



WSBC Senior High Service/Learning Experience

Reach Beyond Mission

June 20-27, 2020

Austin/San Antonio, TX

A REACH BEYOND MISSION TRIP IS A VISION TRIP! It is an important experience for youth to work and serve others, but we believe it is most important for youth to learn about root causes and systemic issues so that they may go back to their communities with a vision to serve and work for justice beyond the mission trip week. A *Reach Beyond Mission* vision-focused week includes direct service, indirect service, relational ministry, and education. We will learn from community leaders & organizers, ministers & social workers, public policy makers & legislators, and professors & advocates. We will hear personal stories shared by guest speakers, and learn through fun but challenging simulations and activities. RBM's hope is that participants will *reach beyond the mission week* to make charity and justice part of their life-long journey as followers of Jesus.

ABOUT AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION WEEK: According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, an unprecedented 68.5 million people around the world have been forced from their homes. Among them are nearly 25.4 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18. As followers of Jesus, what is our role in a world where nearly one person every two seconds is forcibly displaced as a result of disaster, conflict or persecution?

We'll begin and end the week in Austin but also travel to San Antonio and Eagle Pass during the week. We'll serve in a mixture of direct service and refugee support organizations. Refugee and Immigration weeks are heavily education focused. We'll talk with community leaders and work with faith-based organizations that advocate on behalf of immigrants. We'll have time together each evening for justice-based Bible study and discussion, and on Friday, we'll visit the Texas Capitol to learn about advocacy and participate in a mock bill hearing on immigrant related issues.

ACCOMMODATIONS/MEALS: Our RBM week starts on Sunday evening, June 21 but airfare is considerably cheaper if we leave on Saturday. Kelly will work on arrangements for lodging/sight-seeing on Saturday. You'll need money for a few meals.

Sunday-Tuesday and Friday nights, we will stay at The Callaway House (dorm-style suites) in Austin. Breakfasts and suppers provided by The Callaway House. Bag lunches each day. Evening activities will be held at University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a short walk from the dorm.

Wednesday and Thursday nights, we will stay in a San Antonio church. Floor mattresses will be provided. Breakfasts and suppers provided by church caterer. Bag lunches each day.

GROUP SIZE: We have reserved space for 20 senior high youth and adults. ***You'll need to reserve your spot as soon as possible.*** RBM Refugee and Immigration weeks are limited to 40 participants per week and the week is currently full. The only way we can add to our group size is if the other group has cancellations.

COST: The total cost for the RBM week is \$380 per person + airfare (approximately \$300). With our fund-raising efforts and assistance from our Youth Mission Funds, we hope to cut the cost per person down at least in half!

TIMELINE:

Sunday, March 1: \$100 deposit due

Sunday, March 29: Team Meeting #1 (7:15 pm)

Sunday, April 26: Forms due

Sunday, June 7: Team Meeting #2 (7 pm, after the *Wattsies*), balance payment due

Please make checks out to: *Watts Street Baptist Church*. As always, please don't let the cost of this event prohibit you from going. Pay what you can and scholarship funds can cover the rest.

