

2012
Urban Ministry Team
Member Packet

Learning to Love and Serve the Inner-City Poor



*Changing lives.
Transforming communities.*

Dear Urban Ministry Team Participant:

Welcome to the inner city!

Thank you for your willingness to walk with us as we seek the Lord for spiritual and economic change in our community. Your team's efforts in sweat evangelism, work projects, mentoring and prayers allow us to multiply our efforts and impact low-income communities of need. Our prayer is that the Lord will use you to live out the gospel through the ministry of word and deed. We do not simply want to be a ministry that is known for *what* we do but *why* we do what we do.

During your week with us, you will be spending time at Hope for the Inner City's main campus, New City Fellowship church and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Please be prayerful and work hard to prepare for your time with us. Our staff will be praying and preparing for your visit. If you have any questions, feel free to email or call us anytime, or you can visit our special Web page at Hope4theInnercity.org/umt, where this entire packet is downloadable.

Blessings to you,

Paul A. Green
Executive Director
Hope for the Inner City

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About Hope for the Inner City

Hope for the Inner City is a Christian ministry in East Chattanooga that helps poor people in perpetual crisis become self-sufficient. It is a merger of two Christian faith-based organizations with a combined 50-year history of helping people trapped in poverty and despair.

For 37 years Inner City Ministries reached the poor through mercy and youth programs. For 11 years Hope for Chattanooga moved many of these same people from dependency to self-sufficiency. Both nonprofits, separately launched by New City Fellowship pastor Randy Nabors, merged in 2007. Today, Hope for the Inner City partners with churches and other organizations to bring hope and renewal to Chattanooga's inner city.

Recognizing that the challenges of poverty are often deep and intertwined, Hope takes a balanced, Christ-centered approach to mercy ministry and community development: meeting the poor's immediate physical needs (housing, food, medical aid) while also addressing their long-term social development (financial counseling, career coaching, and homeownership programs).

How to Contact Us

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(423) 698-7141

Web

www.Hope4theInnercity.org

About Urban Ministry Teams

Serving on an urban ministry team is a seven-day exercise in leadership development. It will equip your youth group, deacons or church leadership with a vision for racial reconciliation, ministry among the poor, and joy in worship in the heart of Chattanooga's inner city. You can learn more about our serving on an urban ministry teams at www.Hope4theInnercity.org/umt.

Objectives

- **To help fulfill the mission of Hope for the Inner City** in our target community by revitalizing the neighborhood and working to increase the value of homes.
- **To develop Christian leaders** with a vision of holistic ministry.
- **To work with churches** in evangelizing and making disciples in urban communities.
- **To teach team members** about the issues facing people who live in urban centers.
- **To fulfill the church's calling** to care for the poor, elderly and widows.
- **To empower groups to return** to their home churches with a vision and passion for ministry.

Registration

- **Cost:** \$350 per person (nonrefundable), which includes resource materials, housing and lodging. Spending money is required, especially for Friday dinner.
- **Forms:** All forms (pages 7-9) must be completed and submitted to your team leader, who will mail them to Hope for the Inner City no later than one month prior to your urban ministry team's arrival.
- **Register:** Please see your team leader for registration details.
- **Additional Copies:** This packet is available at www.Hope4theInnercity.org/umt.

Mock Schedule

Saturday: Arrival & Check-In. Unload and Move-in. Leaders Meeting.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 7:30 am Breakfast Self serve | 7:30 am Breakfast Self serve | 7:30 am Breakfast Self serve | 7:30 am Breakfast Self serve | 7:30 am Breakfast Self serve | 7 am Breakfast Self serve |
| 8:30 – 10:45 am UMT Training Session #1 | 8:30 am Personal Devotions on your own | 8:30 am Personal Devotions on your own | 8:30 am Personal Devotions on your own | 8:30 am Personal Devotions on your own | 8 am Personal Devotions on your own |
| 11 am Morning Worship New City Fellowship | 9:30 – 10 am Morning Worship New City Fellowship | 9:30 – 10 am Morning Worship New City Fellowship | 9:30 – 10 am Morning Worship New City Fellowship | 9:30 – 10 am Morning Worship New City Fellowship | 8:45 – 4 pm Grow Group/Picnic Day |
| 1 pm Lunch HFIC Dining Hall | 10 am – 3 pm Worksite Lunch at worksite | 10 am – 3 pm Worksite Lunch at worksite | 10 am – 3 pm Worksite Lunch at worksite | 10 am – 3 pm Worksite Lunch at worksite | |
| 2:15 – 4:15pm Bible Club Training | 3 pm Return to HFIC Shower and Rest | 3 pm Return to HFIC Shower and Rest | 3 pm Return to HFIC Shower and Rest | 3 pm Return to HFIC Shower and Rest | 4:30 pm Debriefing HFIC |
| 4:30 – 6 pm UMT Training Session #2 | 4 pm Depart for Covenant College Tour and Dinner | 5 – 6 pm Dinner HFIC Dining Hall | 5 – 6 pm Dinner HFIC Dining Hall | 5 – 6 pm Dinner HFIC Dining Hall | 6 pm Dinner On your own |
| 6 pm Dinner HFIC Dining Hall | | 6:30 – 8 pm Bible Club Ministry Presentation | 6:30 – 8 pm Bible Club Ministry Presentation | 6:30 – 8 pm Bible Club Ministry Presentation | |

Following Saturday: 8 am Departure. Up and Out. Please ensure that the sleeping areas are clean before you depart.

Urban Ministry Liability and Emergency Waiver Form

Note: A separate form should be submitted for each team leader and team member.

Contact Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please send me Hope for the Inner City's regular prayer updates by e-mail

Team Leader: _____

Health Coverage Information (Please attach a copy of your medical card)

Group #: _____ Policy #: _____

Company/Carrier: _____

Waiver of Liability

I understand that neither Hope for the Inner City nor New City Fellowship will be held liable for any damages, injuries or illness that I or my participants may incur resulting from any staff training, program activity, work function or ministry endeavors. Additionally, I expressly waive any claim for compensation or liability from said organizations beyond what may be offered freely by their representatives in the event that such injury or medical expense should occur.

Signature

Date

Character Reference Form

Note: A separate form should be submitted for each team leader and member.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer through the ministries of Hope for the Inner City and New City Fellowship. As caretakers of the neighborhood youth that we are called to serve, we must take every precaution to insure that we provide adequate screening mechanisms that prevent our children from being victims of abuse. Please review and complete the following questions:

1. Do you have any history of abusive behavior towards children?

2. Have you been arrested for child molestation or accused of child abuse of any kind?

3. Have you been relieved of working with children for any reason? If so, please explain.

4. Are you or have you been seen for any type of disorders which would affect your temperament while working with our youth?

5. Please list three references we may contact to verify you are suited to work with children:

| Name | Address | Phone Number |
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6. Will you allow Hope for the Inner City and/or New City Fellowship to check police records and government files that would disclose this information?

Signature
Print Name

If you are under 18 years of age, your parent or guardian must sign below:

Signature
Print Name

Media Release Form

Note: A separate form should be submitted for each team leader and team member.

I grant permission to Hope for the Inner City and/or New City Fellowship, to use my name and/or photographs for use in publications such as recruiting brochures, newsletters, and magazines, and to use my name/and or photographs on display boards, and to use my name and/or photographs in electronic versions of the same publications or on the Hope for the Inner City and/or New City Fellowship web site or other electronic forms or media.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs or printed or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the photograph.

I hereby agree to release, defend, and hold harmless Hope for the Inner City and/or New City Fellowship, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product in whole or in part, whether on paper or via electronic media, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs, including but not limited to any misuse, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in taking, processing, reduction or production of the finished product, its publication or distribution.

Please check the paragraph below which is applicable to your present situation:

_____ I am 18 years of age or older and I am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

_____ I am the parent or legal guardian of the below named child. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP Code)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian if under age 18: _____