



# MISSION NEWS—JANUARY 2019

## MISSION TRIPS ANNOUNCED FOR 2019

Join Pastor David, Chris Easterling, and Kate Conrad (CCH staff) for an interest meeting in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Jan. 27, immediately following the 11:00am service. They will share information and answer questions about both trips.

### Haiti

May 25—June 1



This trip is organized by Community Coalition of Haiti, with Pastor David as our Unity leader. The team will participate in mobile healthcare clinics, light construction projects at CCH's new facility, and Vacation Bible School/camp-type activities. CCH trips support long-term, community-driven programs in healthcare, education and community development.

You can find out more about CCH through the Travel Handbook/Paperwork & More Info at [cchaiti.org/travel/travel-handbook](http://cchaiti.org/travel/travel-handbook). Registration deadline is **April 1** and trip costs are:

- Airfare is approximately \$800
- CCH trip fee is \$900 (Unity will pay half of the trip fee for church members, making the fee \$450)

Fundraising is available through CCH's peer-to-peer platform, Everyday Hero. (<http://may-2019-gen-interest.everydayhero.do/>)

### Nigeria

June 18-28 and July 1-11



Access 2 Success is leading this trip, with Chris Easterling as the Unity leader. In Nigeria, we will partner with Gospel Ministries Bible Church to spend time with children at the A2S afterschool academy by serving and sharing meals; distributing basic supplies, running free basketball/empowerment camps for about 500 youth, including distributing athletic and educational supplies to youth (Week 1) OR conducting VBS for over 300 children (Week 2), attending church; touring/visiting historic sites; visiting children served by the A2S Faithfuel program; and helping discover Nigerian entrepreneurs.

Registration deadline TBD.

Trip costs are as follows:

- International airfare is approx. \$1,800
- A2S trip fee is \$1,700 (Unity will cover \$1,200 for Unity member group fees)

# ~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES~

## **Hesed House Meals – Lincoln Homeless Shelter**

Unity prepares and serves meals for up to 40 people at Hesed House, Lincoln County's only homeless shelter, on the first Tuesday of each month, and is always looking for additional volunteers and monthly meal leaders. If you can help serve or lead, please contact Vic Leith at [vleith@twc.com](mailto: vleith@twc.com).

## **Habitat For Humanity in Lincoln County**

Habitat for Humanity is in the midst of a procedural reboot. New Lincoln County houses will begin this spring and Habitat is looking for local churches willing to commit 5 or more people one Saturday each month. If we get 10 volunteers, the commitment is only 6 hours one Saturday every other month. If you are interested, visit [habitatlnc.org/](http://habitatlnc.org/) or contact Vic Leith at [vleith@twc.com](mailto: vleith@twc.com). You can also volunteer solo, as available — visit the Habitat calendar page for more information ([volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.asp?o=317](http://volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.asp?o=317)).

## **Volunteers Needed – Parent Group**

We need volunteers to help with childcare for couples and single parents of children ages birth to five years while they attend the Parent Group experience we are offering again this year. The sessions will be held on six consecutive Saturday mornings. Contact Charles Bohlen at [bohlen@bellsouth.net](mailto: bohlen@bellsouth.net) if you can assist.

## **We Need You – Historical Recordkeeper**

If you are interested in helping us keep a historical record of our Unity mission accomplishments throughout the year, including keeping track of the work of our various groups (Mission Team; Compassion, Peace, and Justice Committee; Earth Care Committee), contact Jay Sloan at [jjsloan@aol.com](mailto: jjsloan@aol.com).

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## **Thank You from Lakewood**

Our friends at Lakewood Care Center enjoyed their Christmas party, with many dressed in their Christmas attire. Fifteen Unity volunteers served Christmas treats while Ken Sipes entertained. One resident joined Ken in singing Elvis songs and there were a couple of Lakewood dancers! Each of the 56 residents had a present on their bed from Unity members. THANKS for helping Unity present “the best Christmas party ever,” which are the words of one resident.



## **Thank You Jay!**

The Mission Team recognizes the splendid leadership provided by Jay Sloan during his tenure on the Session. This team has continued to expand its scope in many areas that impact the mission of the church, the community, and beyond. Thank you, Jay, for the many ways you have led us. We look forward to the new leadership of Charlie Bohlen as mission becomes an even larger focus at Unity. The Mission Team meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the meeting room. Please come and join us!