

SF City Impact – Tenderloin District

Wednesday, December 20th – Thursday December 21st

Join us as we embark on our annual trip up to serve with a humble heart and invest the first days of our Christmas Break reaching out to and interacting with residents who are in a bad state. We all need to strive for a Philippians 2 type of humility that Jesus had, making Himself nothing.

Opportunities to Serve (see handout for more details)

- Rescue Mission / Food Bank
- Adopt a Building – Meal Deliveries
- City Academy
- Women’s Ministry
- Street Ministry
- TL Revive
- Thrift Store
- Kitchen
- Volunteer Center / Administration

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday

10:00 am Load vehicles
10:10 am Leave to SF
11:15 am Lunch @ In N Out, Morgan Hill
Noon Leave
1:30 pm Arrive SF City Impact / Orientation
2:00 pm Ministry Opportunities
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Street Ministry
9:30 pm Team Time (free time)
10:30 pm Lights Out

Thursday

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Ministry Opportunities
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Ministry Opportunities
5:00 pm Leave
6:30 pm Dinner @ Chipotle/FiveGuys
8:30 pm Arrive @ TCHS (estimate)

COST: \$125 per person due Friday, Nov. 10th (includes 3 meals & housing & transportation. Please bring \$20 for a lunch and a dinner.) \$20 late fee after Nov. 10th but before Dec. 15th (providing there is room for transportation). There is a non-refundable \$20 registration fee included per person.

What to bring:

At least \$20 for two meals
Sleeping Bag + Pillow (no need for pads as we should have mattresses)
Toiletries and Face Towel
Warm, layered, modest, simple clothing for a wide range of activities. Evenings can be cold.
Bible, pen & paper /journal

Do not expect to have use of a shower

Do not use mobile devices during ministry time. Only use electronics with permission or in cases of emergency. There will be designated times to use and not use mobile devices.

This is a **voluntary event**. No student is required to participate or attend. In addition, adult volunteers will be driving. If you have any reservations about the adult selected to drive your child, please let Mr. Wong know immediately so that the assignment is changed. Failure to communicate to Mr. Wong of any changes before Dec. 18th signifies that you consent to the assignment of drivers.

Does City Impact have a dress code?

Modest dress is very important in this community, both in staying covered up as well as not wearing expensive items. We'd rather not draw that sort of attention in this community. Please refrain from wearing low cut or spaghetti strapped tops, yoga pants or shorts that are too revealing. We also ask you to wear closed toe shoes, not flip flops or slippers. Leave any of your expensive, flashy items at home. Please check San Francisco weather before you come.

Is the Tenderloin safe?

The Tenderloin district (where we will be going) is one of the worst areas in San Francisco. It is obviously not going to be as safe as most of the communities that we are coming from, but that is the point of a missions trip. With that said, City Impact is on the same block as the police station. We always go in a group when we go outside and you will have one of City Impact's experienced leaders with us who knows the neighborhood well. We have also seen a tremendous transformation in the neighborhood over the last 7 years thanks to the work of City Impact.

Bible, pen, and paper – There will be opportunities for devotions and journaling. We will also be studying the Bible together.

Our morning gathering is a time where City Impact's staff shares a message to challenge and encourage the group and leads the group in worship and prayer before we start our day.

Preparation

How can I best prepare my group for this trip? 1) Emphasizing the importance of humility on this trip, both in respect to willingness to serve in any way as well as in interacting with residents who are in a bad state. We all need to strive for a Philippians 2 type of humility that Jesus had, making Himself nothing.

2) Training them in how to share the gospel and pray with people. There are so many misconceptions on God and the Bible here that we need to be ready to speak truth from the word, and help people understand the gospel. You could work with your group on how to share the gospel with people so that their message and approach is rooted in the Bible rather than man's opinion. Some role play exercises are very helpful so they can overcome some of those initial fears.

3) Helping them develop the social skills necessary to start conversations with strangers. So much of evangelism (which we do a good bit of here) is about being able to strike up conversations with people and love on them. Some exercises in basic social skills will be helpful (asking questions, finding a point of connection, etc.).

4) Giving them a better understanding of poverty, specifically poverty in Inner City communities, and some of the complexities that go along with it. Often we think people just need to get a job and stop doing drugs, but there is so much baggage in many of these people's lives, from broken families to physical/sexual abuse to no role models growing up, etc. A lot of love, Jesus, and healing is needed. A big part of your trip will be growing in this understanding as you hear people's stories.

5) Watching the training videos with your group which you can find here <http://www.sfcityimpact.com/missions/training/>

What is the mission of City Impact that mission teams come into?

City Impact has been in existence for 30 years now with a consistent mission: To see a spiritual awakening in the Tenderloin, the worst district of San Francisco. Roger Huang was called here by God 30 years ago to stand in the gaps and intercede for the forgotten and ignored people of the Tenderloin. These people are not just ignored by society, but also by Christians. Within the Tenderloin there are 37,000 people and only a handful of

Bible believing churches, leaving us to estimate that only 150 – 200 people will be in a solid church on Sunday morning. That is less than .5%! Our call is the same as Roger's was, to stand in the gaps and intercede for these people who have no Christians in their lives to share the good news with them. This includes very tangible acts of love and kindness such as feeding the hungry (rescue mission, meal deliveries), clothing the naked (thrift store), educating the children (school), planting churches (adopt a building), and making disciples.

What is the goal of the mission trips?

Our favorite thing to hear from our new friends at the end of their mission trip is: "You know, I could do this at home." Exactly. Amen. We also love to see how people from nicer areas than here develop friendships here and have conversations with people that bless both of them. A mission trip is not so that we can "put in our time for the poor/lost", or so that we can "appreciate what we have more", or that we can feel better about ourselves.

Also, while the time here will be beneficial for the people we will be serving, we also have designed this to be something that will cause people in each group to rethink their lives and get addicted to the mission of God, in places like the Tenderloin, China, Africa, but also in their own hometown. We don't want groups to just have a nice trip, but rather that their lives would be changed for the glory and mission of the Lamb who was slain on our behalf!

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DRIVER'S INFORMATION

Thank you for considering helping us out with transportation. Our needs will depend on how many students sign up and how many drivers volunteer.

If you are interested in driving, please let me know at twong@trinityhigh.org.

BENEFITS

Provide opportunities for young people to serve on their first days of Christmas Break!

Hear great stories of the City Impact experience first-hand

Fellowship with others

Opportunity to serve along-side others (optional). Registration fees will be covered by TCHS.

\$50 reimbursement for gas to and from San Francisco

\$25 Parking fee will be covered by TCHS

REQUIREMENTS

Proof of Insurance

Good driving record

Reliable vehicle (the more seatbelts, the better!)

Inform Mr. Wong whether or not you are participating with City Impact.

If you are participating, then you also must abide by the guidelines and rules. All meals, accommodations that are provided to students are provided to you. If you choose not to participate, then you are responsible for your own meals.

You will be responsible for two meals (like the students)

Questions? Please let me know.

We will confirm all drivers and chaperones before November 17th.

Thank you!

Volunteer Release Form & Parental Consent

(All participants must complete this form)

I hereby give permission for me/my child (if 18+, print your name) _____, to participate in SF City Impact activities and consent and agree to hold harmless the SF City Impact organization; it's agents, employees, or volunteer assistants from claims that I (as parent or volunteer) might have arising out of me/my child participating in this program.

Medical Release/Consent:

I have explained the meaning of "hold harmless" to the person volunteering at SFCI. The volunteer's signature below indicates their understanding and agreement to do the same. If it should become necessary for me/my child to receive medical treatment for any reason, I understand that SFCI is not held responsible for any and all financial obligation pertaining to and resulting from his/her/my treatment.

I also accept full responsibility for the cost of medical treatment for any injury not covered by his/ her/my insurance.

In addition, I authorize and consent to all medical, surgical, diagnostic and hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by a physician to safeguard myself/my child's health and that it is not advisable to take the time to contact me in advance if in an emergency. I waive my right to in- formed consent for each treatment.

Moreover, I understand that temporary, emergency measures may be necessary to safeguard me/ my child's health and do hereby authorize and request SFCI to administer or supervise until such time as I/my child can be safely transported to a doctor or hospital.

Photography/Videography Usage:

Photography and videotaping may and/or will take place at or around events for record and for future event promotion. By signing, I give consent to SFCI to use any photos or video that includes me or my child for its publication, promotion, or records.

Contact w/ Community Residents

I further agree that I/my child will not connect with TL residents beyond the duration of their stay. "Connect" includes email/phone/social media/letters. This is for you/your child's safety and to safeguard the relationships we have developed with TL residents. Permission to connect with residents beyond you/your child's stay is only granted by SFCI development team or mission team departments.

Volunteer/Child's Signature _____ Date: _____

Volunteer/Child's Print Name _____ Church: _____

Address _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yy) _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

If volunteer is 18 or under, parent/guardian must sign below:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Print Name _____ Church: _____

Address _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthday (mm/dd/yy) _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____