

2018/19 MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCES

Our goal is to offer GTACS families an array of different opportunities for their children to serve those in need. Participation in at least one immersion mission experience is a requirement for graduation from St. Francis High School. Dates and costs are tentative until travel arrangements are made.

SAFE HARBOR/CHERRY HILL/GLADMEALS, TRAVERSE CITY - January 3-5, 2019

Approximately \$125

Participants will serve at Safe Harbor, a local shelter and meals program. Missionaries will also serve at Cherry Hill Memory Care Center, helping with meals and providing companionship for patients. Finally, the group will be responsible for preparing and serving a meal to GladMeals, the weekly community meal hosted at St. Francis High School.

FAMILY MISSIONS COMPANY, ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA - March 22-31, 2019 *

Approximately \$750-\$1,000

Family Missions Company, headquartered in the historic small town of Abbeville, Louisiana, trains people for foreign mission work. Our missionaries will assist with preparations for international trips and also serve alongside Family Missions Company in their rural community by providing food for the poor, visits to the nursing home, and more. *Pending approval

GOD'S KITCHEN/DEGAGE, GRAND RAPIDS - April 4-6, 2019

Approximately \$125

During this mission, we will help prepare/serve a hot meal at God's Kitchen's or one of the organization's other "food security" ministries. Participants will also serve at Dégagé, a Grand Rapids ministry that helps with shelter and other services to the poor. We will also partner with St. Andrews Cathedral to provide Christian hospitality to African refugees via their Learning Café and dignity via the Community Food Ministry.

CHRIST THE LAMB RETREAT CENTER, UPPER PENINSULA - May 9-11, 2019

Approximately \$100

This mission will assist the small religious community at a remote 1100-acre Companions of Christ the Lamb Retreat Center near Paradise, Michigan. Participants will stack firewood, perform trail maintenance, and do building projects or repairs.

CAPUCHIN MISSIONS AND GLEANERS FOOD BANK IN DETROIT - May 17-20, 2019

Approximately \$125

This mission opportunity includes service at the Capuchin Food Kitchen and the Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, with additional service to the poor and marginalized via the Capuchin parish of St. Charles Borromeo.

FREEDOM BUILDERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN - June 13-15, 2019

Approximately \$125

Our neighbors in need will be the focus of this local service trip. Students will camp near a worksite where they will provide much-needed assistance on a home improvement project, while ministering to its residents. This mission opportunity will also include serving at GladMeals at St. Francis High School.

AVE MARIA / ST. TERESA PROJECT (FLORIDA) - June 17-21, 2019

Approximately \$600-\$750

Working out of a home base at Ave Maria, students will serve under the direction of Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta. Activities may include soup kitchen service, distributing food baskets in the poor communities surrounding the University, building or maintenance projects, or providing companionship for orphans or refugees near Immokalee, Florida.

Mission Trip Flyer 2018-2019 Revised 11/7/18



Scholarships are available for qualifying students

Dates and costs are tentative and based on prior experience of preliminary travel cost estimates

Students with **health conditions** can consult with the Mission Trip Coordinator to determine if a particular trip is suitable

Additional information about these experiences may be found on our mission partner websites or via the Mission Trip Coordinator



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