

## Mission Trip and Mission Ministry Descriptions

Difficulty Levels				
1	2	3	4	5
Entry Level		Intermediate		Difficult

### Mission Trips

- **Bridge Community Church (2):** One of our newest mission opportunities is partnering with The Bridge Community Church in New York City. We collect winter coats as a church, and then we send a mission team to work with the church on distribution day. They pass out the coats to the first and third largest housing projects in the United States.
- **Central/South America (3):** This will be a new trip for all of us. This will be a new, somewhat easier, international mission trip that will appeal to many people, hopefully starting in 2022. Our goal is to seek out a local pastor or missionary who is in an area of great need. It is easy to go somewhere where the gospel is spreading already. Our goal is to find an area where the gospel has not spread as much and where the need is greater. As more information is gathered on this trip (i.e. location, dates, etc.) it will be passed along.
- **India (5):** FBC continues a 21-year partnership with a ministry in Kolkata, India. The emphasis is to train evangelists, disciple lay leaders and pastors, and help develop micro businesses for Believers as they are persecuted for becoming Followers. The leader in Kolkata is a third generation Believer that pastors a church started by William Carey. Our hope is to be able to return this fall.
- **Let My People Go (2):** Let My People Go is a vibrant church network working to serve those most vulnerable in our communities. They have two locations: Chicago and New York. Teams will visit with local pastors there while being educated about human trafficking, homelessness, and the vulnerable who live in those cities. The goal is to not just take in the experience, but to bring the experience back home to help those vulnerable here.
- **OCC Shoe Boxes (1):** Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes is an easy way to make an impact across the world. Each year after we collect the shoeboxes, we enjoy taking a trip to one of the OCC processing centers where we get to be a part of the ministry by sorting through shoeboxes, ensuring there are no inappropriate items in the boxes, and then packing them in cartons to be shipped across the world! In the past we have served in processing centers in Dallas, Atlanta, and Charlotte.
- **Ridgecrest (1):** Ridgecrest has a volunteer program for folks to come over for a week or two to work the front desk, coffee shop, etc. while youth group come in for camp from all over the country. In return, you would receive free room and board. It's a great time for you to relax in a great environment and fellowship with new friends.
- **Serve Covington (1):** Serve Covington is a great local mission project where we partner with other youth groups in the area during a week in July. In the mornings we do mission work:

clean up schools, Boys and Girls Club, nursing homes, canned food drive, write letters, help shut-ins, and so much more. In the evening, fun events are planned for the students who attended that day. This is a great way to partner with other Christians and serve our community.

- **Serve Days (1):** Serve Days will be quarterly missional events for our church to give back to the community. These will be one day, for a few hours, where we will prayer walk, help shut-ins, aid the schools, and do whatever else for our community and fellow church members. This will be a fantastic entry point into missions for everyone.
- **Street Reach (2):** Street Reach is a mission trip to our neighboring city, Memphis. In North Memphis right off Jackson Avenue, Brinkley Heights Baptist Church hosts groups from all across the country to run outdoor bible clubs throughout their community. These bible clubs, viewed as to us as VBS, reach kids from 1-12 years old. Teams will get to lead Bible studies, arts and crafts, music, and recreation to these kids, many of whom live in poverty and do not attend church. In the afternoons there are small projects around the church and community that teams participate in.
- **Youth Spring Break Trip (2):** This is one of the favorite things the youth ministry does, according to the students who go on this trip. Each year we partner with a different church planter in the country. We have traveled to Phoenix and Denver to aid the church planters in whatever they need. In the past we have handed out flyers in preparation for Easter, set up for their church on Sunday, helped at a food kitchen, put on a concert in the park, and more.

### **Mission Ministries**

- **Celebrate Recovery:** Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps to overcome hurts, hang-ups, and habits. It is based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory. It consists of joyful worship, fellowship, prayer, and confidential same-gender small group discussions. We meet on Monday nights.
- **Evangelism Training:** This will be an occasional training for church members and others who want more information on how to share Christ and witness to others. This training could include one-day events, a trip down to Memphis to partner with other churches for training, and Wednesday night classes.
- **Jail Ministry:** The jail ministry exists to take the Gospel message of salvation into the jail and to give men and women real hope and direction once released. We typically go into the jail on Sunday afternoons, which we should be able to resume in the Summer. To be able to reach the most men as possible, there is a need for 5 gentlemen to go each week.