

Champion Christian High School Mission Trip

January 28, 2014

This year the high school will be taking a mission trip to Tucson AZ. The dates for the trip are March 28 to April 4, 2014. We will be working with Praying Pelican Missions, and specifically with Derrek from that group and Rob Landry who is in Sell, AZ where we will be working. We will be working with a group of Native Americans known as the Tahono aOdam Tribe. They are a tribe who has lived in their area since before the United States. They are on a Reservation that is primarily been their home for hundreds of years. It will be an opportunity for us to see and work with Native Americans in their heritage. While there we will be doing a combination of construction on a Christian school and ministry programs the groups in the area as well as the churches. Our ministry programs will focus primarily on children with puppets, drama, music and sharing. We have an estimated group of over 25 going this year based on initial responses. Tentatively going this year are Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Brant, Ms. Black, Mrs. Sharlock, Mr. Wingrove, and several other adults.

Here are some of the things that we learned about the trip so far.

- Although we will stay in the US, the tribe is ½ in the US and ½ in Mexico. We will be 35 miles from Mexico.
- The reservation is very large, but we will be based in Sells, AZ which is 60 miles from Tucson.
- The people are very friendly, but some of the problems they face are: poverty, casinos, gangs, alcoholism, drugs, unemployment, and broken homes. Rob said they are in need of hope and love.
- We will visit a church called Papago Baptist in Sells. Only one half of 1% of the tribe believe in Christ. Most believers and church goers are women and children. There is some ancestral worship as well as worship of more than one god.
- We will also visit a Christian school in Sells and possibly spend some time with the students mentoring and working on construction projects there such as repairs and building a storage unit.
- Other possible projects are: assisting the elderly, assisting families, working with the food bank, a kids' club with arts and crafts and games, going out into smaller villages, or maybe sponsoring a basketball tournament.
- We will be staying at a bunkhouse. Our meals will be provided. There are 12 showers and nice facilities.
- We should bring bedding (covers) clothes for hot weather and for somewhat cool evenings, and our own water bottle.
- Rob says that he believes conditions there to be the most receptive there ever to receive the gospel.

As in the past there are several ways to fund the trip. Right now the estimated cost is \$800 for the total trip. People can pay for that. They may also raise funds with the school to go. All students wanting to do that MUST bring in 25 names and addresses for those to whom we will send our letters. We will begin sending letters and fundraising in the beginning of February. If you are paying for your trip, please send in your deposit of \$150 which will be non-refundable. By signing on the line below, you are committing to these guidelines and stipulations, and committing to the trip.

We look forward to building our mission team and working together to further God's kingdom.

CCS High School Staff

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent