



Spring Break Mission Trips

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It's that time of the year, when one question will ring through the halls of every school across the country: "What are you doing for Spring Break?" With a full week off of school, there are endless opportunities to be taken advantage of for students. It could be a week full of Xbox and Netflix, making the most of the free time to hang out with close friends, or maybe some much needed family vacation. And then there are the mission trips.

As the Mosaic Students team has prayed and processed how we want to effectively provide opportunities for students to engage in cross-cultural experiences, we have explored how to use these trips to give your child clarity, purpose, and calling in what it looks like to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples.

One [article](#) that has helped provide some insight into short-term trips for our team was provided by Noel Becchetti, former President of the Center For Student Missions. In the article, Becchetti addressed the question that every youth group should be asking - "Why are most mission trips a waste of time?" In regard to a trip his church was promoting, he asked:

"What can I honestly say to these people, I thought, when I know that this trip is mostly a waste of everyone's time and money? I'm concerned that many (if not most) of our well-intentioned mission and service efforts are misguided. And as the world of youth-ministry mission and service continues to grow (and time, energy, and financial costs continue to rise), it's imperative that we make the most of the precious resources that God has given to us to work with."

Our team has found in order to effectively plan, execute, and continue in our short-term trips we need to ask two questions:

1. **Does this trip advance the mission and vision of our church for these children?** There are a lot of great opportunities, ministries, and areas to spend a week to serve and love others, but we have found that trips that do not ultimately help us to produce and release Mosaic students to be spiritual leaders does not result in a win for us on the home-front. They could have a great week painting schools, building houses, and experiencing a different culture, but how will that translate when they get back in their homes, schools, and cities in the weeks, months, and years following the trip?

What's Happening?

MARCH/APRIL:

Spring Break Mission Trips

March 19-25

NWA, Kansas City, Guatemala

Rogers Spring Break Block Party

March 22 | 5:30-7:30pm

Rogers First Baptist Olive Street

Contact [Scott Jones](#)

Springdale Spring Break Block Party

March 23 | 5:30-7:30pm
The Jones Center
Contact [Scott Jones](#)

Parent/Child Dedication

April 1 | 5:00 and 6:45pm
Contact [Susan Thomas](#)

Empowered to Connect Simulcast

April 7 and 8 | 9:00am-5:00pm
BiLD Training Center Chapel
[Register](#)

For more information on any of the events above, email mosaic@fellowshipnwa.org

RESOURCES

[How to have the best spring break EVA?!](#)

[How can our family serve NWA during Spring Break?](#)

[Fellowship Spring Break Mission Trip Info and Prayer Requests](#)

[Let the Nations be Glad](#)

2. **Does this trip serve, bless, and encourage the partner churches/ministries we are working with?** Taking a full-time pastor of a different church and asking him to set aside his job to be a host, construction worker, cook, and event coordinator does not always help to advance the mission of his church or ministry.

So, after much discussion and prayer, our team is excited for what these spring break trips have in store. We want you to be aware of the conversations we are having and join us in praying that these trips would not just be a fun week for your children, but a week that God will use to shape and mold them into spiritual leaders.

The Mosaic Students Spring Break 2017 trips are:

- **NWA | 6th - 8th grades | March 19-24**
28 people
The NWA team will be partnering with Camp War Eagle to host community events in east Springdale and Rogers, as well as provide day-camp programming for after-school program kids at Jones Elementary in Springdale. Contact: [Scott Jones](#)
- **Kansas City | 9th - 11th grades | March 19-25**
31 people
The Kansas City team will be partnering with Redeemer Fellowship KC to see the metro be both transformed by God's grace and grow in understanding of what it means to love and follow Jesus. Students will serve and share their faith in a variety of ministries organized through Redeemer and will join in encouraging the student ministry at Redeemer. Contact: [Collin Jackson](#)
- **Guatemala | 12th grade | March 19-25**
25 people
The Guatemala team will be partnering with Fellowship Guatemala to help serve and connect people to their church through street evangelism and Bible Schools for kids in the community. We will serve 2 days in Antigua (street evangelism in the morning and Bible Schools in the afternoon) and 2 days in Guatemala City (main focus will be Bible Schools). Contact: [Janie Nolen](#)

So how can your family get involved?

1. Talk about mission as a family. Talk about where God has placed you and where God has sent your family.
2. [Pray for our teams.](#) Pray for the work of God to continue, for the pastors we're partnering with, for the health and growth of our students, and for people to come to know Jesus.

