**HCY Mission Trip 2021**

I’m sending this out to parents of HCY teens to provide some information about a possible Summer mission trip opportunity. This opportunity is not available to everyone, mission trips are about serving others and spiritual growth, they are week­long trips and a lot is expected of the students who come on these trips. I mostly base these decisions off what I see in club times, and other events. Are they attentive, are they taking things seriously when its asked of them, are they actively trying to grow in their faith, etc. The trip will be open to 9th-12th grade students who regularly attend HCY. I will meet with each student who is interested, to make sure they understand my expectations for the trip. I believe many of our regular attending students are ready to take a trip like this, for some of them I believe its something that will be a big boost in their spiritual lives.

Mission trips allow students to get outside of their “bubbles” and have a week to focus on others and their relationship with God (as well as have a lot of fun). They will not have phones or electronics outside of picture taking (students can use adult chaperones phones to communicate with parents if necessary) which allows them to disconnect from the distractions of back home.

I know the big thing on everyone’s minds. Co-vid 19 is a real concern for myself and HCY. I am aware of the trust each week that you as parent’s give me to spend time with your children and I take each of their safeties extremely seriously, I have a 3 year old so I understand that concern for a child. I want to emphasize that any trip that may be taken this Summer will include Co-vid 19 precaution. I will not take a trip if I do not believe it can be done safely. But I also know the value of Mission Trips, I went on 4 trips as a student as well as worked for an organization and ran high school trips for students for a Summer in 2014, and I believe if we can make it happen safely we should.

I have looked into locations and different trips and while I haven’t made a final decision on that yet, before I get too far into that process, I wanted to gauge where each parent/guardian stands on the matter of a mission trip in 2021. So I’m adding a brief survey. The cost of a trip like this usually runs in the ballpark of $500, please don’t let money be a hindrance, if its something you can’t afford please reach out and talk to me. I never want to see a student miss out on anything we do does because of finance we can help with that.

**Mission Trip Survey**

1. On a scale of 1-10 how comfortable would you be allowing your student to attend a week-long mission trip with HCY:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Express any concerns or questions you may have:

1. What are things HCY can require or do to make you more comfortable with having a mission trip happen?