



We hope you are excited about the opportunity to serve in Jackson, Mississippi in 2021!

We have the opportunity to go and live out God's call to reach the nations with the good news of Jesus. This year, we are excited to travel to Jackson, Mississippi to partner with local churches to show the love of Christ in action and words. We're excited about what can do in and through our team that goes and hope you will consider applying!

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COST: \$1175 – paid for by donations raised

TRIP DATES: June 19 – 25, 2021.

Note: Time and day of departure may change based upon airline ticket options. Leave at least a 24hr "buffer" on both ends of the trip.

<u>Trip Leader:</u> Henty Van Der Merwe – CHCC Student Pastor

Sun, February 21st – (Optional) – Pre-Trip Informational meeting for all interested. 12:45-1:15pm in Canyon Hills Student Center

Who Can Go?: Any current high school student

<u>What Are We Doing?</u>: We will be serving with one local church within the Jackson, MS area that is already a ministry partner with Praying Pelican Missions (More info about PPM below). Over the week will be supporting this church's effort to share the good news of Jesus in their community through a combination of relational outreach, compassion work, serving the needy and potentially some manual labor.

<u>Transport:</u> We will be flying out of Sea-Tac Airport with a likely one-connection flight that will take us to Jackson, MS. From there we will take passenger vans driven by trip leaders to our various locations within and around Jackson.

<u>Safety:</u> Our #1 concern is and will always be SAFETY! We can't promise what we can't control, but we do promise that we will do everything we can to make this trip as safe as possible. Praying Pelican Missions has a track record of safety and wisdom with student trips. That being said, there is ALWAYS an inherent risk with a trip of this nature. All parents and students should take this into consideration when applying.

<u>COVID-19 Safety:</u> All trip participants should be flexible and ready for precautions taken to ensure as safe as trip as possible. Due to the ever-changing nature of restrictions and recommendations what is known now may be different near trip departure. But it would be wise to expect some combination of mask wearing, social distancing and COVID testing before trip departure. Precautions taken during team preparation meetings will be similar to current ones in place for other small group gatherings. Required restrictions will be communicated as early as possible.

Global Outreach Organization:

PRAYING PELICAN: For this trip, we are partnering with Praying Pelican Missions (PPM). PPM began in 2003 serving two communities in Belize. They expanded to Jamaica in 2007 and are now annually serving in 14 countries around the world and in more than a dozen cities across the US. Their staff includes more than 400 individuals both in the U.S. and in the local communities where teams serve. Through PPM, more than 50,000 short-term missionaries have served in over 350 different communities throughout their locations. *Check out prayingpelicanmissions.org for more info.*

Next Steps:

- 1. Read
 - Trip requirements in this packet to see if you can complete them.
 - Pre-trip meeting and fundraising dates to see if you can complete them.
- 2. Apply online @ www.canyonhillscommunitychurch.com/hsm by March 3
- 3. **Interview** The HSM Team will contact you to schedule an interview with trip leaders once online application is submitted.
- 4. **Contact** All applicants will receive notification as to whether or not they have been accepted to the team. If accepted, they will receive further instructions on the first meeting and next steps!

Contact: hsm@chccbw.org 425-488-4121 www.canyonhillscommunitychurch.com/hsm

THE REQUIREMENTS

PAYMENT: We understand that the cost of the trip is often the biggest factor in determining a student's ability to attend. While each student is responsible for his/her portion of the cost by the dates provided, we will help them in the process of raising support. Each student is required to raise support through letters and donations. We will help train and equip them to raise through support letters. Support goal dates are in place because the church will be purchasing airfare ahead of time. Please note the fundraising goals on the next page and know that each student must be fully fundraised before the trip begins. If goals are unmet or the balance is not reached, it may result in a student not being able to go.

APPLICATION: Each student must complete an application that covers his or her beliefs, gifting, and personality. We don't expect students to be perfect, but because we are sharing the message of and representing Christ, we must send a team of people who will represent the following areas well: HSM, our church and the God we are sharing about.

ATTENDANCE: Every team member must consistently attend HSM or Canyon Hills Community Church. We serve as a community and want students to build relationships with the students and staff they will be serving with. We also want students to remain a part of the ministry after the trip so this doesn't become an isolated experience for them.

TEAM MEETINGS: Students are required to attend each meeting with the exception of one absence. Due to the nature of this particular trip and it's preparation, students on the team must be able and comfortable attending in person.

Note: The Meetings on March 14 and June 6 are required.

If a student knows they would miss more than one meeting, or one of the required meetings for pre-existing commitments, please list that on the application and we will take that into consideration.

<u>HEALTH:</u> Students must be physically and emotionally healthy enough to travel and work in a hot and physically taxing environment. It is vital that students and parents disclose any medical and non-medical issues that could be a factor. We reserve the right to ask a student off the team for any reason that would jeopardize themselves or other team members.

<u>ID:</u> Every team member must have a valid US Passport or Washington state driver's license to travel on this trip. If you need to get or renew your passport do so immediately after being accepted onto the team. We may need passports for plane ticket purchases. Raised trip funds do not cover passport renewal cost (approx. \$165)

FINANCIAL DATES

Financial goals and pre-trip meetings are vital part of the trip process to ensure that team members are on track with their effort in fundraising.

By April 25, Sunday:

\$700 total.

This will be when plane tickets are purchased. It is key that this amount is raised by this date.

By June 13, Sunday:

\$1,175 The full trip balance that must be raised and turned in by this date.

TRIP MEETING DATES

Sundays 12:45-2:30 pm @ CHCC Students may not miss: March 14 and June 6

Sun, February 21st – (Optional) – Pre-Trip Informational meeting for all interested. 12:45-1:15pm in Canyon Hills Student Center

March 14 – Parent(s)/Guardian(s) required to attend. Vital documents will be signed.

March 21,28 April 11,18,25 May 2,16, 23, 30

June 6 - Final Meeting: One parent/guardian attendance needed

July 1 – 6-8pm – Post – Trip Debrief and Celebration

Application Information

Apply Online @canyonhillscommunitychurch.com/hsm

Note: There's a parent/guardian section on the application that we ask them to fill out.

Application Window: February 3 – March 3