



# Mission CHARLOTTE

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This trip is designed for students who have completed 7th or 8th grade.

When most people consider going on a mission trip they instantly think about another country and leaving their own city. Many people do not realize that the nations are right here in the Queen City. There are currently over 3,000 international refugees from over 40 different countries all over the world calling Charlotte home. We have the opportunity to care for and minister to the nations by staying right here in Charlotte.

Our Charlotte Mission Trip will take students out of their comfort zones, and immerse them in a setting that will feel like they are miles away. Students will gain confidence and experience sharing the Gospel while demonstrating the love of Christ to the least of these.



#### Date & Cost

June 28 - July 2  
\$175



#### Focus

Equip and lead  
Gospel related  
children ministry.



#### Imagine

Experiencing and impacting  
multiple cultures, religions, and  
nations in our own city.



#### Fun Fact

Charlotte was the  
location of the first gold  
rush in the U.S. in 1799.



#### Apply By

March 15

#### Expected Impact

**01** Help a local ministry partner create an environment for people, especially unbelievers, to experience the love of Jesus.

**02** Opening our eyes to the lost and least of these right here in our city and discovering we can be a part of the solution.

**03** Build relationships with one another and see how God uniquely equips each of us as the body of Christ for His purpose.

# The Challenge

Our comfort zones are often stretched when we put intentional action behind beliefs. At Carmel we have put a stake in the ground that we are going to invest right here at home. One of the best ways we can do that well is to connect with our local partner ministry so we can be even more strategic about our impact. Our Students will work at Merry Oaks Elementary and with Project 658 to share Christ through various children programs such as reading clubs, games, VBS, as well as reaching out in key apartment complexes.



Students will be asked to lead various stations throughout the day, such as crafts, sports, music, games, Bible story, etc. Students will be equipped to give their testimony and express the hope that Jesus alone provides.

# Focus of Project 658

Hope. It's a word that we use often. It's a word that is best understood by those who have lost it. To lose hope is to miss out on what Christ has called you to. Project 658 believes that in Christ we all can have hope restored. We seek community transformation through the powerful work of Jesus and we are committed to serving families in greatest need in our city and around the world in ways that that are practical, sustainable and burden lifting. We believe that the only way a community is transformed is by putting Jesus at the center and allowing his work to bring change. Our goal is to bring hope back to these communities that feel lost, forgotten, and in despair. The goal of Project 658 is to see hope restored.

## Safety

As with every trip, there are risks involved and a need for training in order to be wise and intentional about making provisions for safety, even if that trip is right here in our city. We will be diligent about this leading up to and during the trip itself. At the same time, in assessing the potential risks, the Pastoral Elder team along with our Global Outreach Team has agreed that we are confident about the safety of this trip.

### Pray With Us

Pray for wisdom and effectiveness for Project 658 as they minister to those often forgotten in our city. Pray that our relationship with the administration at Merry Oaks Elementary will continue to solidfy and for increased opportunities to invest. Pray our students would have boldness and grow in confidence in sharing the Gospel. Pray that students will identify their gifts and abilities as they creatively share Jesus.

## Standards

Spiritual preparation is vital to serving on mission. In order to participate in the Charlotte mission project, students are expected to have 80% attendance in Student Discipleship Community, and attend all training dates.

## Important Dates

- Jan. 29 - Open Trip Application
- Mar. 15 - Trip Application Deadline
- Mar. 25 - Training 1 - 8-9pm (SDC)  
\*Parents Required to Attend\*
- Mar. 31 - Lois Bumpus Scholarship Deadline
- Apr. 30 - Half cost Due
- May 13 - Training 2 - 6:15-7:45 (SDC)
- May 20 - Training 3 - 6:15-7:45 (SDC)
- May 31 - Full Cost Due
- Jun. 3 - Training 4 - 6:15-7:45 (SDC)



## Accomodations

- We will stay at Metrolina Baptist Association (MBA).
- Large open rooms for sleeping. You will be encouraged to bring a twin sized air mattress.
- Large bathrooms with multiple showers.
- Gym on campus for evening downtime.
- At night students will stay on campus at MBA.
- Food will be prepared and provided by Carmel.
- We will travel as a group and utlize public bus transportation during the week.