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YOUTH WITH A MISSION

TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your interest in partnering with us at Youth With A Mission of St. Croix, USVI. We are looking forward to working with you in the near future. The following packet of information should answer many questions, but if there are unaddressed questions that you have, feel free to contact us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

St. Croix is a great place to have a mission experience! Come as a group, family, or individual. You can join one of the many ministries that we have going on or you can contact us and customize your own outreach. Have a basketball team that wants to have a sports outreach? We can do that! Are you an introvert that would prefer to cook than doing evangelism? We can do that! Are you a tradesman who is looking for a way to serve God? We can do that! These are just a few of the ways that you can partner with YWAM St. Croix to come volunteer!

Without volunteers, we would not be able to impact the island of St. Croix as God has called us to. We need people like you to come alongside of us to work with us in this “harvest” time. Please consider sending groups to work with us for short-term missions’ projects. We have a broad range of opportunities, with summer being a high-time for summer camps and other programs, as well as having a plethora of opportunities throughout the school year.

We can organize construction projects, mercy ministries, prayer walks, children & youth outreaches, local church ministry, evangelism and many more opportunities for your team. We would be happy to work with you to tailor a plan for your team. Teams like yours are the life-blood of our organization & we want to serve you in the best way possible.

We offer housing for up to 30 people (fluctuates depending on time of year & availability), with three meals per day, on our campus. We have 5 cabins (with bunk-beds) & a bathhouse for teams to stay with us, as well as other limited spaces. We also have a swimming pool, full-size basketball court, grass volleyball court, and a large field for playing. Our great-house offers a large meeting room with wireless internet.

We are situated on 5-acres of an old sugar plantation (the Diamond Ruby plantation) right in the middle of our beautiful island. Our grounds are scattered with ruins from buildings over 300 years old. We have a sugar-mill, well-tower, 80’ smoke stack, as well as the old mule pen, and ruins from the sugar processing plant for your viewing pleasure as well as photographic urges. We are within walking distance of a movie theatre, restaurants, K-Mart, and other shopping, and just a short drive from the port towns of Christiansted & Frederiksted & many beautiful beaches for swimming, snorkeling, and sun-bathing (Don’t forget your sunscreen!).

St. Croix is home to an underwater national park – Buck Island. After a short sail (we can arrange a charter for a fee) you can spend time playing in the water, laying on the white sand beach, or snorkeling the underwater trail – complete with beautiful coral, fish, “Sammie” the sting-ray, and maybe even the dolphins that have been known to show up!

We want to make your missions experience one to remember! An experience where God moves & lives are transformed! Join us – won’t you? Contact us for a team application!

Blessings,

YWAM St. Croix
Team Outreach Coordinator

What is Youth With A Mission?

Youth With A Mission is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world. Also known as YWAM (pronounced "WYE-wam"), our calling is to know God and to make Him known. Back when we began in 1960, our main focus was to get youth into short-term mission work and to give them opportunities to reach out in Jesus' name. Today, we still focus on youth, and we also involve people of almost every age (even many people who choose to spend their "retirement" in active service). Our many ministries fit into three main categories: evangelism, training and mercy ministry. We are currently operating in more than 1,100 locations in over 180 countries, with a staff of over 18,000.

Overall objectives of YWAM STX

Being compelled by our passion for God and compassion for people, YWAM St. Croix is committed to the mandates of discipleship and of influencing the family unit by presenting the whole message of Christ to the whole person throughout the world. Utilizing various schools and programs, including Training, Children & Youth Ministries, Sports, and the Arts & Media, we endeavor to make God known! In partnering with church and community leaders, we will identify the needs of people and continue to create new strategies in order to address these needs within the Caribbean and to the ends of the earth: encouraging a transformational relationship with Jesus that results in healing and restoration for the individual.

Vision Statement

We are called as partners in the Great Commission.

We are committed to discipleship.

We are intentionally seeking to identify and practically addressing the physical and spiritual needs of people of all ages; in every sphere of society both locally and globally.

We purpose to impart healing, restoration, and value to individuals.

We provide opportunities for short and long term missions worldwide; thereby advancing the kingdom of God!



YWAM STX Children's Ministry

Why we do what we do...

Our children and Youth are searching for love, acceptance, and meaningful answers.

We hope not only to introduce them to Jesus but to speak to the life issues and challenges that they face daily. This may be an island but the kids live in an urban (inner-city) environment; drugs are rampant, alcohol is cheaper than milk, and peer pressure is intense.

For the kids to hold on to their faith and desire to grow in Christ, they must be disciplined. Our hope is to equip them to become leaders of integrity for their generation.

First they must realize who they are in Christ and receive His love and forgiveness. Then they will begin to reach their peers and family with God's redeeming love!



JERICO KIDS

Jericho Kids is similar to a VBS program. We run it every day, Monday - Friday from 9-12 am. Each day we have up to 70 children that are ages 6-12. We start the day off with registration and supervised play time from 8-9. Then we bring all of the kids together for a 45 minute program. The program consists of songs, a memory verse, a bible story, and something like a skit or puppets. For the remainder of the day the children are broken up into three teams by age. They then rotate through swimming, snacks & crafts, and game time. For the last 15 minutes we bring them all together again and hand out crafts, go over the memory verse, and sing some more songs before dismissing them. Each week is different and can be tailored to the strengths of your team. Don't be afraid to let us know your desires; to ensure a great experience!

Should your team NOT be comfortable doing any of these tasks, please let us know and our staff can try to fill in where needed. Otherwise, we'll provide the kids and the space if you provide the people and the program!

Preparing a team for a Jericho Kids outreach

These are the areas that a usual team would be in charge of planning and carrying out.

Counselors: Providing 9+ people to be team counselors, helping the children throughout camp.

- ✓ Opening program (45 min)
 - Around 15 minutes of lively and fun songs. The kids especially love songs that have movement to them.
 - A bible story that is around 10-15 minutes. The kids listen so much better when the story is interactive. One idea is to act out the skit.
 - A puppet skit, drama, clowns, skit, object lesson, or something else with a message that will get the kids attention. You can use this to help emphasize the theme of the bible story. You can also use one of these to help the kids understand how to apply the biblical truth of the bible story to their lives.
- ✓ Swimming Rotation (30 min)
 - There always need to be one adult out of the pool keeping watch. It is very helpful if someone on your team is a certified lifeguard; but is not necessary.
- ✓ Game/Dance Rotation (35 min)
 - We have a basketball court, volleyball court, and an open field. Teams can either have the kids play these sports or do relay races, kickball, water games, etc.
 - Dance option: If you have someone skilled in dance they can come with a dance all ready to be taught. The children can choose at the beginning of the camp to either have game time or go learn the dance. They then stick with that choice all week and the dancers perform their dance on Friday for the entire camp.
- ✓ Craft Rotation (35 min)
 - During this rotation the kids also have snack so they only have 20-25 min to do their crafts. Teams can plan a different craft for each day or do one that takes several days. For the youngest team the crafts should be very simple while the older two teams can be a little more involved. We just ask that you don't do any wordless book crafts. The kids have done hundreds of them!

*If your team is large enough, it is helpful to have at least one person to stay at each location and be in charge (i.e. Explain the craft or game, etc.)



KING'S KIDS

Our King's Kids camp is a overnight camp. Each summer we run two camps. A one-week overnight camp for ages 8-12yrs and a two-week overnight camp for ages 13-18yrs. We provide a safe environment for the campers to have fun and to grow.

We split the camp into two different phases. The First week is training and the second week is outreach. Through out the first week we have highly interactive classes on Christian Character, Nature and Character of God, Missions, Identity, Intercession, Quiet time, and more. The class time is geared to introduce the participants to the true nature of God and challenge them to think about what they believe and the ramification of those beliefs in their lives. The first week campers also get to pick a "track," either dance, drama, or sports. Then they receive training in the area that they have chosen.

For the 13-18yr camp, the second week is an outreach week. The first week the campers are being taught, the second week they put into practice what they have learned. This involves performances at elderly homes and parks, trash pick ups, and service projects.

Needed areas of Service

- ✓ **Camp Councilors** - This is our area of greatest need as the camp councilors have the most input and effect on the campers lives. Each child is in a small group that consists of five students and two councilors. Councilors are with their group at all times and are there to mentor them through out the camp.
- ✓ **Sports Coach** - Each day there is a sports track a group of students and we need a person gifted in coaching to run a 2 hour practice a day. Also to help run the outreach portion.
- ✓ **Dance Teacher** - Each day there is a dance track for some students and we need a person gifted in teaching a hip-hop style dance class. We have dances already choreographed that we can send or we are open to new dances as well.
- ✓ **Worship Leader** - We have worship daily and need people with the gift of leading others into worship.
- ✓ **Support Staff** - People to serve in the kitchen, setting up for class activities, etc.

Week One Daily Schedule

7:00 AM	Wake Up
7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:15 AM	Quiet Times
9:00 AM	Intercession
10:00 AM	Class
12:30 AM	Lunch
1:30-4:00 PM	DANCE/DRAMA/SPORTS
4:00-5:00PM	Work Duties and/or Pool
5:00-5:30	SHOWERS
5:30 PM	DINNER
6:00 PM	Small Groups
7:15 PM	Class or Family Time
9:00 PM	Worship
9:30 PM	Bed Prep & Staff MTG
10:00 PM	LIGHTS OFF

OTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Our island is such a mix of cultures, peoples, history, and government that it creates a singularly unique place to live. We are a US Territory yet in many ways are a developing nation. At first you may see the "no problem", carefree attitude which is common to island cultures, but it only takes a short time to identify the glaring effects of a broken, scandalous history. In the past slavery was commonplace and people were exploited as property. These were horrible times, fueled by the selfish ambitions of greedy and proud men who trampled the lives of others underfoot for their own selfish gain. Today, many Caribbean's are still bound by the chains of slavery. Though the "masters" are not the same, the results still are: hopelessness, shame, anger, despair, rejection, abuse, bitterness, loneliness, abandonment, resentment, prejudice, depression, lack of identity, and many more. There is a great need for freedom from destructive behaviors, which have enslaved people for generations. God had placed us on this islands for a reason and we seek to serve the people of St.Croix by meeting practical needs whenever possible. By working in partnership with other churches, christian ministries, and various social organizations, we are able to multiply the fruit of our labor though out St.Croix. We strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus however and where ever we can!

Worship & Intercession

- ✓ **PWCW** (Prayer & Worship Connecting World)
Every week we meet downtown for an hour to pray and intercede over the island.
- ✓ **Prayer Walks**
In Christiansted & Fredericksted
Specific Communities
At slave blocks & historically significant locations
- ✓ **Intercession & Worship Teams**
Teams focused on prayer and worship to see spiritual strongholds broken over the islands.

Work Teams

- ✓ **YWAM Campus** - Our property is over 300 years old and takes a tremendous amount of work to maintain. We are always in need of skilled construction workers, electricians, plumbers, masons, etc. We also have projects for unskilled willing workers!
- ✓ **With Local Churches** - We are working with local churches to identify individuals with needs that they are unable to meet themselves. Such as, repairing a porch, patching a roof, or painting.
- ✓ **Community Projects** - We partner with several other organizations throughout our community. From a homeless ministry to elderly homes.

Children's Ministry

- ✓ **Housing Communities** - We have relationships with several housing communities where we go in and play with the kids as well as do bible stories and song time. Loving on the kids and sharing Jesus as well.
- ✓ **Schools:** (Sept-May)
Pre-K - 12th grade Assemblies
Sports Clinics
Classroom Presentations
- ✓ **Queen Louise Home for Children**

Sports & Clinics

- ✓ **YWAM Campus-Basketball, Volleyball, Pool, large field**
- ✓ **Local Schools**
- ✓ **Housing Communities**
Sports are a huge area of interest here for the local boys and young men. We live on a small island where there is not very much to do. Sports are one of the few healthy outlets available. Basketball is the sport of choice, but there are also many people who play soccer, cricket, and softball. We also have a huge number of triathletes living here! There is at least one marathon, triathlon, or race, held every month; not to mention the Iron Man 70.3 that is run once a year. Sports is a universal language that can easily break the walls that exist between cultures. Through sports we have a huge opportunity to reach those who would never step foot in a church. Here at the YWAM base we have a basketball court, volleyball court, and huge field that can be used for soccer or baseball. There are 10-30 guys that come play basketball here 2x a week. We need people with a gifting and heart for sports to come play with, evangelize, and disciple the young men and athletes of our community.

A composite image featuring a person jumping over waves on a beach at sunset. The person is silhouetted against the bright, orange and yellow sky. The background is split into two panels: the top panel shows a clear blue sky with light clouds, and the bottom panel shows the sunset scene with the person jumping.

Logistic Information

- ✓ If you are praying about bringing a team please contact us as soon as possible since our open dates fill up quickly.
- ✓ There is a application that will need to be filled out and submitted before we can guarantee dates/housing.
- ✓ When you contact us with your estimated number of days and group size we will give you a per person per day price.

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