

In Solidarity  
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break Mission Week  
Celebration 2015

# Celebration 2015 Program



Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chad Johns

Team Member Reflection

KC Johnson

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SBMW 2015 Photo Montage

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Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks

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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.

# Holistic Healing: Health, Gender, and Race in Atlanta, GA

## Team Vision

*The intersections of multiple issues and identities create the space for both problems and growth in society. Inspired by the 2014 production of the Butterfly Confessions at OWU, this team will explore physical and mental health issues as they affect women of color across all socioeconomic populations. In a combination of educational opportunities and direct service, they will visit and volunteer at community centers and homeless shelters, at free clinics and churches. They will explore the issues, meet the people, and hope to be changed in the process.*

## Team Members

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# Backyard Justice: Delaware, OH

## Team Vision

*So often we think of service and mission as things that happen in a land far, far away. Yet we are also called to serve with our own communities and get to know the people in our own backyards. This team will partner with a variety of organizations right here in Delaware (and possibly Columbus) to discover the needs and gifts, the concerns and joys of our own neighbors. In so doing, they will also offer the work of their hands and the respect of their attention in whatever ways may be needed.*

## Team Members

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# Chapters, Houses, and Homes: New Orleans, LA

## Team Vision

*Service has always been integral to the heart of Greek Life at OWU; and New Orleans is a city still recovering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. On this Greek-led team, members of OWU's fraternities and sororities will partner together with the St. Bernard Project (a non-profit 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. At the same time, they will explore what it means to live in community, in sisterhoods and brotherhoods, as well as how those communities might come together with other communities to better the world around them.*

## Team Members

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# Building and Rebuilding: Lakota Nation, SD

## Tz'am 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 non-profit 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.*

## Tz'am Members

*Annie Pappenhagen\**  
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*Annie Spink*  
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# When Two Worlds Collide: Dynamics and Challenges of the Arizona/Mexico Border

## Tzam Vision

*Working with the Christian-based Borderlinks Delegation 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 Arizona/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 Tucson and meet with various organizations, they will come to see the ways in which our two worlds are really just one.*

## Tzam Members

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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 tenth 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.*

## 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, a country where the city dump outside the capital of Managua serves as home for many families. Project Chacocente is a Christian-based non-profit that helps families relocate from a life of abject poverty in the city dump 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. Adults are also offered educational opportunities in trade skills and parenting. 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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# 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

*Maddie Stuntz\**  
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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 13 at 4 p.m. in HWCC 326.  
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, 2015.**



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