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**PASSPORT**  
To Missions



Bear Valley Church  
Mission Trips 2016





Dear Bear Valley Church!

**I'm excited to present to you a wonderful lineup of Mission opportunities in 2016!** We are a church that loves missions, locally and internationally. We invest large sums of money into supporting missionaries and ministries here in Colorado and abroad, but we also want to invite as many Bear Valley Church people as possible to find ways to help in missions.

**In this brochure you'll find information about all the different opportunities** being offered to you or your whole family to participate in a mission trip.

I especially want to challenge any of you who have never been to another country to prayerfully consider going on a trip where you get a passport and experience the privilege of serving in a cross-cultural context on a short-term mission trip.

***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere, in Jerusalem (Lakewood and Denver), throughout Judea (Colorado), in Samaria (the United States), and to the ends of the earth (Guatemala, Peru, Albania, Kenya, Uganda and the Philippines)”*** (Acts 1:8)

This brochure also serves as a prayer guide for anyone who wants to pray for all these different mission endeavors throughout 2016.

If you have questions about any of these trips, or just want to chat about **ways to be involved in missions, please don't hesitate to email me. You're very welcome to join us as we impact the world and expand Jesus' Kingdom!**

Blessings,  
Pastor Torben Jensen,  
Missions Pastor  
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# Uganda



January 15-31

Team Leader: Cindy Stutheit

Trip completed! Highlights included: Meaningful visits to homes of sponsored children, including those of some of our team members. A science and nature field trip hiking to a beautiful waterfall. Many kids had never been out of their village. Team members enjoyed teaching at the seminar, Bible studies and at AWANA.

Facts about Uganda:

Capital city: Kampala

Inhabitants: 38 million people

**Other facts:** The world's largest river, the Nile, has its source in Uganda. Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, is shared by Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.



# Philippines

February 20-29

Team Leader: Dante, Ida, and Danzena deGuzman

Trip completed! Highlights included: Opportunities to provide medical help and relief packages to people in local villages. The team was in charge of Vacation Bible Schools and several other types of outreach to children and families. Many weddings and baptisms of believers were facilitated by the Pastors on the team. Several churches, church facilities and the Jim Walters Retreat Center were dedicated.

Facts about the Philippines:

Capital city: Manila

Inhabitants: 102 million people

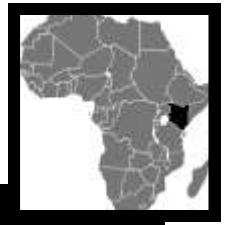
(12<sup>th</sup> most populous nation in the world)

Other facts: The Philippines consists of approximately 7,500 islands. Karaoke was invented in the Philippines.



# Kenya

April 9-19



Team Leaders: Max & Teresa Bryant  
teresa\_bryant@hotmail.com

Team Full: Please pray for the team.

Objective: To minister to kids and families that Bear Valley missionaries Moses and Jaime Okonji help through Inspiration Center in the Mathare slum in Nairobi. The team will also travel to Ukunda to teach kids from the Mathare slums arts and crafts at a camp by the ocean.

Facts about Kenya:

Capital city: Nairobi

Inhabitants: 45 million people

Other facts: Kenya is twice the size of Arizona. Kenya derived its name from Mount Kenya the second highest mountain in Africa.



# Jr Missionary



April 15-16

Team Leader: Amy Guthrie  
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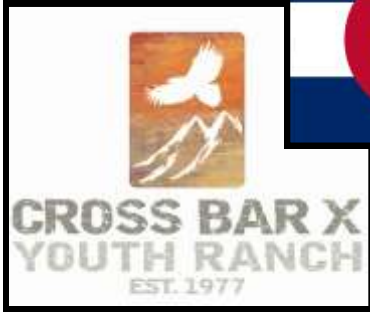
Objective: For kids, 3rd-6th grade, to experience **what it's like to be a foreign missionary (in the Philippines)**, raise awareness of missions and teach kids how to effectively share the Gospel with other kids. We will study the language and culture of the **Philippines, and we'll enjoy local food together.**

Experience



# Crossbar X Ranch

Durango, CO



May 9-14

Team Leader: Neil Parrett  
nfparrett@aol.com

Cost: All lodging and meals are provided by the camp. Only cost is travel expenses.

Objective: Help get camp buildings ready for summer camps.  
This team is looking for people who can do routine house cleaning work and people who can do maintenance repairs and help replace and install windows.





# Uganda

June 5-22



Team Leader: Pam Harms  
psharms@comcast.net

Cost: approximately \$2500

Objective: The team will be working with Bear Valley Church missionary Katherine Hines and all the different avenues of ministry Hines Ugandan Ministries is involved in. The team will visit sponsored kids, participate in leading classes, and lead AWANA for children.

Facts about Uganda:

Capital city: Kampala

Inhabitants: 38 million people

Other facts: Uganda has two official languages, English and Swahili – a couple of Swahili words you might know from Disney's *The Lion King*: "**Hakuna Matata**" ('there are no problems' or 'no worries') and **Simba** ('lion').



# Mendocino Christian Camp

California

June 13-18



Team Leader: Bill Bivens  
bndbivens@comcast.net

Cost: Cost to travel to and from the camp

Objective: Clean up and restore Mendocino Christian Camp. The plan is to build trails, do maintenance work, improve sports courts and help make the camp ready for summer camps. All people who are willing to help out with light construction and maintenance work are welcome. This trip is also open to families. There are lots of beautiful sights to explore near the camp site.



# Albania



June 18-27



Team Leaders: Drew Cole and Torben Jensen  
dcole@bvchurch.org or tjensen@bvchurch.org

Team Full: Please pray for the team.

Objective: The team consists of high school students, a volunteer leader, and a couple of pastors. They will work with a team of believers in Albania trying to reach local high school students at a camp that will involve games, English classes, and spiritual conversations with ample opportunities for all team members to share about Jesus.

Facts about Albania:

Capital city: Tirana

Inhabitants: 3 million people

Other facts: Approximately 58% of Albanians identify themselves as Muslims. Each year Albania receives more tourists (5 million people) than the amount of inhabitants in the country.



# Week of Hope

Loveland, CO

June 26-July 1



Jr High & High School Students

Team Leaders: Brandon LaFontaine & Tina May-Gamboa  
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Cost: \$200

Objective: This mission trip to Loveland is geared towards accomplishing the goal of reaching people in our own community. This team will be partnering with Group Missions as they serve Sunday through Friday. Students participating in this trip will be asked to share in the lives of disadvantaged children/people for a full week. Throughout the week the team will help run a VBS, and enjoy playing sports, helping the community of Loveland with various projects, and get to learn, what it means to serve those around us.



# Guatemala



Mid July

Team Leader: Jason & Ann Lee  
jlee@bvchurch.org

Cost: \$1100-\$1500

Objective: A great first mission trip experience where the team will participate in basic construction projects of houses for local families. Relationship and connections with Guatemalans will spring out of the opportunity to serve in practical ways. No prior construction experience required.

Facts about Guatemala:

Capital City: Guatemala City

Inhabitants: 16 million people

**Other facts:** The world's first chocolate bar was created by Mayans in Guatemala. 'Guatemala' is Mayan and means "a place of many trees"



# Camp Barnabas

Missouri



July 22-30

Students 14 Years Old and Up

Team Leader: Drew Cole  
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Cost: \$285

Objective: Camp Barnabas is an incredible Christian summer camp where differently abled kids and a sibling come for a week in the summer. Our team goes to love, support and walk alongside them to make sure their week is incredible.

Please Note: **It's a requirement for all participants to have participated in** a previous missions trip in order to serve at Camp Barnabas due to the intense nature of the ministry at the camp.



# Peru



July 28-Aug 8

Team Leaders: David Tasayco and Torben Jensen  
dktasayco@yahoo.com or tjensen@bvchurch.org

Cost: \$1500

Objective: The team will be working in Cusco (70 miles from Machu Pichu) with a local church. Projects include setting up a library for a school, working with kids & families running an AWANA program, and help lead **evangelistic church services that'll provide rich opportunities to share** about Jesus.

Facts about Peru:

Capital city: Lima

Inhabitants: 31 million

Other facts: Peru boasts 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites including one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the 15<sup>th</sup> century Inca site **Machu Pichu**. Peru's Lake Titicaca is South America's largest lake.





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