



ACTS Teams— Advancing Christ Through Service

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We all know that Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start to summer, but this week also marks the start of “ACTS Team trips”. This past Tuesday launched a team of eight who will be serving and learning in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Tomorrow there will be a team of five headed to Project Help, Haiti. Next Thursday will have another team of seven headed to the Dominican Republic.



There will be three other teams later in June and July headed to our Navajo work in the Southwest U.S., the Fallbrook Church of God in southern California, and the Frazier Grove Memorial Church of God near Meridian, Mississippi. All told, sixty-some team members and leaders will learn and serve in these cross cultural settings. They'll have the opportunity to serve hundreds, if not thousands during their team experiences this summer.

The ACTS Teams have been sending folks to serve in Jesus' name for over 40 years. The ministry started with a focus on youth and young people and have served in various locations around the United States and around the world: Kenya, Brazil, Sweden, Venezuela, and Mexico have been ACTS Team locations in recent years. God has used the ministry of the ACTS Teams to advance the work being done on CGGC mission fields as well as expose hundreds of young people to what God is doing around the globe.

Historically, the ACTS Team had been made up of high school and college students, but a strategic shift was made a number of years ago to bring more of a cross-generational approach to the ministry. Today the young, not so young and young of heart serve side by side, learning from one another and their cross cultural ministry experience. We've had parents serve with their children, youth leaders alongside their youth group members, and entire families serve in recent years.

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I'd encourage you to be praying for the ACTS Teams this week and throughout the summer. The events of this past week in Manchester remind us that there is always the potential for danger, whether home or abroad, and so you can pray for the teams and for their protection from the evil one. You can also pray for those they serve, that they might be blessed through the ministry of the ACTS Teams. You can pray for the leaders and team members; that God would use this experience to deepen their faith, shape their character and grow their competency in serving Christ and others.



Over the years we've had many ACTS Team members who have gone on to serve in other short-term or long-term roles in cross cultural ministry as well as a number of folks who now serve in some type of vocational ministry. Pray that God would continue to call men and women to serve Him beyond the week-long experience.

I'd also encourage you to consider going on an ACTS Team in the future. The slate of ACTS Teams for 2018 will be available later this summer

at www.cggc.org. Perhaps you need to invite a young person in your sphere of influence to join you for a week next summer as you serve in a cross cultural setting in Jesus' name. I intend to do this with my children in the future.

I've been blessed to be a part of several ACTS Teams over the past ten years and each experience has deepened my faith and given me a greater vision and understanding of our heavenly Father and His work in this world. Let's pray for those serving this week and throughout the rest of the summer. Pray that God would continue to use the ministry of the ACTS Teams to demonstrate and proclaim His good news throughout the world.

Christ's Peace,

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