

Sunday, August 5, 2007

Dear Pastor/Youth leader,

The preliminary plans have been made and here is the information you've been waiting for concerning our 2008 Northwest Baptist Student trip to Germany! I am so excited about what God has planned for us as we step out to fulfill His commission to bring the message of Jesus "to the ends of the earth". As in years previous, the challenges will be great, but I am confident God will do great things through the lives of Northwest students and their leaders.

The basics:

- Dates:** July 28 through August 10, 2008
- Cost:** \$2400 per participant. Includes flights, Leipzig tour, conference fees, meals, lodging, ground transportation, and insurance (Does not include passport fees, meals in route (in airports) & personal spending money).
- What:** July 30 -August 3
Attend the Baptist World Youth Conference in Leipzig, Germany
August 4 – 9
Participate in mission projects in and around Dresden, Germany
- Who:** Students must have finished the 9th grade or be at least 15 yrs. of age at the time of departure. College students are welcome and adult sponsors must be at least 21 year old.

Although your leaders know your students best, remember it is not necessary that a church supply an adult to go with your youth. It is our hope we will have enough adult leaders respond to enable us to supply the one-adult-per-five-youth ratio required for this trip. The team will be divided into family groups before departure to accomplish that task. Students will be expected to respond to their family leaders at all times during the trip. Students should be mature enough to handle the rigors of international travel and must be committed to the purpose of ministry and missions. Adult sponsors will be asked to take on the responsibilities of leading groups of students during the trip's duration and must be spiritually mature individuals who can model a Christ-like attitude even in difficult circumstances.

The Baptist Youth World Conference:

This event is held every five years. It endeavors to bring students together for fellowship, worship, cultural exchanges, networking, evangelism and missions. The conference offers stimulating speakers, dynamic worship, international music, in-depth tutorial workshops and seminars as well as personal interaction with students from around the world. Each participant will have the opportunity to participate in small family groups during Bible Study each morning and worship together with thousands of others each night. It is an amazing glimpse of heaven's unity and will leave each participant with a global world view of His work around the world.

The conference will be held at the Leipzig Exhibition Center and housing will be provided in a local hotel.

The Mission and Ministry Project:

Our Northwest team will be partnering with our SBC missionaries currently serving in Germany. Jason Dietz is our field representative and he is co-coordinating the ministry we will be involved in. Plans are in the beginning stages at this writing, but our teams will provide the area missionaries with the “man power” to begin and expand the work in the Saxony area. Christianity is not new to this area but atheism is the most common spiritual mindset. The work will be hard and short term results or response may be minimal. Jason wants to use our team for prayer walking, survey work and interaction with German youth. He asked that we emphasize the importance and significance of the “plowing” we will be doing but prepare the team for the difficulty ahead.

Ministry will take place in and around Dresden, Germany and housing will most likely be in youth hostels.

Passports and Paperwork:

Each participant must have a **valid passport**. It cannot expire within one year of departure date. Passport numbers will be required for final ticketing by airlines so please have this taken care of before the final payment is due. Log on to <http://www.allamericanpassports.com> for more information.

Medical release forms and surveys regarding ministry strengths and experience will be sent to each person or church group registered. All forms are due on or before final payment due dates.

Deadlines and Due Dates:

Registration and a \$500 per person non-refundable deposit are due by January 15, 2008. This will secure conference registration, plane fare and lodging deposits for each participant.

Deposits are non-refundable but are transferable to a new participant. The size of the Northwest team may become limited so registration will be processed on a first received, first registered basis.

Following registration a balance of \$1,900/person will need to be paid in four major installments by the following dates.

February 29..... \$500 due for each participant

March 31.....\$500 due for each participant

April 30.....\$500 due for each participant

May 31.....\$400 final balance due by each participant (airline tickets will be purchased immediately following this date and will be non-refundable and non-transferable)

May God bless you as your church or campus ministry considers sending students and adults as missionaries to Germany. Even if no one plans to participate, please partner with us in prayer for those waiting to hear the message of Christ in Leipzig and Dresden.

Updated information regarding specific travel itinerary, luggage requirements and trip preparation (including ministry prep) will be sent in subsequent communications to registered participants. Please know that I am available for your questions and look forward to partnering with you in this exciting mission trip of 2008.

Responding to the Task,

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