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NORTH CAROLINA DISASTER REBUILD IMPACT MINISTRIES GO TEAM

Application Deadline: December 15, 2019

Trip Dates: April 18-25, 2020

Trip ID# NC0420

Purpose: Blackhawk Church will be sending this team to come alongside the disaster rebuild efforts of Samaritan's Purse being conducted in North Carolina. In September 2018, Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina, resulting in record-breaking flooding. This storm was referred to as the "storm of a lifetime." Damage statewide reached an estimated \$17 billion. Samaritan's Purse is dedicated to meeting critical needs in disaster affected regions, and this team will help with rebuild efforts in either New Bern, NC (or another nearby location, depending on work that is available) by repairing homes on working on new home construction. *Please know that if another natural disaster were to hit prior to the team's departure, we may re-route to provide assistance in a new location.*

Trip Dates: The trip will be **April 18-25**. The trip will be 7 days long.

Team Members: The team will be approximately 8-10 people. Per GO Team policy, applying for a trip does not guarantee you a spot on the team. Applicants must be at least 21 years old. It is important that our team members are mature, available, humble, flexible, and will make a positive contribution to the team. Team members will be expected to be actively involved at Blackhawk in addition to this trip. Team members must be able to work in a warm/humid climate and be on their feet for 8+ hours a day.

Application Process: After reviewing this document and praying about your decision to apply, please fill-out the online [GO Team Application](#) by **11:59 pm on Sunday, December 15, 2019**, the sooner the better. After reviewing applications, some applicants may be asked to meet with trip leaders and/or members from the Impact Ministries team to discuss their application. Applicants will be notified about final application decisions within 4-6 weeks from the application deadline.

Who is leading this trip?

Brad Wegner is the GO Team Trip Leader, and Jon Wanta is the GO Team Assistant Trip Leader.

Accommodations/Travel Info: Samaritan's Purse provides accommodations, typically in the form of a nearby church. Team members may be expected to bring a cot/air mattress (more details will be provided). Same gender team members will share a large room at the church (cots arranged along the borders of the room).

The team will drive from Wisconsin to North Carolina and back; the drive is approximately 17 hours each way. The team will make each drive over the course of two days (7-10 hours each day), and will spend the night at a hotel along the way. Team members will be expected to share a room with another same gender team member.

Safety/Medical Concerns: Disaster rebuild work comes with certain medical concerns – Samaritan's Purse requires a safety briefing for all team members, and they provide safety equipment and tools. Their staff will assess homes at the work site and will note any structural damage that could be a

hazard. We also recommend looking at the CDC's resources and health information for disaster relief volunteers (<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/volunteers.html>).

We monitor the security situation in any destination, including North Carolina. We will continue to monitor all upcoming news related to traveler safety.

Cost of Trip: The trip will cost approximately **\$550-600** per participant (pending budget finalizations). A support raising goal in this range will be announced at the first team meeting. Though it is not required, team members may choose to contribute an initial financial gift in the amount of their choice to help with start-up funds and early expenses. The rest is to be raised through supporters (family, friends, etc.). Each team member is required to:

- 1) Send out support letters
- 2) Attend the scheduled training meetings.
 1. Meeting #1 (at Blackhawk Brader Way): Sunday, February 23 from 2-4pm
 2. Meeting #2 (location TBD): Sunday, March 15 from 1-4pm

To Prepare for the Trip: Pray that God will direct the team leadership to choose the team members that He wants to be a part of this trip. Pray for God to prepare your heart for what He has for you during this trip. Pray for your teammates and leaders, and the people you will meet in North Carolina.

If you are selected to be on the team you may need some vaccinations and medications and will need to make an appointment with one of the local Travel Medicine Clinics (contact your primary physician). If you have not been on a short-term trip before you should do this as early as possible as some of the vaccinations require repeat visits. We will go over this during the first meeting.

Climate in North Carolina: In April temperatures will typically range from highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s. Recommended clothing will be provided at a later date.

Questions? Contact one of the following:

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