

## Parent and Teen Mission Trip to Toronto

**Who:** Youth age 13-18 (Grade 7-12) – Parents can be any age.

**What:** Parents and Youth serving together in the most multicultural city in the world.

**Where:** Inner City Toronto

**When:** March 9-16, 2012

**Why:** To provide an opportunity for cross-cultural ministry within Canada and help families catch a greater vision for serving Christ at home as well as away.

**Cost:** \$875 includes flights, inner city travel, accommodations, and most meals.

**Registration Deadline:** November 15, 2011

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Where will we be staying and what will the accommodations be like in Toronto?**

*A. We will be hosted at Farmer Memorial Baptist Church in west Toronto. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag, mattress, pillow, as well as their own towels etc. There are multiple bathrooms and a shower available at the church.*

**Q. Once we are in Toronto how will we travel from place to place?**

*A. Toronto has a great city transit system, so the team will take advantage of subway, streetcars and busses to get from place to place.*

**Q. March Break is at a different time in New Brunswick. Why did you choose March 9-16?**

*A. These dates coincide with the March Break in the Toronto Regional School Board which opens up more ministry opportunities for the team while in Toronto..*

**Q. I'm a grandmother who would like to join this team with my grand children... is that allowed?**

*A. Certainly – for the purposes of this trip family definitions are quite fluid. In the past we have even had a teen who attended with a friend's parent!*

**Q. Registration covers the cost of most meals. What meals are participants expected to cover?**

*A. There will likely be two meals while we are traveling (one each way) as well as one meal on the free evening.*

**Q. What is the weather like in Toronto during March Break? How should we pack?**

*A. March weather can be unpredictable. In 2008 we arrived in a snowstorm and shoveled 6 feet of snow. In 2010 we were raking yards and planting gardens. Watch the weather network as we get closer to the dates and prepare for anything.*

**Q. Which ministry site locations might we be serving at?**

*A. Which ministry opportunities each person will have an opportunity to experience will depend on the size of the team and the number of people each ministry can accommodate. In past years we have served at:*

#### ***Farmer Memorial Baptist Church***

*This is a small but growing multi-cultural congregation. Along with an English congregation which is seeking to reach out to new immigrants they also have a Polish congregation and a ministry with Burmese refugees. The current pastor is also a former CBM missionary. (p.s. Farmer Memorial is not named after the occupation but after Dr. J H. Farmer the theologian.)*

**Frontlines** - [www.frontlines.to](http://www.frontlines.to)

*Frontlines is a Children & Youth drop-in center in the Weston area of Toronto. It provides a variety of programs and mentoring opportunities for local children and youth in an effort to provide a Christian presence and hope.*

**Matthew House** - [www.matthewhouse.ca](http://www.matthewhouse.ca)

*Matthew House is a small shelter in central Toronto that welcomes and assists newly arrived non-sponsored refugees in an effort to help them get established in Canada.*

**Oasis Dufferin Community Center** - [www.oasisdufferin.org](http://www.oasisdufferin.org)

*Oasis is a Christian Community center working in cooperation with the Dufferin St. Baptist Church which operates a food bank as well as offering counseling and training opportunities especially for the Spanish speaking community.*

**Q. Will there be much time for sightseeing and free time?**

*A. This trip is definitely about working to serve others, but there will be scheduled time to see the city and its attractions as well as free time to explore as a family. There will be one free evening, as well as one group fun evening.*

**Q. How should I prepare for this trip?**

*A. A few things would be very helpful:*

- *The best thing you can do is to be flexible and ready to try new things.*
- *Offer the team leader any information about specific gifts you could be ready to use.*
- *Diligently prepare anything that you are asked to get ready.*