

Crossroads Family,

We are currently planning a Crossroads Baptist Church Trip to China in June 2010. As you begin planning for this summer why should you prayerfully consider going?

1) Going "to the ends of the earth" (definitely "outside the four walls") will provide you with a broader view of what God is doing around the world. It is biblical (Acts 1:8). It will change your perspective of God's heart for the nations (Psalms 46:10; Revelation 7:9). It will change you.

2) Serving others gives you the opportunity to share from the abundance of what God has given you. You can be the hands and feet of Jesus to someone who may have never heard His name -- to unreached people. We can share about what Christ has done in our lives. Serving with others grows you. It grows your friendships, it grows you spiritually, it grows your understanding of the body of Christ. We have this unique opportunity to be a team and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

3) We can encourage and be encouraged by the faithful, full time missionaries and Chinese Christians who serve sacrificially.

4) While the trip is a significant financial investment, such a trip provides an opportunity to truly step out in faith and trust God's often unexpected provision. Don't underestimate what God can provide as family and friends become aware of your trip.

Here is some initial information as you prayerfully consider if God would have you serve in this way:

* This is open to high school age and above.

* Trip Dates (subject to slight adjustment): We will depart from Houston mid June and return to Houston approximately 10 days later.

* Approximate cost \$2,500

* We will fly into a major city and then take a connecting flight to the city of ministry.

* Work with and encourage 5 missionary families that are serving in the city we visit.

* We are hoping to do craft classes with women with the purpose of sharing the gospel.

* We will do prayer walking.

* Most young people in China learn English in school and love to practice their English with Americans. We will have opportunities at a local English teaching school to interact with Chinese people with the purpose of sharing the gospel.

* Participate in "English corners" in parks and at a university where Chinese gather to improve their English.

* If desired, we can spend some time in Beijing doing some sightseeing. (Can't go all the way to China and not see the Great Wall!)

Please email (bensonhome5@aol.com) or call (936-321-2397) with any questions you may have. We would love to grab a cup of coffee and discuss the trip with you.

Your Co-Laborers for the Kingdom,

Loren and Cindy Benson