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# God is Good, Trust Him

by Dr. Eric Costanzo

Last Sunday I mentioned a big theological word – theodicy – which deals with the topic of God’s justice. The most common question of theodicy is, “Why does a God who is infinitely good, all-powerful, and perfectly just allow evil and suffering to exist.”

If that sounds strange or offensive towards God, fear not. God knows that we struggle with difficult questions, especially during difficult times in our lives, and He allows us to ask those questions. There does, however, come a point, like we see near the end of the book of Job, when God says to us, “Who do you think you are? Enough is enough. I am God, you are not. Trust Me.”

In my own life, I have found it helpful to ask a different set of questions – of myself. Instead of spinning my wheels in the muddy ruts of the problems of evil, pain, and existentialism, I ask of myself:

“Do I believe God is good, and do I trust Him?”

We can believe God is good and trust Him without having perfect answers to all of life’s most difficult questions. If you think about it, trust often implies a lack of full-disclosure. In other words, we are forced to make decisions about trust when we don’t have all of the information.

Nevertheless, the age-old theodicy question is certainly a fair one. How do we deal with tragedy, injustice, or the loss of a seemingly innocent person, especially when we can find nothing redemptive in it? Or find no reason for it?

Instead of over-reacting and pushing God to the side, perhaps these thoughts will help us to be honest about our struggles with theodicy while giving God our belief and trust at the same time.

- Acknowledge the fact that tragedies are hard and in many ways life is never the same as a result. C.S. Lewis, when he lost his wife to cancer, described himself as a ship which used to have both port and starboard engines which now “chugs along somehow” with only the port engine. (*A Grief Observed*, 33-34)
- Take the time you need, and allow others the time they need to adjust to the “new normal.” We eventually get back in the game, knowing that we might get beat up, bruised, or worse.
- In Christ, we can have hope that things can get better. Yahweh is the God of the brokenhearted, and He too is grieved over the deep “wrongness” that exists in our world. He has promised us that it will not be this way forever, and that if we continue to follow Jesus, He will lead us to eternal life where brokenness will no longer be an issue.

Do you believe God is good, and do you trust Him?

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## publication deadlines

**The Channel**  
Wednesday

**Messenger Wrap**  
Monday

**TableTalk**  
Tuesday

Please email all submissions to Kim Hayes by 10:00 a.m. at kim@stbc.net

## on the cover

“The South Tulsa Swagger Steppers”  
Alli Kring, Hailey Rogers, Emily Milton and Rebecca Lee



# Welcome New Members



Terry Samuel,  
*by statement*

Josiah &  
Melody  
Zimmerman,  
*by letter*



Earl Wolfe,  
*by statement*

Josie Lovett,  
*by baptism*



Kaden Snow,  
*by baptism*

Jesse Allen,  
*by letter*



Taylor Allinder,  
*by baptism*

Don & Gloria  
Gilleland,  
*by statement*



Not pictured:  
Susan Shaw, *by statement*

# the scorecard



07.10.16

## Church in Action

### Giving

Ministry Financial Plan .....	143,240
Actual MFP Receipts .....	106,725
General Fund .....	58,896
Building Fund .....	1,215

### Sunday Bible Study

Adults .....	509
Youth .....	53
Children .....	78
Preschool .....	81
Unclassified .....	10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>731</b>

### Weekday Bible Studies .....

*Adult, Youth, Women's, Men's*

### Music & Worship .....

*Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Praise Team*

### Stephen Ministry

Care Receivers .....	10
Care Givers .....	25

### GriefShare *afternoon - evening*

Participants .....	2 - 7
Facilitators .....	4 - 4

### Early Learning Program .....

## Church on Mission

### Jail Ministry

Prayed to Receive Christ .....	11
Bibles Distributed .....	52
Quarterlies Distributed .....	107
<b>Tract Ministry .....</b>	<b>900</b>

### The Ministry Center

Volunteers .....	35
People Helped .....	177
Medical Clinic .....	6

### Worship Service Online

#### LIVE Views .....

*(U.S. 1,562; International 437)*

@ Legend at Mingo Road .....	21
@ Brookdale Broken Arrow .....	5
@ Autumn Leaves .....	14
@ Prairie Rose .....	14
@ Clare Bridge .....	22
@ The Arbors .....	4
@ Burgundy Place .....	9
@ Legend at Tulsa Hills .....	26
@ Storey Oaks .....	30
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,144</b>

#### ON DEMAND Views .....

*(U.S. 610; International 171)*

Cities Represented .....	27
<i>Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Bixby, Jenks, Dallas, Duncan, Biloxi, Chicago, Denver, Eden Prairie, Lewisville, Los Angeles, Nashville, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, San Francisco, Sapulpa, Siesta Key, St. Louis, Durant, Grapevine, Severna, Arkadelphia, Birmingham, Lumberton, Miramar Beach, Norman</i>	

*For more information about these ministries  
and how you can be involved, check out our online scorecard at  
[www.southtulsa.org](http://www.southtulsa.org).*

## please pray for...

Jessie Adams  
Breanna Allen  
Keely Archer  
Jacqueline Arterburn  
Kathy Austin  
Jannelle Babb  
**Meg Bachelor**  
Larry & Karen Baker's  
Daughter's Family  
Bob Ball  
Sharon Barnett  
William Bass  
Mary Baucam  
Clark Bolding  
Holly Bowlby  
Karen Byrd  
Suzi Byrd  
Pam Campbell  
Gary Chapman  
Delores Chapman  
Howard Chapman  
Kathleen Cleary  
Jacob Chesnut  
Kaye Cole  
**Noah Costanzo**  
Chris Crabtree  
**Chris Cuaderes**  
**Buster Davenport**  
Ashlyn Dirteater  
Joy Disler  
Craig Donnelly  
Annabelle Doolin  
Michelle Dudley's  
Mother, Ann  
Betty Dugger  
Kelsey Easterwood  
Ann Eldridge  
David Eldridge  
Tammy Ezell  
Lane & Evie Fleming  
Freya & Lennox Foster  
Vicki Franks  
Jordan Greenway  
Breydon Hammer  
Sonja Harvey  
Gene Hatfield  
Ginny Hensley's mom  
Carol Herman  
Richard Herman  
Steve Herman Family  
Faye Hicks  
**Ron Holland**  
**Judi Hopkins**  
Kaden Howard  
Patricia Howard  
David Hubbard  
Katherine Johnson  
Tonya Johnson  
Josh Jordan  
Rachel Key  
Beverly Kieffer  
Regina Kring  
Bonnie Latshaw

Mildred Lawson  
Erik Lazdins  
Betty Little  
**Virginia Love**  
**Edith Mabry**  
Mike Malone  
Rozetta Marple  
Claire Marquardt  
Maria Martin  
Geraldine McCoy  
Doug McFarlin  
Alicia McLaughlin  
Cathy Meares  
Gary Meece  
Greg Moran  
Elizabeth Moses  
Orvalyn Murphy  
Mike Nelson  
Naedene Neumeyer  
Jackie Newman  
Monica Oliva  
Laura Platt  
**Manley Porter**  
Heather Priddy  
Jon Randall  
Joyce Robertson  
Shechem Romoser  
Bob Ross  
Dylan Rowe  
Gary & Shirley Ryan  
**STBC participants**  
**in China**  
**Clay Sanderlin**  
Mary Jo Sanders  
Barbara Shores  
**Logan Short**  
Frank Sims  
J.T. Smith  
**Judy Smith**  
Temple Smith Family  
Sharolyn Sorrels  
Mark Thompson  
Kelsey Thrasher  
Annie Thurber  
Jason Toomey  
**Allan Trimble**  
Becky Tuttle  
John Vick  
Danny Wasson  
Bill Weir  
Katie Wilkinson  
Ron Williams  
Dixie Woodard  
Arnold Zeller  
Charlene Zeller

*If you have a prayer request, an update or a change, please contact Carolyn in the church office at 918-299-0904 or carolyn@stbc.net.*

## Today's Flowers

Today's altar flower have been given in loving memory of John and Betty Meadows on the one year anniversary of their leaving this earth for their heavenly home. We love and miss you! ~ *Ron & Kay Meadows & family; Mark & Kathy Wright and family*

## School Supplies for North Tulsa

One of the wonderful ministries we have at South Tulsa Baptist Church is to help with school supplies for children in North Tulsa. We need to bring school supplies to the church by Wednesday, August 17. Tubs are available near the entrances to the church. The men from North Tulsa will be here on August 19 to pick them up. As you are purchasing school supplies for your children would you purchase a few extra things and bring them to the church? Thank you for your ministry to these children.

## Congratulations!

We wish to congratulate Dale and Sharon Morris as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 21!

## Be a Mentor Mom

MOPs is looking for some Mentor Moms. Moms who walk a few steps ahead of the moms in our group. Mentors bring perspective on mothering, womanhood and relationships. You have the opportunity to invest in the lives of young women, cheer them on as they try new things and lead the celebration of all they do! Please contact Miriam Shipman at 757-634-9624.

Owasso Baptist Children's Home

## Back-to-School Style Show & Brunch

**August 6, 10:30 a.m. | Renaissance Hotel**

Tickets are on sale for the Owasso Baptist Children's Home Brunch and Style Show. At the event, men and women alike will enjoy a delicious brunch and be entertained by our witty mistress of ceremonies, LeAnne Taylor, as we watch the children beam with excitement modeling their favorite outfit for school or church. South Tulsa Baptist has thirty tickets available. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from Carolyn Larkin in the office. Please pay in cash, by credit card, or write your check to STBC. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis and once they have been purchased no more will be available. All proceeds will benefit the children of our Owasso campus. Funds will be used for school and church clothes. Any funds raised beyond what is needed to purchase clothing will be used for other basic needs of the children. Over 1,400 people will attend this wonderful event at the Renaissance Hotel. If you have any questions contact Debbie Steen or Judy White.

## Secret Church Tonight

**A GLOBAL GOSPEL IN A WORLD OF RELIGIONS**

**Sunday nights July - August at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym**

During Secret Church, we will explore the claims of Christ in the gospel and consider how these claims inform the way we understand religions in the world and impact the way we live when surrounded by varied believers with diverse belief systems.

Download a study guide for your phone or tablet for free from our website. A printed study guide is available for \$5 and must be ordered online at southtulsa.org.



## GriefShare

If you've experienced the death of a loved one, GriefShare is here for you. Groups meet at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in the STBC Conference Room. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Mary Jane Howarth at 918-749-0826.

## Girls in Action

Girls in 1st-6th grade will learn to love and serve God through missions – not partially or halfheartedly, but with their full and focused hearts and minds. Our missions stories will highlight dedicated servants of God who are surrendering to God's leadership on the missions field. Our activities and hands-on experiences will train the girls how to pray for missions, give to missions, and do missions in their own communities. Girls in Action meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. through the school year. We begin on Wednesday, September 7. Leadership teams are being formed now. If you are interested in teaching girls about missions, please contact Kim Hayes, 918-299-0904 or kim@stbc.net.



## ISM Furniture Fest

**FURNITURE OUTREACH REQUEST** – International Community Outreach is hosting its annual Furniture Fest at the University of Tulsa, on Saturday, August 20. The nations are here at our doorstep and you can help impact them for Christ. Your furniture and presence can be a blessing to international students at TU through the Furniture Fest. Used furniture (beds, chairs, desks, etc.) suitable for small apartments will be picked up each week on SATURDAY mornings July 23 through August 13. To donate items, email us at terryligon@gmail.com or call or text 918-504-3489 or 918-345-2062. Gifts are tax deductible.

*Women's Ministry Summer Series*

## Bible Art Journaling

**Thursdays, July 28 and August 25**

*Ladies Only/No Child Care - No Fee*

Join us in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to work on new designs using colored pencils or watercolor paints in your own journaling Bible or art journal. Enjoy the fellowship as we work on our pages and learn together. Workshop Leader: Denise Curtiss. Please register online so we will know how many to plan on, and to receive the basic supplies list by email.

## Thank You

Thank you for the many prayers for the health of my mother, Hazel Brown-ing. She is doing much better and is healing every day. God bless you, ~  
*Connie Coleman and family*

## Advisory Council Tonight at 7:00

## Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Doris Hubbard and family on the tragic loss of her 19 year old grandson, Luke Hubbard, on July 10 in Richmond, Missouri.



# FirstSteps

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

## etc 8:30 July 17

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Debbie Steen</b>
Room 101	Marlene Carpenter, Lisa Hites
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Tranna Vandervort
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, Vicky Findley
Room 109	Robin & Jill Curry

## etc 10:45 July 17

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Lila Johnson</b>
Room 101	Melva Payne, Laura Wagner
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Michelle Fountain
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	Lynn & Bill Bryant
Room 108	Will & Melody Mosley
Room 109	Brad & Lisa Fuller
Room 114	Janis & Randy Roeber

## etc 8:30 July 24

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Debbie Steen</b>
Room 101	Cindy Jobe, Gail Foster
Room 102	Brenda Negahban, Bethany Henson
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 108	Barbara Tuttle, Rhonda Lovett
Room 109	Paul & Krista Smith

## etc 10:45 July 24

<b>hostess:</b>	<b>Lila Johnson</b>
Room 101	Phyllis Wheeler
Room 102	Brenda Negahban
Room 111	Caitlin Everett, Michelle Dudley
Room 105	Sam Pogue, Molly Dudley
Room 107	Lee Anne Griffin, Michelle Bridenstine
Room 109	Laura & Matt Forney
Room 114	Keith & Lauren Moore

# STAY CONNECTED

by Dru Finley

## What are you living for?

We love to read and even quote great quotes, but they take on so much more meaning when they are delivered by men and women who have lived exemplary lives. It is one thing to have a pithy saying for the sake of sounding polished and rehearsed, it's an entirely different thing when that quote is given by a person who proves their beliefs by their very life. Take for example this quote, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." These are powerful words that were spoken by a man who proved that he really believed them. Jim Elliot is one of those men who's life screamed from the top of its lungs that he really believed what he said. He gave his life to bring the Gospel to a group of people that most of us would have run from. As a matter of fact, many people in his life told him to run from this endeavor, instead he ran to these people and gave his life in the process.

The life that proves our words to be true is what the world needs most! Even more so, that type of life is what the world will listen to most! Sometimes it is easy to get caught in the overwhelming flood of everyday life, that we forget to take a step back in order to remember what life is really all about. And so, it is helpful for us to remember quotes like this in order to remind us that the greatest thing to live for is the glory of God. His name is so great and so worth living for that we should be willing to do whatever it takes in order to make it known and represent it well!

How do we do this? It begins with where we place our treasure! Matthew 6:19-21 says, "*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" When our treasure is Christ, His name, His glory, and simply knowing Him nothing in this world can take that away. It is when we find this treasure that our hearts are set free! And, it is when we understand this treasure's great worth that we search for it with all our heart!

The greatest question for all of us to ask is, what am I living for? Is it something that will last? Most of all, is it something that will lead others to life? What you live for proves what you believe. It is the great indicator of your heart's treasure. Ultimately, your life is the trophy case of your treasure. Therefore, what does your life say about your treasure? Life is too short to spend on the things that "moth and rust destroys and thieves break in and steal." So, think about the great worth of His glory, His Word, and the life that exists in knowing Him, and "give what you cannot keep to gain that which you cannot lose!"

July 11 - July 17

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

~Philippians 4:8

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*"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."*

~Psalm 42:11

## LIFELINE STUDENT MINISTRY

### SECRET CHURCH: SUNDAY NIGHTS - JULY AND AUGUST

Don't miss this summer's Secret Church, Sunday nights in July and August. Dr. David Platt, President of the International Mission Board, will be teaching by video. Earlier in the year, Dr. Platt taught on the subject of a Global Gospel in a World of Religions. We are excited to hear!

### MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, HEADS UP!! JULY 22 POOL PARTY AT THE OSBORNE'S! SIGN UP NOW!

Upcoming 7th graders and those who just finished grades 7 and 8, we have some awesome events coming your way! Listen up, you'll want to put these on your calendar! On Friday the 22nd we will be having a pool party at the Osborne's. We will eat and have fun and fellowship. (Watch out! Mr. Osborne might make you do yard work ;) Please let Hailey or the Osborne's know if you are interested in joining us!

### SUMMER 2016 HOUSE PARTIES! WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 6-8PM \*LAST HOUSE PARTIES OF SUMMER 2016!

It's time for house parties!! Each Wednesday we'll go to a different house, enjoy food (students bring pop or chips) and swim! We have worship and a lesson after we've hung out. This year the lessons will be led by our awesome interns! House parties are a great way to get to know people! Bus leaves the church at 6 and gets back at 8. Join us for fun and fellowship!

### SENIOR TRIP 2016: WHITE WATER RAFTING IN CANON CITY, CO! (July 25-28) \*MEETING AFTER CHURCH JULY 24

Seniors and upcoming seniors, get ready for an adventure of a lifetime! We are going white water rafting! We'll spend time bonding and making awesome memories before graduates get ready to head off to college. Cost is \$200. More info coming soon. Seniors, since space is limited we need you to let us know if you're interested in coming. Hope you are, it's going to be awesome! Contact the youth office for more information.



## DAILY BIBLE READING

Next week's scripture -

**July 18** Luke 11:14-28; 1 Thess. 5:12-28; Ps. 143; 2 Chron. 13-16.

**July 19** Luke 11:29-36; 2 Thess. 1:1-7; Ps. 144; 2 Chron. 17-19.

**July 20** Luke 11:37-54; 2 Thess. 1:8-12; Ps. 145; 2 Chron. 20-21.

**July 21** Luke 12:1-12; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Ps. 146; 2 Chron. 22-24.

**July 22** Luke 12:13-21; 2 Thess. 2:13-17; Ps. 147; 2 Chron. 25-27.

**July 23** Luke 12:22-34; 2 Thess. 3:1-5; Ps. 148; 2 Chron. 28-29.

**July 24** Luke 12:35-48; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Ps. 149; 2 Chron. 30-33.

## Wednesday Dinner July 20, 2016

**Dinner Assistants:** Jana King, Roy Ferguson II, Dwight Hayes .

**Menu:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert, and beverage.

### Dinner Reservations:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00

# of children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.50

(Up to \$18.00 per family)

Please make this a standing reservation.

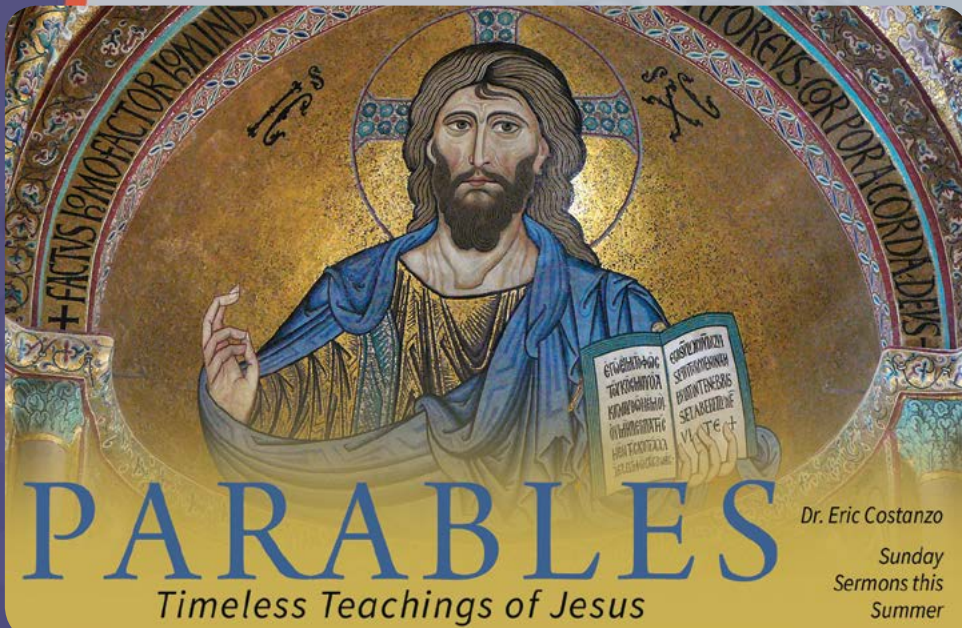
PLEASE make your reservations or cancellations by Tuesday at noon. Tear out this form and place in the offering plate or call the church office, 918-299-0904.



# A GLOBAL GOSPEL IN A WORLD OF RELIGIONS

SUNDAY NIGHTS  
BEGINNING JULY 10, 2016

SECRET CHURCH  
KNOW HIS WORD. KNOW HIS PERSECUTOR.



## Summer Camp for Kids

July 18-21 Kid's Kamp

Kamp for kids who have completed grades 3-6. \$170



August 1-3 Day Camp

Day Camp for kids who have completed grades 1-2. \$75

Register online at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org) or contact Connie Faurot, 918-299-0904 for more information.

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Sharing the Good News  
about Jesus in our community  
and around the world

### this week at stbc

#### Sunday, July 17

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:00 a.m. Early Sunday Bible Study Group
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12-12:30 p.m. Library Open
- 12:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Leadership
- 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:00 p.m. Secret Church
- 7:00 p.m. Advisory Council

#### Monday, July 18

- Kids Kamp at Tulakogee
- 1:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

#### Tuesday, July 19

- Kids Kamp at Tulakogee
- 6:45 a.m. FIT Men's Prayer Time
- 9:30 a.m. ELP Summer Session
- 6:15 p.m. ELP Leadership Meeting

#### Wednesday, July 20

- Kids Kamp at Tulakogee
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Open
- 1:30 p.m. Empty Nesters 1 Ladies Prayer
- 4:45 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. ZIP for Kids, Wisdom for Fathers, Wisdom for Mothers
- 5:45 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
- 5:45-6:45 p.m. Library Open
- 6:00 p.m. Student House Party

#### Thursday, July 21

- Kids Kamp at Tulakogee
- 9:30 a.m. ELP Summer Session
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

#### Friday, July 22

- 7:00 a.m. College Class Gathering at Ketchum's

#### Saturday, July 23

- Seattle Mission Trip