, washing mold off of walls, stripping paint, removing brush, and many other things!*

### **3. Pursue Reconciliation**

Part of God's central theme in salvation is that he has come to save the whole world (John 3:16, cf. Genesis 12:1-3, Isaiah 19:19 ff), meaning - men, women and children from every ethnic group and every extended family group on earth (Revelation 5:9,10). That means we are not simply redeemed as individuals, but as part of the "people of God" (I Peter 2:9,10).

Reconciliation takes place between God and man and between man and man. The mark of the church, which leaves men with an undeniable proof that God has come to bring salvation, is this new-found love that we have for all those who are different from us, and who used to be our enemies (John 17:20-23, Ephesians 2:11 ff.). All who trust in Christ Jesus as their Savior are made a part of God's covenant family. Jesus describes this family relationship in these terms: "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice" (Luke 8:21).

The history of Israel in the Old Testament, the ministry of the life of Christ on this earth, and the history of the early church in the New Testament all reveal God constantly pushing his people toward the inclusion of the whole world (cf. Jonah, Daniel, Zechariah; Jesus' constant reference to the Samaritans and the Gospel of John's emphasis on the "whole world"; Pentecost, the Ethiopian, Peter and Cornelius, and ultimately, the whole ministry of Paul). We believe God intends for us to be intentionally pursuing the reconciliation of all people under the Lordship of Christ (Ephesians 1:9,10), across all ethnic and socioeconomic barriers (I Corinthians 12:12,13).

*We will worship in Spanish, Kiswahili, French, Burmese, Nepali and English on Sunday morning during our church service. We will work alongside and for people of many different racial, educational, economic, and social backgrounds. We will be intentional on Sunday morning, and as we work on homes, about looking at our own prejudices, confessing them for what they are, and seeking reconciliation. One of the devotional times in the morning will be a discussion of reconciliation in the church.*

### **4. ...and Work in Teams**

There is but one God, who exists in the form of Three Persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We believe God has created us in his image and therefore he intends to fulfill his purposes through us in a relationship of Team Ministry. While Scripture puts an undeniable emphasis on our personal responsibility to respond to his love with a very personal faith, it also puts an equal emphasis on the need to fulfill and live out our faith in a context of team

relationships of accountability, love and support. We need look no further than the ministry of Christ to see this principle lived out. Jesus' "ministry team" begins with the Trinity, and include Mary and Joseph and the Israelite community, and his life's work is fulfilled in the context of calling and working with twelve disciples. If we stand back and look more closely at the ministries of Abraham, Moses, David, or Peter, John and especially Paul, we will see all the marks of an intense team relationship in fulfilling ministry.

At New City, we are committed to ministry only moving forward within the context of ministry teams. People do individually minister, but it they fulfill their ministry within a team framework. Learning to endure through prayer and believing the promises of God together, seeing a variety of gifts unleashed, gaining wisdom and insight from different members of the body all have opportunity to become a reality as we intentionally commit ourselves to Team Ministry.

*You will work with MANY different people when you come this summer. Andrew Stern will help coordinate many of the activities but many other team members will direct you. Pastors and ministry leaders will share with you about the Gospel of the Kingdom after church on Sunday. In the afternoons on work projects, you may work with New City staff, a college intern, or you may lead a site with your own students! This team ministry is further evidence and opportunity for God's grace to be made all the more evident! Of course, your own group needs to work and live as a team! Teamwork provides more opportunities to expose our sin and more opportunities to see God's grace is both needed and at work.*

## 2017 Summer Teams

We would like to have teams of around 80 people in order to staff our tutoring program, as well as to meet our commitments to the widows, elderly, refugees and immigrants in our community.

When smaller groups come we try to book two or more teams to make the program run well.

These are the dates:

May 27-June 3

June 3-10

June 10-17

June 17-24

June 24-July 1

July 1-8

July 8-15

July 15-22

July 22-29



# COST

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\$1000 for teams of 5-15 people

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\$3000 for teams over 30 people

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\$100 non-refundable deposit for each student and adult coming.

Roster as best you have it at this point

T-shirt sizes for your team members.

The balance of your payment is due June 1, 2016.

Total cost is \$385 per each individual coming (this includes leaders).

## Cost Includes

- Lodging from Saturday through Friday anytime or Saturday a.m
- Food and its preparation starting on Sunday morning through Friday morning.
- PLEASE NOTE THE LAST MEAL WE PROVIDE IS FRIDAY MORNING—IF YOU STAY FRIDAY AND/OR SATURDAY WE DO NOT PROVIDE MEALS.
- An ethnic meal on Thursday evening.
- Work project expenses

## Does NOT include

- Transportation costs (we prefer cars and vans; buses are NOT preferred)
- Friday fun activities in St. Louis
- Any medical/emergency costs
- Phone calls
- Prepared materials that you bring for Kids Bible Clubs (see enclosed)

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Saturday

7pm Meet at the building (no sooner, must call if later); short intro.  
11pm Lights out

### Sunday

8:00-8:45 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45-9:45 Teaching Time: Gospel of the Kingdom (Teaching space)  
10:00-12:00 Worship service (Gym)  
12:15 Split into Lunch Groups  
12:30-2:45 Lunch in Homes  
3:30-4:30 Students: Orientation with College Interns  
Leaders: Orientation with New City Staff  
4:30-5:30 Combined Orientation  
5:30-6:15 Dinner in Cafeteria  
6:45-8:30 Leave and put on Kids Bible Clubs  
9:00-10:00 Debrief led by Team Leaders (Teaching spaces)  
11:00 Lights Out

### Monday-Thursday

7:15-7:55 Breakfast and Packing Lunches  
8:00-9:00 Devotions led by New City Staff (Teaching Spaces)

TUTORING WEEKS

9:00-12:00 Tutoring Program  
12:00-12:30 Lunch at Building  
12:30-4:00 Work Projects

WORK PROJECT WEEKS

9:00-4:00 Work Projects (lunch on site)

4:00-5:30 Shower and Rest  
5:30-6:15 Dinner  
6:45-8:30 Leave and put on Kids Bible Clubs  
9:00-10:00 Debrief led by Team Leaders (Teaching spaces)  
11:00 Lights Out

**Friday:** 8am Breakfast; Free day for sightseeing. If you leave on Friday you must arrange this beforehand with a specific time to sign out.

**Saturday:** 9am Sign out and have rooms checked before leaving.

## 82nd St. FACILITY ORIENTATION

### General

New City Fellowship began full use of the facility in 1997. Currently we use the Gymnasium as our primary church building. This is where we have worship services and Sunday School programs. The second floor of the cafeteria building (and some of the first) houses our elementary school, The Freedom School. We work very hard at providing an environment in and around this building that is conducive to learning in safe and quiet surroundings; more about that below. The third floor dormitory of the Cafeteria building is where you will be staying during your time here. We have adapted the dormitory space for housing short-term visitors with some areas also set aside for lounging and recreation. You will be eating in the spacious kitchen/cafeteria on the first floor of the Cafeteria building.

### Building Usage

There are only two areas you should be in: The Cafeteria Building where you will sleep and eat and the Gym first floor (the actual gym). Consider the remainder of the buildings off limits.

Cafeteria 1st floor Kitchen (cooking area) is OFF LIMITS, period! Breakfast, lunch-making and dinner is to take place in the large dining room.

Cafeteria 3rd floor Dorm Rooms/Hallways is a QUIET ZONE.

Cafeteria 3rd floor Meeting Rooms are the only spaces on the third floor where men and women may mingle.

### Sleeping arrangements

The 3rd Floor of the Cafeteria has dorm rooms; each dorm room sleeps 6 people. The space is in the shape of a large U. Women will sleep and use the restrooms on one side and men with be on the other side.

WOMEN'S AREA IS OFF LIMITS TO MEN AND VICE VERSA.

### Building Safety

Fire: Women and men have fire exits on each side at the end of the hall.

Tornado: The lowest level of the cafeteria in the windowless bathrooms.

### Security

Doors are locked after 11:00, your leader has a key if you need to go out. Check with your leaders before leaving the property. Always go in pairs—NEVER ALONE. Take special care after dark. Vehicles should always be locked. Never leave valuables visible in vehicles.

### Cleanup

The usual lecture: keep your space picked up. At the end of the week you will do a major

cleaning.

- Empty wastebaskets when full into the dumpster at the south end of the Administration building beside the garage.
- Housekeeping and janitor's closets are stocked with cleaning supplies.
- When you see trash lying around pick it up and throw it away.

Meal clean-up. We will divide you into teams with one team responsible each day for picking up after breakfast, wiping off tables, and sweeping the floor in the breakfast room. Likewise, after supper, tables need to be wiped off, floor of cafeteria swept and mopped. Tables are to be wiped with a soap solution that includes a small bit of bleach. Mops and buckets are located in the janitor's closet beside kitchen.

### **Telephone**

We do not have a dedicated telephone line on campus for teams. PLEASE BRING AND USE CELL PHONES. This is best for communication.

### **Parking**

In southernmost parking lot, NOT in circle drive.

### **Sports**

- Soccer field west of gym building if weather and ground conditions permit.
- Fogarty Park, north across the street, has walking trail, playground, baseball field

**Repairs: Report ANY problems to Building Manager IMMEDIATELY so the maintenance staff can get on them.**

### **Bathroom Rules...Very Important!**

- Shower curtains must stay inside the shower—otherwise you create a flood!
- Is there a flood in the bathroom? Please use a mop to clean up.
- Hang up your mats in the showers when you are done—this prevents mold!
- 5 MINUTE SHOWERS MAX
- 9:30 AM EVERY DAY UNCLAIMED ITEMS IN THE BATHROOMS WILL BE BOXED UP AND HAULED OUT

## FOOD

Food is provided Sunday morning breakfast through Friday breakfast. *Thursday evening* is a meal out at a restaurant (Indian, Soul Food, BBQ or something else!). The cost of this is already included.

***Food allergies...Please call ahead of time if you have a student/leader with allergies to specific foods so we can prepare for this.***

*Snacks* are not provided. We encourage you to ask students to prepare for snacks or cold drinks if desired, possibly pick up an Icee or cold drink when you fill up your vehicles with gas. You will have a refrigerator in your dorm space where you can store bottled water. The kitchen is OFF LIMITS. Feel free, however, to stock the refrigerator in the kitchenette in your dorm quarters with snacks and drinks which you supply.

*Breakfast* is continental style: 1 or 2 folks will be designated as kitchen reps to lay out refrigerated items.

*Lunch* will be MADE AT BREAKFAST TIME and carried to the work sites in brown bags; use plastic carry containers if helpful. We recommend that you split your group with 1/2 eating and 1/2 making sandwiches to help reduce congestion in the prep area.

*Supper* is at 5:30 in cafeteria, buffet style. Don't go away hungry but don't waste food, either. Put waste in the trash cans provided.

**Places to get snacks/fast food (82nd St. Campus):**

Quick Trip	Gas, coffee and drinks; North to Page, left on Page (west), ¼ mile on right
Food for Less	Groceries; East on Olive between here and office (1 mile)
Schnucks	Groceries; Overland Plaza – West on Page about 1 mile
McDonald's	East of 82nd on Olive
Pizza	Lots of options on Olive: Dominos, Papa John's, Imo's (St. Louis style, cracker-thin crust), Cecil Whittaker's (the same, but really cheap), Frank and Helen's (a St. Louis classic--the best on Olive, but kinda pricey)

**Places to get snacks/fast food (South City Campus):**

Quick Trip	gas, coffee, cold drinks; Gravois & Kingshighway
Schnucks	groceries, gatorade; Across Grand from NCF
Subway, Little Johns, Wings	quick lunches: 1 block South on Grand, on east side of street
Aldi's	cheap groceries; 2 blocks South on Grand, on west side of street
Ted Drewes	famous St. Louis frozen custard; 1 mile South on Grand, on East side of street

## FIRM FOUNDATION TUTORING PROGRAM

Firm Foundation is an enrichment program designed to teach inner-city and refugee youth the love and grace of God as well as engage them in academic activities to promote retention of skills gained throughout the school year.

Many of the children come from families with less than a high school education. This makes it much more difficult for these children to succeed in school and have the dignity God desires for us to have, particularly in the American culture as education has such powerful influence over the opportunities we are given.

You are part of God's answer to the children's cry for Him to help them. They may have no idea what this could look like, however, many times God uses people in our lives to communicate His love to us both verbally and through demonstration. For the children, your willingness to sit beside them, play with them, read to them, help them and want to know them and their interests can powerfully demonstrate the Lord's love to them. The Lord can use you to communicate the value and love He has for that child.

You will be assigned to one or two children for the week to guide them through playtime, worship, class, and to pray with them. As you engage with the children, encourage them and show interest in them, this will help them believe that God not only could love them, but that He actually does.

I am moved and grateful when I think that God has heard the children's cry and our cry on behalf of them to be sending you, strangers, to love these children who our society has labeled as worthless. God wants so much more for them than that. Thank you for being willing to sacrifice a week of your summer to love a child that you don't know but who desperately needs to know the love and grace of our Loving Father.

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

## WORK PROJECTS

- Painting a widows living room
- Building a wheelchair ramp for a disabled senior
- Delivering furniture to a refugee family
- Mowing a lawn for a single mom
- LOVING JESUS WITH OUR HANDS

The Gospels explain that Jesus' ministry was marked by the both the verbal and physical demonstration of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Likewise, the week-long experience for students is marked after Jesus' ministry as students both verbally proclaim the Gospel and physically demonstrate it during Work Projects.

What do the work projects look like? They vary widely from mowing a widow's lawn, to painting a classroom at the church, to doing demolition at a rehab construction project. Leaders often ask for specific projects that their teams will do. This is actually impossible to answer! Why??? Working with widows, coming alongside single parents, and dealing with weather conditions make projections of what, where, and how impossible. The amazing thing is that God puts us to work just at the right time in the right place to maximize our learning!

All these variables mean youth groups need to be prepared beforehand for a lot of work possibilities. **Bringing work clothes (long pants and t-shirts) and work boots is a necessity.** Being flexible will be a growing edge for many.

**Most importantly is how the Lord uses His Holy Spirit to teach us and others more about His Good News.** We believe that God's Good News invades our present situation down to where we sit (James 2:1ff), how we build our homes (Dt. 22:7), and how we treat immigrants (Lev. 19:33-34). Jesus tells us that the Good News should sharpen our "religious" focus on the issues of justice, mercy, and walking humbly with God (see Mt. 23:23 and Lk. 11:42 as they reflect back on Mic. 6:8). As we work on a widow's home, build ramps, and deliver furniture we meet people's needs, affirming visibly God's mercy and justice. It encourages both our hearts and the hearts of those for whom we work.



# Safety Rules for Work Sites

- 1) Only do what you are asked to do
- 2) Never throw anything
- 3) Always wear safety equipment
- 4) Travel in pairs
- 5) If something does not “feel right,” leave and tell a leader
- 6) If you have any injury, from slight cut to major, tell a leader immediately. Leaders call Andrew, April or Paul.
- 7) No playing/pranking on job sites
- 8) Always be aware of your surroundings (firmness of floors/swing radius of a crowbar)
- 9) ALWAYS BE ASKING QUESTIONS!
- 10) No red and blue hats/headbands

## KIDS BIBLE CLUBS

Kids Bible Clubs (KBC's) happen when you start with a grassy spot, like a person's yard, a vacant lot, or a park. You add red, brown, yellow, black and white sprinkles of kids, snacks, a jump rope, a football, Bible verses and bugs. Mix thoroughly together using energetic teenagers to the tune of "Father Abraham" until dizzy. This mixture will not be smooth no matter how long you stir it, but rather lumpy. Bake about 1-½ hours in the St. Louis damp heat, which varies from 90-100 degrees but has a higher heat index. Results: kids who hear the gospel from someone who learns their name and is their friend for 4 days. Serves: God.

KBC's are a wonderful opportunity for you and your youth group to present God's Good News using your hands and feet in the real lives of real children. KBC's will be held in neighborhoods of church members for 4 nights beginning on Sunday. Your team will have about 1 ½ hours each night for singing, games, Gospel presentation, Bible lesson, Bible memory work and interaction with kids of various ages. As you plan material for 4 days of Club, think about the songs you sing, the life examples you share, even the words you speak making sure they are culturally sensitive to kids these days. Many Clubs will take place in the inner city of St. Louis and most Clubs will have a culturally diverse mixture of kids.

You reach into the lives of kids where they live, and reflect the love of Jesus. We follow up with an invitation to church and a deeper relationship with a loving Savior. The time and effort you put in the Kids Bible Clubs is VERY valuable. The Lord has consistently used these Clubs to draw kids and adults to Himself.

What *real* people say about KBCs:

*"In my neighborhood, two kids over the last few years have come to Christ during these Clubs. They are often a Gospel offensive into an area we have not worked in before. "*

*--Andrew/Katy Stern*

*"Great way to meet some kids and parents in our neighborhood. The work teams visibly grew in their faith over the week. We loved to see the kids hear God's good news and His love for sinners." --Jerry/Sondra McKittrick*

*"Kids Bible Clubs gives us an "excuse" to invite kids over. We have met several kids beyond the regulars in our neighborhood. Some have come to church. Kids thrive on the attention they receive from the summer work teams that staff the KBCs."*

*--Tim/Kathy Rice*

We hope that KBCs (like the tutoring program and work projects) are a springboard and encouragement for your own Gospel outreaches when you return home. We are so thankful to hear about teams who spent time serving in St. Louis and return home to begin serving their own neighborhoods or continuing in the ministries they were already doing.

**KIDS BIBLE CLUBS SUPPLY LIST TO BRING WITH YOU:**

Name Tags

Jump ropes

Balls

Bubbles

Balloons

Masking tape, scotch tape

Sidewalk Chalk

Blindfolds for games

Special snack for the last night of Club—your choice

Anything you need to present your Bible story/lesson

Hole punch

Scissors

Reward stickers

Penny candy

*Anything you might need to enhance the KBCs with activities, lessons and visuals.*

## Health Precautions for Children's Ministry Workers

For a comprehensive discussion on the issue of blood borne diseases go to this web site: [www.my.webmd.com](http://www.my.webmd.com), Click on: **Medical Library**, Click on: **Health Topics**, Search for: "**Caring for someone with AIDS at home**". Skim the entire section, but be sure and read "Guarding Against Infections". **NOTE: Washing your hands is the single best way to kill germs.** Skip way over to "**Children with AIDs**" and read that section.

One source I read quoted the Center for Disease Control, stating that "all secretions except sweat should be treated as infectious." Modes of transmission of infectious diseases can be through broken skin and not just open wounds. This includes dry skin, rashes, puncture wounds from scissors, broken glass, safety pins, etc. Bodily discharges, besides sweat, would be tears, urine, feces, saliva, sputum, vomit, and nasal secretions. These have not been proven to contain enough virus to infect you unless they contain visual blood.

### **ON SITE PRECAUTIONS:**

When you tutor children with Firm Foundation (see above), on New City Fellowship property we will have supplies on hand to protect you to the best of our ability. Each room can be equipped with a box of tissues, paper towels, and a trash can. We have a boys' and a girls' bathrooms in KIDS KORNER, with soap dispensers, running water, and paper towels. The Supply Closet has a larger supply of gloves, band-aids, topical ointments, and some basic instructions on how to handle simple injuries. We also have spray disinfectant, paper towels, trash bags, brooms, mops, a vacuum cleaner, a hand held vacuum, sponges, scrubbing gel for surfaces. Please contact a Firm Foundation, Workday, or New City staff immediately if you are concerned about any safety or health issues.

### **OFF SITE PRECAUTIONS:**

PLEASE BRING FIRST AID KITS IN EVERY VEHICLE YOU BRING TO ST. LOUIS. This will help you not only when you are in St. Louis but on your trip here and back, too! When you work with children in activities sponsored by New City Fellowship but off of NCF property (parks, vacant lots, backyards, front yards) we also want to protect you to the best of our ability. Someone in your group needs to be familiar with Basic First Aid and could be the "doctor" for your site. We will send supplies with you/your group to be used at your discretion. They will include an antiseptic soap, paper towels, tissues, trash bags, gloves, band aids, topical ointments, and some basic instructions on how to handle simple injuries. These sites are not usually equipped with toilets or running water, but kids that live near by can run home to "use it." Someone should come with a cell phone (charged) if injuries are more than minor.

## Emergency Phone Numbers

Emergencies 911

Police	St. Louis City	314-231-1212
	University City	314-725-2211

Please also call Andrew Stern at 314-280-4397 after contacting authorities to let New City Fellowship know of any emergencies.

## Important Phone Numbers

Please respect calling after 8am and before 9pm unless it is an emergency.  
Thank you!

Andrew Stern	Director	Cell	314-280-4397
Paul Patterson	Director North	Cell	314-495-8543
Olivia Petitt	Director West Side	Cell	314-629-2867
Tony Thompkins	Church Administ.	Office	314-726-2302 ext. 23

## **PACKING LIST (The Essentials)**

Bible

Notebook and Pen

Work Boots (go to a thrift store/second hand for a good deal)

Work Clothes

Long pants/jeans (for painting/demolition/brush work)

Work Boots

One pair of work gloves (preferably leather palm)

One long sleeved work shirt (brush work)

Modest clothing (please no tight fitting shirts)

Work Boots

Sleeping bag and pillow

Toiletries (tooth paste, soap, shampoo, etc)

Hat (for the sun)

Water bottle

Work Boots

Sun screen

Any medicines you need (especially allergies)

Cell phone for adult leaders

Work Boots

Medical release forms

Towel(s)

Did we mention work boots?

**EVERY VEHICLE NEEDS A FIRST AID KIT**

## VIDEOS/PICTURES

Video allowed on Wednesday and Thursday only—after a relationship is established

When taking photos, please ASK and be respectful. Don't take photos on your first day at a location.

Want to take pictures of a student you are tutoring? **Make sure and send a copy to them!**

We have had video equipment stolen when teams have left it unattended at work sites. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CAMERAS/VIDEO EQUIPMENT UNATTENDED. The best place is in a locked vehicle in a shady location.

We encourage you to bring video equipment in order to share your experience with folks back home.

## Housekeeping Exit Responsibilities

It is easiest if all luggage/belongings are removed from the church building before teams start cleaning the dorm area.

### Dorm Rooms

- Remove all luggage
- Check all drawers and storage space for items
- Wipe off windowsills and counter tops
- Sweep/Vac floors in each room
- Empty trash cans and re-line trash cans (dumpster is outside)
- Damp mop each floor
- Check all storage space for items again

### Hallways/Stairs

- Sweep and damp mop stair wells
- Sweep hallway
- Damp mop

### Kitchenette Area

- Clean out refrigerator (Do not leave anything in here please)
- Sweep and then Damp mop
- Clean all counter surfaces

### Meeting Areas

- Vacuum the meeting area
- Wipe off windowsills in meeting area
- Empty trash and re-line cans

### Bathrooms (Guys and Girls)

- Spray and wipe off sinks
- Spray and scrub insides of toilets and Spray and wipe off outsides
- Replace empty TP rolls and stock 6 in each closet
- Clean mirrors with glass cleaner
- Empty and re-line trash cans
- Sweep floor and damp mop



# Conduct & Security Guide for Student Teams

## **Personal**

- \* Males/females are not to be in each others living quarters at any time, 'hanging out' is to be confined to public places
- \* There is a 'no dating policy' while on the mission trip (please no romantic touch)
- \* Students and leaders need to be in their rooms at 10pm.
- \* **Lights out and quiet is at 11pm**- all interns and staff are to help enforce this
- \* No outside visitors are to be allowed in the buildings without leadership approval

## **Personal Safety**

- \* Going off the New City Campus is not allowed except with an adult leader—avoid isolated areas in the neighborhood
- \* Seat belts are to be worn while traveling (State Law)
- \* All Injuries and accidents are to be immediately reported to leaders (Group leaders and New City Leaders)
- \* Read through the enclosed Safety Tips for Urban Project Participants
- \* No bright colored blue or red clothing is to be worn while working on Etzel or with any inner city project (these are gang colors)

## **Security**

- \* Outside doors are locked at 11pm and are not to be propped open or left ajar

## **Building Use**

- \* Students are to remain in designated areas only, roaming around is not allowed. *These areas include sleeping rooms, outside on New City property, the first floor meeting area and Rec room in the Administration building, and the gym (with an intern).*
- \* Large kitchen is off limits unless assigned for meal prep/clean up
- \* Those using the snack room are to clean up after themselves
- \* Students are not to be on the InterVarsity Hall unless the group is invited by the InterVarsity Leaders

## MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate on the summer mission team to St. Louis, MO. I understand that in the event of an emergency every effort will be made to contact me. However, if medical treatment is required and I cannot be reached, I hereby grant permission to the youth pastor or youth staff person to secure services of a licensed physician and he/she is allowed to give whatever treatment he/she deems necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or legal guardian signature)

Please fill out the following information for us to have on file.

Legal Name of Son or Daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Phone Numbers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Home)  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (work) 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Relative)  
 Health Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name under \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Health History

Date of last Tetanus Shot \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark Yes (Y) or no (N) to indicate any current or past health problems in the following areas:

Allergies__*	Glasses__	Circulatory__
Asthma__	Headaches__	Dizziness__
Heart Disease__	Psychiatric__	Muscular__
Hypertension__	Skin__	Muscular__
Diabetes__	Skeletal__	Major Illness__
Blood Problems__	Respiratory__	Neurological__
Gastrointestinal__	Genitourinary__	Other__

Please give details to any items marked Yes (Y). \*List all allergies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Are you currently taking any medication? \_\_\_\_

If Yes, What and What for \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PHOTOCOPY YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD/INFORMATION AND ATTACH IT TO THIS PAGE.**