What comes to mind when you think about being a missionary? Is it a certain place or particular people group? Is it the needs of the downtrodden or the souvenirs you’re going to bring home and put on your bookshelf? Would you be going because God called you or because you have always wanted to visit that island country in the Caribbean with the white beaches and blue waters?

The unfortunate reality perhaps for most of us is that we have been convinced that mission trips, especially short-term ones, are more about the experience we are going to have than the impact we are going to make in the lives of others. What’s more is we likely think that mission trips target just about anywhere except somewhere right here in the United States.

It is time for us to change the way we think about missions! Do you realize that here in this country there is a whole generation being raised, many of them not having an even basic understanding of who Jesus is? They have never heard the story of Jesus or the Bible. No one has ever expressed the love of Jesus to them and so they grow up in poverty with no hope of a better life on this earth, never hearing about the assurance you and I can have in Jesus right now and of the joyous, eternal life to look forward to when He returns.
God has told us that the work in the cities is “the essential work for this time” (Medical Ministry, p.304). It is essential because most of God’s children, young and old, live in the cities, and God is not willing that they be left unaware of the price Jesus has paid for each of them.

We seem to have forgotten that there is a mission field right here where we live. This summer, GYC is partnering with the Pennsylvania Conference to offer you an opportunity to serve the Lord and share Jesus right here in the United States. From May 31 to June 9, you are invited to join the GYC intermission trip to Allentown, PA.

A team from Simplicity Outreach has been working in Allentown since September 2012, mingling with the people and identifying the needs of those living in the inner city there. This mission trip will serve as a catalyst for launching a new community center as well as a church plant in center city Allentown. Missionaries are needed to help in a variety of ways: we will be engaging in community service; after-school children’s programs; a week-long health education expo; and engaging the community as we lead them to come hear the gospel presented in a series of sermons laying the foundation for a 12-month cycle of evangelism, which will consist of a continuous approach to the presentation of the truth God is desiring to share with the world in these last days.

You are invited to join us this summer in Allentown, Pa., for a mission trip like none other: a mission to the city.

For more information about this and other projects, visit our INTERmission page, or, you can register now!

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