

In Solidarity
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break Mission Week
Celebration 2009

Celebration 2009 Program



Welcome and Opening Remarks

Team Member Reflection

Ariel Haytas

Team Member Reflection

Chris Mickens

SBMW 2009 Photo Montage

Team Member Reflection

Matthew Jordan

Team Member Reflection

Samantha Spiridellis

Musical Selection

“Rich Young Ruler” by Derek Webb

Performed by William Kenny

Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks

Spring Break Mission Week: Official Mission, Purpose, and Task



Our Mission

*To share the light of God
across the campus, the community,
the nation and the world
through the work of our hands,
the love of our hearts,
and the knowledge of our minds.*

Our Purpose

*To redeem the week of Spring Break
through committed acts of
servant leadership,
restorative justice,
and transformative reflection.*

Our Task

*To use our common
and mostly unskilled abilities
to help clean up, help remodel,
help rebuild, help teach,
and help heal our world.
While our task is important,
it is only a vehicle to our
mission and purpose.*

Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Recovery

Team Vision

This team again worked in New Orleans on the recovery efforts that followed the damage from Hurricane Katrina. Many years after the initial destruction, people still live without their homes. Again this year, the team worked on gutting a damaged house. However, while the physical city may have been destroyed, the spirit of its people remains strong and hopeful.

Team Members

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The Benedictine Experience: Women in Community Erie, Pennsylvania

Team Vision

Team members will experience the Benedictine model of faith, community, prayer and social action as they help with a variety of the sisters' service projects (including a soup kitchen and an inner-city youth art house), learn about the social justice initiatives of the sisters, participate in community and prayer life of the monastery.

Team Members

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Chicago Urban Poverty Plunge

Team Vision

Team members worked with multiple agencies that serve the poor while learning about issues that impact and are impacted by urban poverty in the United States. Activities included serving breakfast at the Inspiration Café, providing childcare at St. Vincent DePaul, visiting Su Casa (Chicago Catholic Worker house), volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, visiting the Interfaith Council for the Homeless shelter, and passing out lunches to the homeless in Uptown.

Team Members

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Love and Hope Ministries: El Salvador

Team Vision

Team members will seek to develop an appreciation for the economic, social, and political conditions in El Salvador as they serve the most vulnerable - dispossessed children. The team will serve with Love and Hope Ministries, an evangelical Christian ministry, "sharing, providing, and caring."

Team Members

*Onuekwusi Chukwezugo
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Catholic Worker Movement: Hartford, CT

Tzam Vision

Living and working in the St. Martin's de Porres House, team members will engage in a community of people who put their faith into practice by living with and serving those in need. Team members will learn from the mission of St. Martin de Porres House-to bridge the urban and suburban gap, to introduce people who might not otherwise meet, and to build positive relationships.

Tzam Members

*Laura Coonfield
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Christian Children's Fund: Dominica

Team Vision

Team members will use physical fitness and soccer training to build faith and healthy communities while holistically meeting the needs of the children of Dominica through the Christian Children's Fund.

Team Members

*Bob Barnes**
Lucinda Cloud**
Chad Ellis**

*Whitney Fischer
Katrina Hansen+
Makinzie Krebsbach*

*Richard Ott
Max Schroeder
Caitlin Zeller*



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Sisters of Charity: Rome, Italy

Team Vision

This team will work with Mother Theresa's order of religious sisters in their men's homeless shelter, soup kitchen, and food and clothing bank, situated in the heart of ancient Rome, Italy. Team members will also explore the Catholic faith by visiting the holy sites of Rome, going to Mass at St. Peter's, and attending a Rosary service with the Pope.

Team Members

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Border Servant Corps: Texas/Mexico Border

Team Vision

Team members traveled to El Paso, TX to explore the dynamics that exist on the border between Mexico and the United States. Due to the escalated violence in Ciudad Juarez this year, the team was not able to cross into Mexico. However, that conflict served to illuminate even further the ways in which the realities of immigration policies, poverty, drugs, and violence affect human beings on both sides of the border.

Team Members

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*Lauren Wiebe**
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Building & Rebuilding: Lakota Nation

Team Vision

This intentionally interfaith team will engage the mission to rebuild Lakota-Anglo relationships through conversation, reflection, and service. Team members will help build houses, serve meals in the senior center, assist with children, and meet with the spiritual elders at night.

Team Members

*Renee Colvin**
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Anclote River Islands Restoration

Team Vision

In an effort to decrease the loss of habitat and promote the lives of island inhabitants, team members will work to reduce the amount of invasive plants rising on the islands and replace them with a diverse assortment of suitable Florida native plants. Team members will foster other environmental improvements that support a sustainable future for the island wildlife.

Team Members

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Next Year's Mission Projects

*Were you inspired by one of this year's teams?
Did you participate in a project that you think needs to happen again?
Have you heard rumors of past years' projects
that you would like to see revived?
Do you have a new idea?*



Proposal Workshop

*A proposal workshop will be held on April 16.
Tips for putting together a successful proposal will be shared!*



Proposal forms for next year's Mission Projects

*will be available soon in the Mission and Vocation Office (Ham-Wil 4th floor)
and online at chaplain.owu.edu! All projects must go through this formal
proposal process. Any student or staff member is welcome to submit a
proposal. Proposals for previous and new missions projects are welcome. We
look forward to working with you to make your vision a reality!*

Proposal forms are due June 3, 2009.



We are in special need of creative domestic proposals.