

# CHARLOTTE MISSION TRIP



## Experience Missions at Home

When most people consider going on a mission trip they instantly think about another location and leaving their own city. Our Charlotte Mission Trip will take students out of their comfort zones, and immerse

them in a setting that will feel like they are miles away. Students will gain experience sharing the Gospel and demonstrating the love of Christ. Many people do not realize that the nations are right here in the Queen City.

Refugees from all over the world call Charlotte home and we have the opportunity to go to the nations by staying right here in Charlotte. Serving at Project 658 will be life-changing and incredibly rewarding.





## About the Ministry of Project 658

We believe that Christ's love compels us to change the world through serving our neighbors. We are a Christ-centered, holistic ministry providing services for at-risk families in Charlotte, moving them toward sustainability; with a key focus on the international and refugee communities.

We help build communities of hope through the teaching of Jesus Christ and practical programs designed to support communities.

### RELIEF

When an immediate basic need is not met, it is difficult for a person to consider anything else.

Project 658 has several ministry projects aimed at providing relief and stability for families.

- Crisis assistance food pantry
- The Clothing Project offering free clothing, shoes and blankets
- Monthly medical clinics providing free basic healthcare
- Fulfilling furniture needs through organizational partnerships

### DEVELOPMENT

Project 658 believes that every human being has value. Our ministry projects are aimed at purposefully empowering others toward their Godly design and self-sustainability.

- Free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- Character based sports programs and a soccer court in the community for youth and adults to play
- Quarterly family day events aimed at fostering friendship and community
- Tutoring and mentoring programs

### REFORM

We seek greater social reform that will bring about systemic change for the future of those we serve. We believe in intentionally investing in the next generation to break the cycle of poverty.

- Food service employment training curriculum ([click here for class info](#))
- Bible studies and youth group programs
- Job networking and training opportunities
- Leadership opportunities within ministry projects

### SERVICE

Project 658 aims to create a culture of service and opportunities for the body of Christ to serve our neighbors practically with the love of Christ. We believe in serving through time, talent and treasure.

- Weekly volunteer opportunities to serve through our ministry projects
- Beautification and maintenance projects for groups
- Family partnership with families in the community to provide mentoring and friendship
- Seasonal volunteer events throughout the years



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"GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS..." MATTHEW 28:19

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## PHILOSOPHY & FOCUS OF PROJECT 658

### HOPE

It's a word that we use often. It's a word that is best understood by those who have lost it. To lose hope is to miss out on what Christ has called you to. We at Project 658 believe that in Christ we all can have hope restored. We seek community transformation through the powerful work of Jesus and we are committed to serving families in greatest need in our city and around the world in ways that are practical, sustainable and burden lifting. We believe that the only way a community is transformed is by putting Jesus at the center and allowing his work to bring change. Our goal is to bring hope back to these communities that feel lost, forgotten, and in despair. The goal of Project 658 is to see hope restored.

## So What will Carmel Students be Doing?

Carmel is committed to making disciples of those Nearest, our Neighbors and the Nations. At Carmel we have defined a disciple as a follower of Christ in learning and living. This trip will be committed to just that: learning and living. Students will *learn* more about who God is, who they are, and the call to missions as they *live* out their faith in a practical way.

Students will work with Project 658 to share Christ through VBS at their facility and develop intentional relationships in a couple key apartment complexes.

Students will be asked to lead various stations throughout the day, such as crafts, sports, music, games, Bible story, etc. Students will be equipped to give their testimony and express the hope that Jesus alone provides.

A key investment will be to develop partnership with families in the community to Project 658 to provide mentoring and friendship. Students will also participate in some of the relief portions of ministry at Project 658.



# GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

**Dates** - July 2-7, 2017

**People** - Middle school students (those who have completed 7th and 8th grade)

**Cost** - \$200

**Transportation** - Students will need to be dropped off at Metrolina at 7:30pm, Sunday July 2 (eat before you arrive) and picked up at 5:30pm on Friday, July 7. Throughout the week we will provide transportation to Project 658 and apartment ministry sites.

**Lodging** - We will stay at Metrolina Baptist Association. They have recently renovated and created a great space for groups to stay there. Students are encouraged to bring twin sized air mattresses.

**Meals** - We will be eating all meals at Project 658 or Metrolina Baptist Association.

**Website** - [project658.com](http://project658.com)

## Itinerary

Sunday - Arrive at Project 658 at 7:30pm, settle in, orientation, ministry training, lights out.

Monday - Tour Project 658, ministry planning and training, apartment ministry, share time, lights out

Tuesday - Ministry planning and training, apartment ministry block party, lights out

Wednesday - VBS @ Project 658, apartment ministry, planning and training, dinner, share time, lights out

Thursday - VBS @ Project 658, apartment ministry, planning and training, dinner, share time, lights out

Friday - VBS @ Project 658, apartment ministry, pick-up students from Metrolina at 5:30pm

## REGISTER NOW!

Apply at  
[carmelstudents.org](http://carmelstudents.org)

Application and  
deposit are due  
March 1st.

Full payment due  
May 15th.

## Standards

Spiritual preparation is vital to serving on mission. In order to participate in the Charlotte mission project students are expected to have 80% attendance in Student Discipleship Community, and attend all training dates.

## Important Dates

**Application Deadline: March 1**

Half Cost Due: March 31

Training 1: April 26 - 7:00-8:00pm (Gym)

Training 2: May 7 - 12:15-2:00pm (Gym)

Full Cost Due: May 15

Training 3: May 24 - 6:15-7:30pm (Gym)

Training 4: May 31 - 6:15-7:30pm (Gym)

Training 5: June 7 - 6:15-7:30pm (Gym)

Training 6: June 28 - 6:15-7:30pm (A215-216)