

May 10, 2019

Dear GNP Volunteers & Prospective Volunteers,

We are excited to roll out our International Service Trips 2020.

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). Please mark more than one choice if you would consider an alternative to your first group. Within 7 days of receiving your application, we will notify you via email that it has been received here in our office.

Fees for each trip are outlined on the second page of this letter. Your participation fee includes program fees, island room and board, island transportation, a nametag, and basic international travel insurance. Your total 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 \$1,850 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 <a href="http://www.goodnewswi.com/globally/apply-to-volunteer/">http://www.goodnewswi.com/globally/apply-to-volunteer/</a>

If you sign up for a trip and are accepted, we will forward your information to Lavonna, from Lavonna's Travel. As in the past, it is crucial for all travelers to arrive and depart the West Indies in the same time frame, and she will do her best to work with you to make that happen. We strongly suggest using her services as she keeps up with changes to your itinerary and makes adjustments as needed. She will be in contact with you to see if she can meet your travel needs.

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!

Sincerely,

# Megan Zeman

International Service and Development Manager Good News Project

# Dates and Leadership for International trips 2020

#### St. Lucia #1 (Castries) - Arrive Saturday January 4 – depart Saturday, January 18 (\$1850 - \$2500)

- Group of up to 18 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
- Participation Fee: \$925 (includes room and board for 2 weeks on the island)
- Trip Leaders: Mary Anne Froelich & Noella Sankar

#### St. Lucia #2 (Castries) - Arrive Saturday, January 18 – depart Saturday, February 1 (\$1850 - \$2500)

- Group of up to 18 to stay at Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre in Castries, St. Lucia
- Basic home construction and special projects (2-3 house goal)
- Opportunities to visit schools, nursing homes, prison and walk with the Missionaries of Charity
- Trip may require overnight stays while traveling
- Participation Fee: \$925 (includes room and board for 2 weeks on the island)
- Trip Leaders: Peg Cihlar & Noella Sankar

#### <u>Dominica-Castle Bruce - Arrive Saturday, January 18 – depart Saturday, February 1</u> (\$2400 - \$2700)

- Group of 7 to stay at Tapa'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)
- Trip will most likely require overnight stays while traveling
- Participation Fee: \$925 (includes room and board for 2 weeks on the island)
- Trip Leader: Justin Bond

### St. Lucia #3 (Soufriere) - Arrive Saturday, February 1- depart Saturday, February 15 (\$2000-\$2500)

- Group of 13 to stay at The Leisure Inn in Soufriere, St. Lucia
- House construction & painting in local community (2 house goal with extra painting project)
- A variety of school projects may be possible, depending on the skills of the group
- Trip may require overnight stays while traveling
- Participation Fee: \$925 (includes room and board for 2 weeks on the island)
- Trip Leader: Seeking Leadership

#### Dominica-Vieille Case – Arrive Thursday, February 6 -- depart Saturday, February 22 (\$2400 - \$2700)

- Group of 8-10 to stay at Augustine's Guest House in Vieille Case, Dominica
- Many volunteers and house donors for this trip in the past have been from All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville, MN
- House construction & painting in surrounding communities (2-3 house goal)
- Crafts at area schools
- Trip may require overnight stays while traveling
- Participation Fee: \$925 (includes room and board for 2 weeks on the island)
- Trip Leaders: Duane & Charlene Breid

## St. Vincent – Arrive Saturday, February 8 - depart Saturday, February 22 (\$2400 - \$2700)

- Group of up to 10 stay at St. Johns Presbytery; Mespo
- 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
- Participation Fee: \$925 (includes room and board for 2 weeks on the island)
- Trip Leaders: Simon & Nikki Pett & Noella Sankar