

Possible Mission Projects for 2010

Brief descriptions of places where you could minister in the Golden Isles

Beach Ministry:

Is a great way to use your imagination and creativity to have fun, while inviting others to join in on what you are doing. Some suggestions include: Ultimate Frisbee, sand sculpting, beach games (i.e. chuck-o, bocce balls, ladder golf), seagull feeding, and flying kites. Don't forget to take your slip discs (which you can purchase more GIM discs from us), power bands, sunscreen, water, sno-cones to give-a-way. Have fun, get people involved, find a need and meet it, and share the Gospel.

Pier/Village:

St. Simons Island has an area heavily visited by tourists, known as the "Village". It is where the pier and lighthouse are, and there are many shops, eating places, and activities for tourists to do. Some creative suggestions for ministry here include: sidewalk chalk, creative ministries, clowns, juggling, face-painting, flying a kite, free sun block samples, and visit with those fishing the pier. Surveys also can be used effectively to open a door for you to share the Gospel.

Day Camps:

GIM holds day camps in the inner city Government Housing Projects, City Parks, Mobile Home Parks, Apartment Communities, and at our local Boys & Girls Clubs. Day camps utilize Bible stories, games, songs, crafts, and other activities in a controlled setting for the purpose of sharing God's love to children (typically ages 4-12). Keep in mind your audience when you are planning your Day Camp project. Children who regularly attend church will be quite different from children who have never attended church. Day Camps are a crucial and important part of our ministry, and GIM wants to help you choose a Day Camp that will best use the skills of your group and meet local needs.

Jekyll Island Campground:

There may be possibilities to perform in this campground located on Jekyll Island for mission groups. Please check with GIM's Mission Projects Coordinator to see if this opportunity is available for the timeframe in which your mission group is serving with GIM.

Family Programs:

Mission groups have the opportunity to present a creative performance of drama, music, or other talent. Performance areas include local churches (typically on Sunday and Wednesday evenings), outdoor community sites, the Pier on St.

Simons, and other places. You will have a wide-range audience from adults to children vacationers, residents, churched, and non-churched people. The key to effective performance is to draw people into a family-friendly performance with opportunities to share Christ immediately following by all volunteers of the mission group

Sports Camps:

Sports is a good way to build relationships with youth and build their self-esteem, which gives you the perfect opportunity to share the love of Christ with them. There are several parks available for these camps. Most of our parks have large fields while others have basketball courts, tennis courts, play grounds (for those too young for sports), and softball fields. You would need to determine the skills of your group and develop a plan that includes some type of Bible Study or Gospel presentation (and possibly crafts and snacks). Possibilities include: basketball, softball, tennis, soccer, volleyball, flag football, cheerleading, and baseball.

Baptist Ministry Center:

Operates a “Thrift Store” and provides food, furniture, and clothing to needy families. Work there may involve setting up the displays, managing inventory, light construction and serving clients during operating hours.

Church Plants:

If there are current plans for a church to be started in a community, you may decide to assist the church in cultivating activities such as block parties, surveys, Backyard Bible Clubs, etc. in areas targeted by the new church plant. Mission groups can always assist the church plant in engaging in prayer walking.

Prayer Walking:

Prayer Walking is praying on site with insight. There are many areas of existing ministry and areas where new ministries need to be started that could benefit from concerted prayer. A morning or afternoon spent praying for an existing or new ministry might be the most important work your group does in a community.

Manna House:

This is a soup kitchen which meets a physical need by providing food. You will want to come and not just eat but to share the blessing and love found only in Jesus Christ. The people who come in for lunch don't go through a serving line, but are served restaurant-style by ministry volunteers. This opportunity lasts from 9:30-1:30pm, and can have no more than five (5) volunteers participate per day. The biggest part of this ministry is attention. Show these people the love and attention that the world refuses to give them. Volunteers should be ready to let Jesus be seen in them and take every opportunity to share God's Word with those they meet in their time at the kitchen.

Morning Star:

This is a treatment center for Youth who are unable to function normally in society. You will have little to no contact with the residents unless otherwise planned. The ministry here mostly involves work such as helping to renovate buildings and landscaping on the campus. You may be involved in anything from raking leaves, painting, installing a tile floor, replacing a roof, etc. Before mission groups are assigned to minister at Morningstar, the mission group leader must contact the GIM Mission Projects Coordinator to advise him on your mission group's skills and levels of skill.

Nursing Home:

Nursing home residents really love to have visitors who will sit and talk with them, play music for them (i.e. Piano, keyboard, and guitar), perform drama skits, play bingo with them, and the ladies would enjoy having their nails painted. Anything that your mission group can do to communicate God's love for them would be appreciated.

International Seafarers Center:

In this ministry to international seafarers at the port of Brunswick, hospitality and conversation happens across national and cultural lines. Volunteer groups can only minister in this way when ships are in port and seafarers are able to visit the center. But there may also be an opportunity to assist with office work, computer, maintenance, landscaping, as well as processing donations for the clothes closet and library.

And Much More...

There is no limit on what God can do if we have the spiritual insight and the desire to be used by Him where He wants us to work and serve. Let GIM know your mission vision, gifts, talents, and availability.

