



## Mission Prep

### *How to use this pre-project guide*

#### Welcome to Mission Serve!

Mission Serve is delighted you have chosen to lead students to serve Jesus Christ through a prepackaged service project! Mission Serve is dedicated to strengthening neighborhoods and improving the lives of individuals by working to eliminate sub-standard housing through volunteerism and community involvement. Without group leaders like you – and your students – that couldn't happen!

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes and complete the Mission Serve paperwork for your project. It is not uncommon for group leaders not to have a firm number of student and adult participants this early in the process, so instead of delaying your registration, go ahead and estimate your count and get your deposits in as soon as possible. It's a good idea to go ahead and have everyone complete the **Mission Serve Participant Form** at your first group meeting to discuss the project. That way you'll already have a number of forms on file as students and leaders confirm their participation.

#### Preparing Your Group for its Mission Serve Experience

Mission Serve would like to encourage you not to skip steps in your mission preparation and complete the pre-project study and related local project using one of the flexible plans that can be completed in practically any timeframe and environment.

Options are provided to assist you in completing your pre-project preparation. Groups new to a Mission Serve project are strongly encouraged to complete either the all-day or weekend pre-project study plan. If you have participated in Mission Serve or other similar mission projects in the past, the half-day (4-hour) plan may be all you need. Some group leaders schedule the pre-project study as an annual event, including all students – both for those who will attend the project, as well as for those who need an annual dose of mission education.

Begin your planning by organizing teaching the study around one of three plans, **Half-Day** (4-Hour) Plan, **All-Day** Plan or **Weekend** Plan, or get started early and spread sessions over a period of days or weeks.

## Tips Teaching the Pre-project Sessions

Sessions are organized around flexible learning activities designed to facilitate effective teaching.

Set the tone for your mission project by educating students to the theology of missions by starting with **Session 1: The Biblical Basis for Our Mission**.

Continue with **Sessions 2-4, Me a Missionary, Spiritual Preparation for the Individual and Spiritual Preparation for the Group**, which are broken down into four easy-to-follow learning areas. They are: 1) **Purpose** – Provides an overview of the purpose of the session and what is to be accomplished; 2) **Passage** – Key Scripture passages that are a focal point of the session; 3) **Preparation** – Materials and other resources needed to teach the session; and 4) **Plan** – A plan for teaching session material. Finally, put your learning into action by organizing a local mission project in **Session 5**.

*Consider the following tips as you prepare to teach the sessions:*

- Read thoroughly all pre-project materials and be familiar with the Scripture focus and key emphasis of each session.
- Once you have determined the plan you will use, determine what sessions you will use and obtain resources for each session. Note: While Mission Serve has attempted to make the pre-project sessions as self-contained as possible, the use of suggested handouts, media and other resources will only enhance the teaching experience and the ability of students to learn and understand the material being taught. Make the session more interesting for your group by incorporating short video clips from the popular Wing Clips video illustration website, YouTube or other video site.
- While a lot of material is provided to help teach the pre-project study, be creative and brainstorm – possibly with a student and/or adult team – ideas for teaching and experiential learning. The more you personalize this study the better your students will learn and be prepared for their Mission Serve experience!

## Mission Serve Pre-project Sessions and Purpose:

### **Session 1 – The Biblical Basis of Missions**

To lead students to serve as Jesus Christ commands His followers to serve.

### **Session 2 – Me a Missionary**

To help students and adults attending the Mission Serve experience understand how all Christians are missionaries, even if they don't live in a foreign land.

### **Session 3 – Spiritual Preparation for the Individual**

To better prepare students for the spiritual task that is ahead of them as they meet those who need Christ.

#### **Session 4 – Spiritual Preparation for the Group**

To help your students get spiritually prepared to work, pray and worship with others who may not be like them.

#### **Session 5 – Local Mission Project**

To provide students with a local, hands-on missions project.

### **Meet the Mission Prep Authors**

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#### **Shaun and Greta Greeson**

##### **- *Me a Missionary***

##### **- *Spiritual Preparation for the Individual***

##### **- *Spiritual Preparation for the Group***

Shaun and Greta have been married for 22 years and have four children. They have served Mission Serve for more than eight years and “love walking alongside students in order to move them closer to Christ.” “We love the Mission Serve experience and seeing students catch the vision of Christ working in their lives.”



#### **Chuck Morris**

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