



Bahamas



High School Mission Trip June 26*-July 3, 2020

** The departure date may change to June 27 depending on the best travel arrangements we can find.*

On September 1, 2019, Hurricane Dorian, a category 5 hurricane, made landfall in the Abaco Islands of the Bahamas with winds of 185 mph and sustained gusts up to 225 mph, tying it with the strongest land falling Atlantic hurricane on record. What made it even more rare and devastating was that it sat over the island for *24 hours*, causing catastrophic damage and the loss of 70% of the homes on the island.

This small English speaking country was not a wealthy country to begin with, and large portions of the population struggled to get by. Now they have lost even the little that they had – their homes, all of their belongings, their livelihoods and in many cases friends and loved ones.

Many feel overwhelmed and hopeless, not knowing how they will build a life for themselves and their children again.

We will be serving in partnership with *Praying Pelican Missions (PPM)*, and working with a local church on Abaco. PPM has been leading international mission trips for 15 years and has extensive experience developing customized mission trips. We will stay at a church camp about 3 miles south of Marsh Harbor, Abaco's commercial hub and the Bahamas third largest city.

We will be involved in extensive rebuilding and recovery work, and possibly children's ministry and women's ministry if the opportunity is there. We will also build in some time to enjoy the ocean.

We'll be working hard and focusing on building relationships with the local people, bringing encouragement, love and sharing the one true hope that no storm can take away - a relationship with Jesus.

Estimated Cost for the full 7 days: Only \$1,525. *This includes airfare, lodging, food, and all transportation.*

You will also need a US passport if you don't have one, which costs \$145.00 for age 16 & older (good for 10 years); and \$115 for age 15 and younger (good for 5 years).

You must register with a \$250 deposit by December 22, 2019.

HOWEVER – We have a limited number of spots – when they are gone, they're gone!



2020 Bahamas Mission Trip Registration & Application Form

Amount Enclosed (*non-refundable deposit \$250*) _____ Date _____ T-shirt Size (ADULT Sizes): _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Your cell phone: _____ I use (*circle any*): Facebook Twitter Instagram

Male _____ Female _____ Email you use most often: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FOR STUDENTS:

What is your parent's best e-mail address? _____

Grade you will be in **fall 2020** _____ Age you will be on June 26, 2020 _____

Father's name _____ Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

Mother's name _____ Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

Who do you live with? _____

Parent Signature (if student is under 18) _____

1. Previous mission trip and service project experience:

2. Briefly talk about your relationship with God right now:

3. Why do you want to go on this Mission Trip?

4. Read the ***Mission Trip Student/Adult Minister Covenant*** on the back. Which things do you expect to have the greatest difficulty complying with and what do you plan to do about it?

Mission Trip Student/Adult Minister Covenant

In participating in this mission trip I understand that I am a Student or Adult Minister and I will be representing Jesus Christ. I understand that this comes with high expectations of moral character and behavior. The following is a list of some of the standards that I will be accountable for with the understanding that it is not an exhaustive list.

As a Student or Adult Minister, I will:

- Lead by example. I will follow all of the rules.
- Keep a positive attitude at all times, realizing that my attitude will often determine the attitude of others.
- I understand this is a ministry. I will be Jesus' representative at all times.
- Not enter into an area that is designated for the opposite sex.
- Make God honoring choices in words and actions at all times.
- Focus on the people I am there to help. This involves building a relationship with them and serving joyfully and generously.
- Be an ambassador for Christ and represent Christ Church to the best of my ability.
- Stay with the group at all times. I will not go anywhere alone.
- Willingly and cheerfully participate in all activities.
- Dress modestly and wear clothing that honors God and the people we are serving. For example, as this pertains to swimwear, for this trip bikinis will not be allowed. One-piece swimsuits are required for girls. Guys will be required to wear shirts when working at the mission site and sleeping in public places.
- Abstain from the use of alcohol and tobacco while on this trip.
- Work as though working for the Lord, not for men. (*Col. 3:23*) I will look for ways to help and be a productive team member from start to finish.
- **Commit to be at all of the mission trip meetings**, unless excused in advance by Pastor Sean or Teri. I understand that missing more than one meeting may jeopardize my ability to go on this trip. *NOTE: If you have a concern or questions about this, please talk to Teri or Pastor Sean before you register.*
- **Students must be actively involved in our High School ministry, including a Wednesday night Grounded group.** *An exception may be made for a student who does not attend Christ Church and is actively and regularly involved in their church's youth group on Wednesday nights.*

Adult Minister Signature _____ Date _____

OR

Student Minister Signature _____ Date _____