

June 7, 2017

Happy June to our GNP Volunteers & Prospective Volunteers,

We are now announcing limited service trips for 2018 to the Caribbean. Our Board of Directors has decided to cautiously move forward with trips while, at the same time, presenting the risks for travel.

Prior to applying for travel with Good News Project, please take a few minutes to watch our video about Zika and other tropical diseases and risks that you may be exposed to while temporarily living in the Caribbean. The video can be found at <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5eDVxQD1\_7A-qtVf3NMNug</u>. A quick link may also be found online through our website <u>www.goodnewswi.com</u>. In addition, we will have two Q&A sessions in July and two in September which we strongly urge you to attend in person or by conference call. For 2018 travel, any volunteer under the age of 21 will be required to provide us with written parental permission after their parent has viewed the video.

Based on skill sets needed in each group, we will review *all* applications before making a selection (earlier dated applications will take precedence over later ones, so don't delay!) Please mark more than one choice if you would consider an alternative to your first group, if full. Within 10 days of receiving your application, we will notify you via email that it has been received here in our office.

The participation fee for a two-week trip is \$850 USD. The fee for an additional two-week period is \$800. Your participation fee includes program fees, island room and board, island transportation, a nametag, and basic international travel insurance. Your <u>total</u> travel expense will depend on the price of the airline ticket(s) and any overnight hotel costs along the way. The estimated total cost for a two week trip will be between \$1,750 and \$2,700 depending on the trip chosen, and the area of the U.S. you are traveling from. To access the forms, waivers and policies we refer to in our volunteer application, visit our website <u>http://www.goodnewswi.com/globally/apply-to-volunteer/</u>

Since this is an expense in connection with giving service to Good News Project, *it is considered to be tax deductible under #170 of the Internal Revenue Code*. Please keep all your receipts!

Please fill out one application per person. Make additional copies as needed, or download from our website, <u>www.goodnewswi.com/globally/apply-to-volunteer/</u> and send them in today!

Sincerely,

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# Dates and Leadership for trips 2018

## <u>St. Lucia #1 (Castries) - Arrive Saturday, January 6 – depart Saturday, January 20 (\$1750 - \$2500)</u>

- Group of up to 24 to stay at Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre in Castries, St. Lucia
- Basic home construction and special projects (3 house goal)
- Opportunities to visit schools, nursing homes, prison and walk with the Missionaries of Charity
- Trip may require overnight stays while traveling
- Coordinators: Toni Schmitt & Noella Sankar

## <u>Dominica-Castle Bruce - Arrive Saturday, January 6 – depart Saturday, January 20 (\$2400 - \$2700)</u>

- Group of 7 to stay at Tappa's Guest House in Castle Bruce, near the Carib Indian Territories
- House construction and painting in the Carib Territories and nearby communities (2 house goal)
- A variety of school projects may be possible, depending on the skills of the group
- Trip will most likely require overnight stays while traveling
- Coordinators: Judy Thorpe & Grace Mueller

## <u>St. Vincent</u> – Arrive Saturday, January 20 – depart Saturday, February 3 (\$2400 - \$2700)

- Group of up to 12 to stay at Pastoral Center in Kingstown or SJC Convent Mespo St. Vincent
- Opportunities to visit schools, hospital, nursing homes, prisons and mental health hospital
- Home construction (2 house goal)
- Trip will most likely require overnight stays while traveling
- Coordinator: This trip will only occur if leadership steps forward (please inquire if interested)

#### Dominica-Vieille Case – Arrive Friday, January 26 – depart Saturday, February 10 (\$2400 - \$2700)

- Group of 9 13 to stay at Augustine's Guest House in Vieille Case, Dominica
- Majority of group signs up from All Saints Catholic Church Lakeville; all are welcome
- House construction & painting in surrounding communities (3 house goal)
- Crafts at area schools
- Trip may require overnight stays while traveling
- Coordinators: George Nugent & Bettina Peters

#### <u>St. Lucia-Soufriere</u> – Arrive Saturday, February 3 – depart Saturday, February 17 (\$1800-\$2500)

- Group of 8-12 to stay at Catholic Presbytery in Soufriere, St. Lucia
- House construction & painting in Soufriere and Fond St. Jacques
- Possibility to teach at area schools Medical projects if there is a physician or nurse in the group!
- Trip may require overnight stays while traveling
- Coordinators: Doug & Eileen Thomas