



Q & A

Minneapolis, MN

June 24-July 1, 2010

GOU 4

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 Minneapolis?**
This trip is for students who have completed at least 7th grade and adults.
- **Who will be leading the trip?**
Darrick Young is the primary GOU appointed trip leader.
- **Where and when do we meet?**
Date – June 24, 2010
Where – North Central University (910 Elliot Avenue, Minneapolis, MN, 55404)
Time – Thursday, June 24th, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm
- **Who will meet us at the destination point?**
The trip leader and other adult leaders.
- **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 24 and end with breakfast on July 1. **NOTE:** If you have any **medical dietary** requirements please contact the GOU office.
- **Where will we be staying?**
We will be staying in the dorms at North Central University. The number per room will vary. You will be staying in a single bed or bunk and will need to bring your own bedding.

North Central University
910 Elliot Avenue
Minneapolis, MN, 55404
- **Will I have access to a phone and e-mail?**
Yes. Participants are welcome to bring their cell phones (to be used at permitted times) and a phone will be available for emergencies. Email access will be available.

- **How much spending money should I bring?**
Spending money will only be needed for souvenirs and snacks that a participant may want to purchase during the trip, so the amount is discretionary. A suggested amount would be \$50.
- **Will we have a chance to go shopping?**
Yes
- **What a parent needs to contact their child?**
They can call Darrick Young at 515.360.8162. Participants will also be able to use their own cell phones.

TRANSPORTATION

- **What transportation will we use while in Minneapolis?**
Groups are responsible for their own transportation. Smaller groups that are flying to Minneapolis may be able to share transportation with another group that is driving.
- **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 Darrick Young, trip leader, at 515.360.8162.

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 Minneapolis, however, you will need a government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.) if you are flying to Minneapolis.
- **Will I be able to use my cell phone and other electronic devices?**
Yes – at appropriate times.

- **Luggage**
If flying into Minneapolis, you will want to keep in mind airline fees for checked baggage. Luggage with wheels is much easier to handle when traveling. You may want to bring a small backpack for daily activities.
- **Is there a dress code?** Participants should dress in a modest and appropriate manner that will represent Christ and Open Bible well. While the churches that we will be working are part of American society, we will be sensitive to their cultural norms. Piercings may need to be covered up or removed if they are a barrier to ministry.

For Girls & Guys

- Knee length shorts are fine at all times, except church. Clean and decent clothes will be needed for church services.
- 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 clothing with inappropriate slogans.

For Girls

- For church services – required to wear dress type clothes. Nice slacks, skirts, or dresses. Shirts and dresses should have sleeves.
- Piercings – **only** in the ears

For Guys

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

➤ **What should I pack?**

Pack light. You will be in Minneapolis for 7 nights. Wear things more than once. Don't be afraid of getting things dirty.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes – very good walking shoes and a decent pair for church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One or two nice outfits to wear to church services is sufficient. | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts and t-shirts for the daytime | <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/EDUCATION EXPERIENCES

➤ **What will be our schedule?**

Thursday, June 24 – Arrive / Orientation / Radiate Discipleship Training (RDT)

Friday, June 25 – RDT / Preparation & training for ministry / RDT

Saturday, June 26 – RDT / Ministry projects with immigrant churches

Sunday, June 27 – Church services / Ministry projects

Monday, June 28 – Ministry projects with immigrant churches

Tuesday, June 29 – Ministry projects / Urban demographic tour

Wednesday, June 30 – Ministry projects / Debrief / Evening team activity

Thursday, July 1 – Depart for home

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

We will be linking up with several immigrant churches in the Twin Cities area for ministry in their communities and people's groups. We will also connect with various inner-city ministries in the Twin Cities to minister in the city. We will be ministering in church services at first-generation immigrant churches that have established relationship with Open Bible.

➤ **What kind of orientation/training will we receive?**

You will receive training for the various projects and outreaches that we will be participating in during the trip. This could be anything from VBS to painting, drama to serving in a soup kitchen.

➤ **If I have a special song, ministry, (interpretive dance, puppets) or gifting will I be able to use it for outreach?**

We would love to incorporate your gift into the outreach. Let us know what it is, and we will do our best.

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,



Paul Leavenworth, Interim Director