

Want to make a difference this summer?

College/Young Adult Summer Mission to Downtown Fresno. July 1st - 15th, 2009

“A Tale of Two Cities”

Mayor Alan Autry called Fresno “A Tale of Two Cities” less than a decade ago. The same can be said of the vast divide between the wealthy and the poor that exists in Fresno today.

Fresno #1 in the nation for extreme poverty.

Fresno boasts some of the wealthiest and opulent neighborhoods on the north end of town but a 20-minute drive south quickly reveals why we’re ranked #1 in the nation for extreme poverty.

Poverty in the America is defined as an annual income of less than \$17,000 and a neighborhood qualifies for the title “poverty stricken” when at least 40% fall below that line. Fresno has 22 neighborhoods classified as extreme poverty.

As Believers, we are called to bring relief to those in need.

The college department at Northside is ready to heed the call and will mobilize to bring Christ’s hope to people living in the downtown area of Fresno. We will eat, sleep, serve and live downtown for over two weeks. Our desire is to foster a long term commitment to our hardest hit communities and establish on-going relationships with organizations who have been on the front lines serving the needy for decades. Groups like Evangel Home, Poverello House, Fresno Rescue Mission, Craycroft Youth Center, FUND Inc., and FIFUL.

In this time of recession, it is vital to put our faith in action and serve the neediest among us. Similar to the Apostle Paul, we are eager to remember the poor, for there is no better way to spread the love of Christ.

Galations 2:10

“All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.” NIV

Interested?

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