

In Solidarity  
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break Mission Week  
Celebration 2014

# Celebration 2014 Program



Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Team Member Reflection

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# Spring Break Mission Week: Four Essential Pillars



## Restorative Justice

We seek to gain awareness of, show respect for, and build relationships with people and cultures with whom we interact. We seek to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in a way that honors and restores the human dignity and sacred worth of all involved. We seek to become agents for justice on our campus and in our world.

## Transformative Reflection

We seek to intentionally and thoughtfully reflect on our experiences and interactions. We seek to bring our authentic spirituality to bear on what we learn. We seek to be changed by our exposure to people and ideas beyond our own. We seek to reflect as individuals and as a team, to learn and grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually.

## Substantive Community

We seek, as a team, to develop into a close-knit community of mutual support. We seek to learn to work together as a whole, to be greater than the sum of our parts. We seek to bring what we learn and experience back to OWU for the enrichment of the whole campus community.

## Conscientious Leadership

We seek to call out the innate gifts and talents of each member of our team. We seek to hone and develop those gifts and talents for the betterment of ourselves and each other. We seek to learn how and where each of us is called to lead, how we might each add something unique and positive to our team's experience.

# When Two Worlds Collide: Dynamics and Challenges of the Texas/Mexico Border

## Team Vision

*Working with the Christian-based Border Servant Corps' Immersion Program, this team will explore the tensions and dynamics, the cultures and opportunities, the brokenness and the beauty of life on both sides of the Texas/Mexico border. Unlike most of the other spring break mission teams, this team will have a much higher focus on education than direct service. The issues of borders and boundaries are complex enough that we must understand before we can help. As team members experience life in El Paso and meet with various organizations, they will come to see the ways in which our two worlds are really just one.*

## Team Members

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# Gender, Sexuality, and Poverty: Navigating Overlapping Realities in Chicago

## Team Vision

*We often hear people talking about the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in our country and across the world. We also hear about the challenges of urban poverty and access to resources. But how often do we hear about the people who inhabit both of those worlds? This team will work with numerous community groups that advocate at the intersections of gender, sexuality, race, religion, poverty, homelessness, and age.*

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# Love and Hope Ministries: Children at the Core of El Salvador

## Team Vision

*The plight of dispossessed children never ceases to challenge us on both a local and global scale. This year, we will be working for the ninth consecutive year with a very specific piece of that global puzzle - Love and Hope Ministries and their orphanage in El Salvador. Love and Hope is an evangelical (but non-proselytizing) Christian ministry seeking to care for these children. Team members will work on service projects at the orphanage, spend time interacting with the children, and thoughtfully reflect on the significance of such ministries in the context of dispossessed children both locally and globally.*

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# If These Horses Could Speak: Mims, FL

## Team Vision

*The Wild Horse Rescue Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation of Mustangs rescued from abuse or neglect. The team will work with the Center both in terms of chores and maintenance for the facility as well as learning the techniques used to work with abused animals. In the midst of this work, the team will explore the connection that exists between all living things and seek to find their own place in this interconnected web of existence.*

## Team Members

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# Hope in Haiti: Returning to Pwoje Espwa

## Team Vision

*“Be humble. You won’t save the country. Don’t promise anything you can’t deliver. The only difference between you and them is where you were born.”* These words from Father Marc, the director of the Christian-based Pwoje Espwa boys home in Haiti capture the essence of short-term mission at OWU. Though not an annual team, OWU has partnered with organizations in Haiti since the late 1980s, a long-term commitment with participation by OWU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and trustees. On this team, members will work at Pwoje Espwa (Project Hope) in basic construction, classroom assistance, sustainability issues, and whatever other ways are needed.

## Team Members

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# Building and Rebuilding: Lakota Nation, SD

## Team Vision

*This intentionally interfaith team will engage in the long-term mission to rebuild Lakota-Anglo relationships through respectful conversation, deep critical reflection, and dedicated service. We will work with Re-member, a nonprofit dedicated to working with the Ogala Lakota people in both construction and cultural education and immersion. With an open mind, an open heart, and a desire to learn from perspectives far beyond our own, we will thoughtfully examine both the damage done by Christian missionaries in this place, and the powerful potential for healing between our broken cultures.*

## Team Members

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# Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Recovery

## Team Vision

Years after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the city of New Orleans still struggles to recover. Many people remain unable to restore their homes or rebuild from their loss. This team will be part of the ongoing effort by OWU students, faculty, and staff to remember and continue to stand in solidarity with those whose lives have been so irrevocably altered by this disaster. Team members will spend the week working with the St. Bernard Project (a nonprofit formed specifically to assist with hurricane recovery), either gutting damaged homes so that they can be rebuilt, or starting the rebuilding process on already-gutted homes. The team also will explore the greater issues of community building, as well as national and global responsibility for disaster restoration (not only in New Orleans, but world-wide).

## Team Members

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# Project Chacocente: Moving Out of Poverty in Nicaragua

## Team Vision

*Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Project Chacocente is a Christian-based nonprofit that helps families relocate from a life of abject poverty in the city dump outside the capital of Managua to a self-governed rural community near Mayasa. Families help build their own houses and the houses of their neighbors while children attend school in the new community. Education opportunities, such as trade skills and parenting, exist for adults in the community as well. This team will partner with Project Chacocente to assist with construction efforts as needed and will spend time getting to know the people of Nicaragua.*

## Team Members

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# Children at the Crossroads: St. Louis, MO

## Team Vision

*Even in the United States, children are among the most vulnerable of all populations. This team will work with at-risk and in-need children at the St. Louis Crisis Nursery, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect and to providing emergency services and support for families in need. They will serve by playing, reading, and interacting with families in whatever forms the Nursery needs. Though one week isn't a lot of time, for these kids, it might just be the moment they need.*

## 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 14 at 4 p.m. in HWCC 311.  
Tips for putting together a successful proposal will be shared!*



## Proposal forms for next year's Mission Projects

*will be available soon in the Chaplain's Office (HWCC 3<sup>rd</sup>  
floor) and online at [chaplain.owu.edu/missionweek](http://chaplain.owu.edu/missionweek)! All teams must go  
through this formal proposal process. Any student, staff, or faculty member  
is welcome to submit a proposal. Proposals for previous and new mission  
projects are welcome. We look forward to working with you to make your  
vision a reality!*

**Proposal forms are due June 1, 2014.**



**We are in special need of creative domestic proposals.**