



Q & A

Billings & Hardin, MT

June 21-27, 2010

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Dear Youth Leader:

The Global Outreaches Unlimited (GOU) mission trip is rapidly approaching, and we are excited that you are interested or have decided to participate. Following are frequently asked questions and answers that should help with your planning. It is possible information could change; we will do our best to keep you informed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Who is eligible to participate in the GOU trip to Billings and Hardin, MT?**
High school age youth (16 years and older) and college age young people.
- **Who will be leading the trip?**
Dr. Paul Leavenworth, Executive Director, The Convergence Group and consultant to Open Bible Churches
- **Where and when do we meet?**
Date: June 21, 2010
Where: Open Bible Christian Center
302 19th St. W
Billings, MT 59102
Time: Arrive by 4:00 p.m.
- **Schedule?**
Monday, June 21 – Wednesday, June 23 in Billings
Thursday, June 24 – Saturday, June 26 in Hardin
Sunday, June 27 in Billings – depart after lunch
- **Meals?**
Your meals are covered by your payment to GOU. However, you may want to bring some extra money for snacks, etc. Meals begin with dinner on June 21 and end with lunch on June 27. **NOTE:** If you have any **medical dietary** requirements please contact the GOU office.
- **Where will we be staying?**
Monday-Wednesday and Saturday nights you will stay in the Open Bible Christian Center fellowship hall (showers provided off site). Thursday-Friday nights you will stay in the Hardin Church of the Open Bible fellowship hall (showers provided off site).
- **Will I have access to a phone and e-mail?**
Participants are welcome to bring their cell phones (to be used at permitted times) and a phone will be available for emergencies.

- **How much spending money should I bring?**
Spending money will only be needed for souvenirs and snacks a participant may want to purchase during the trip, so the amount is discretionary. A suggested amount would be \$50-75.
- **Will we have a chance to go shopping?**
Yes – there will be opportunities for shopping at souvenir stands and shops during the trip.
- **What if a parent needs to contact their child?**
They can call the GOU office at 515.288.6761.

TRANSPORTATION

- **What transportation will we use while in Billings and Hardin?**
Transportation will be provided via van and/or bus during outreach times in Billings and Hardin.
- **Who should I communicate with regarding my travel plans?**
Please communicate your travel/transportation plans to the GOU office (linda@openbible.org) office via email.
- **What if my group is going to be late (whether driving or flying)?**
Contact the GOU office at 515.288.6761.

HEALTH INSURANCE

- **If I do not have health insurance should I obtain short-term mission trip insurance?**
Health insurance coverage is the responsibility of each individual. Neither GOU nor Open Bible Churches can be held responsible in case of an emergency or health issue. (See waiver/authorization forms in Registration Packet) The following Web sites are for short-term mission trip insurance companies. You may want to check these out.

Insurance Services of America – www.missionaryhealth.net

STM Services International – www.STMServices.com

Global Travel Insurance – www.globaltravelinsurance.com

Go Mission Trip – www.gomissiontrip.com

PERSONAL

- **What type of ID will I need?**
You will not need any specific ID for traveling in Billings and Hardin, however, you will need a government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.) if you are flying to Billings.
- **Will I be able to use my cell phone and other electronic devices?**
Yes – at scheduled times.
- **Luggage**
If you are flying into Billings, keep in mind airline fees for checked baggage. Luggage with wheels is much easier to use for traveling. You may want to bring a small backpack for daily activities.

➤ **Is there a dress code?**

There is not an absolute dress code for this trip, however, keep in mind you are representing not only Jesus but also Open Bible Churches. Keep your clothing selections modest.

For Girls & Guys

- Knee length shorts are fine at all times, except church.
- Since the group will be doing a lot of walking we advise you have very good walking shoes.
- No tank tops for either gender.
- No tight fitting clothes for either gender.
- No t-shirts with inappropriate slogans.

For Girls

- For church services – required to wear dress type clothes. Example, knee length or longer skirts or dresses. Shirts and dresses should have sleeves.

For Guys

- For church services – required to wear slacks (docked type) or nice jeans (no holes) and shirts with button down collar.

➤ **What should I pack?**

Pack light. You will be in Billings/Hardin for 6 nights. Wear things more than once. Don't be afraid of getting things dirty. Try to limit your suitcase to about 30-35 pounds.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes – very good walking shoes and another pair if you want a change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One nice outfit to wear to church services is sufficient. | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or 4 t-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A couple of pairs of knee length shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modest sleeping attire | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen or pencil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or light jacket for the evenings | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions in original container |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ID with picture |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- Sunscreen (at least SPF #15)
- Camera
- Chapstick
- Swimsuit
- Hat
- Spending money

MINISTRY/ACTIVITIES

➤ **What will be the daily activity/ministry schedule?**

Mornings:

- Devotions
- Radiate Discipleship Training
- Service or outreach

Afternoons:

- Skateboard exhibition – Monday in Billings; Thursday in Hardin
- Skateboard clinic – Tuesday in Billings; Friday in Hardin
- Skateboard competition prep – Wednesday in Billings

Evenings:

- Activities or outreach (Billings – Wednesday afternoon-evening)

➤ **What type of ministry will we be doing?**

Service and outreach followed by leading the Sunday morning church service in Billings.

➤ **Training?**

Yes. There will be an initial orientation and there will be ongoing leadership training during the week.

Hopefully this Q and A answered many of your questions. If you need clarification on anything or need help with trip coordination don't hesitate to call. We are looking forward to God's best.

Go with God,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Dixon".

Linda Dixon, Administrator