



FOOTHILLS

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The Foothills Flyer: *Keeping the Church on Mission*

Muslim Exposure Trips: Summer 2015

Value: Global Missions

For over 20 years, God has called our church to love and reach out to Muslims with the good news of Jesus. Currently, our focus is on a Muslim people group in North Africa. Over the years, we've sent a few to North Africa and South Asia, but for the vast majority of us, we'll never have the opportunity to go. This summer, that will all change! Thirty of us will have the opportunity to interact with Muslims and experience what life is like in North Africa without the cost and difficulty of going there. Minneapolis, MN is a city with 150,000 Muslims living there (many of whom are refugees from North Africa).



There are one-hundred mosques and three Muslim markets that are just like the markets in Muslim countries. Many indicate that it feels like they've entered North Africa when they enter the markets. We'll partner with a ministry there called Engage Global, who will offer us a four day exposure experience where they'll teach us about the Muslim culture and how to reach Muslims for Christ. We'll spend time in the markets, in coffee shops, and we'll eat meals in Muslim restaurants, all the while praying for them and interacting with them. It's a great opportunity to align ourselves with the calling God has placed on us as a church to reach Muslims at a fraction of the cost, time, and risk. Space is limited, so begin praying now about whether God would have you go. Here are the details, and see the next page for the schedule.

MUSLIM EXPOSURE TRIP (HIGH SCHOOL, YOUNG ADULTS)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 - TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 / LEADER: TOM ROUTSON

\$1100 (All-inclusive including airfare, food at Engage Global, travel in Minneapolis, food and lodging during extra day in the city, and all travel meals.) We'll spend an afternoon at the Mall of America, so bring extra cash for shopping and/or rides if you'd like. Or just window shop for free!

\$100 deposit per person due March 18, 2015

MUSLIM EXPOSURE TRIP (ADULTS, FAMILIES*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 - MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 / LEADER: MIKE POTTER

\$950 (Includes airfare, food at Engage Global, and travel in Minneapolis.) Bring extra money for travel meals (Wed. dinner, Mon. lunch, dinner) We'll spend a few hours at the Mall of America on Monday, so bring extra cash for shopping and/or rides if you'd like. Or just window shop for free!

\$100 deposit per person due April 19, 2015

* Infants are welcome with parents and are free - if they sit on a parent's lap during the flight. Otherwise, children 5th grade or higher may attend if they are accompanied by one or more of their parents. The cost for these children is the same as for adults. Lodging at Engage Global consists of one room for males and one room for females.

Encounter Muslim Week Schedule

		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		
AM			7-8:00	QT Breakfast	7-8:00	QT Breakfast	7-8:00	QT Breakfast	7-8:00	QT Breakfast	7-8:00	QT Breakfast	8-9:00	QT Breakfast
			8-9:00	Prayer for Muslims Bridges 1-2	8-9:00	Prayer for Muslims Bridges 3	8-9:00	Prayer for Muslims Bridges 4-5	8-9:00	Prayer for Muslims Bridges 6	8-9:00	Prayer for Muslims Bridges 6	9-10:00	Clean Depart
Lunch			9:30-11:00	Intro to Church Planting Movement (overview of the week-enter a Muslim UPG)	9:30-11:00	Somali Museum	10-11:30	Any3 Training	10-11:30	Worship at New City of Nations Church				
			11:30-12:30	Lunch	11-11:30	Lunch	11:30-12:30	Lunch	12:00-1:00	Lunch				
Afternoon			1:00-3:30	S 2: Part 1 Entering a Culture- Becoming a Cultural Learner	12-4:00	Juma prayer Mosque visit	1:30-4:30	Engage with Muslims (parks, coffee shops, markets, Cedar-Riverside)	1:30-3:30	Engage with Muslims (parks, coffee shops, markets, Cedar-Riverside)				
			3:30-6:00	Give Somali Market assignment Go to Markets	4-5:00	Debrief Prayer	5-6:00	Debrief Prayer	4-5:00	Debrief Prayer				
Dinner			6:30-7:30	Dinner	6-7:30	Dinner w/ Muslim Background Believers at The Hub	6-7:30	Dinner	5-6:00	Dinner				
			7:30-8:30	S 1: Know The Story (emphasis on remaining task among Muslims)	8:00-	Presentations Debrief Prayer Pastor Erik C.scale teaching	8:00-	Pray for Somalis	6:30-9:30	S 3: Biblical Answers to Our Excuses	6:30-8:30	Missions Movie and discussion	9:00-	S 4: Live The Story

East Central Ministries

Value: Everyone a Minister



As a church one of our core values is “everyone a minister.” And by that we understand that the Bible calls us not just to accept God’s grace and move on with our lives but to be givers of grace as well. And one way in which you can give back to those around you is at East Central Ministries. ECM is a local ministry which seeks to reach out with the love of Christ to those living in the International District here in Albuquerque. As such there are several possibilities for you to be personally involved. For example ECM is looking for someone specifically who can translate Spanish for them in their dental clinic. They are specifically looking for help on Tuesdays from 9-4pm. If you can help for any amount of time on Tuesday they can use you. Moreover, because of your generous donations to the Christmas offering our church is able to provide \$2000 to them for the purpose of building a walkway between their clinic offices and clinic. A walkway which will enhance patient care and employee mobility, especially during wet weather. It would be a great show of generosity to not only give them a check but also have some folks ready to help with labor as volunteers as well. Also, they can always use short term help in their clinic, community gardens, or center. Would you please pray and consider how you can reach out the hurting and lost through ECM and be the hands and feet of Jesus? For more information you can contact Joe Eastman at joe@thefoothills.us or eastcentralministries.org. *****There will be a ECM workday on February 21 at 9 am to help install the concrete walkway. They are looking for volunteers to help with labor and they promised to have lots of coffee. Let Joe know ASAP if you can help.**

Welcoming Guests - Baked Goods

Value: Hospitality Without Exception

Many of you may know that Joe and I (Melissa) were some of the very first people baptized here at Foothills current location. But, what you may not know, is that our baptism came after visiting several months earlier. When we visited Foothills for the first time, we were greeted with two things that really made an impression on us: Nice greeters and baked goods! When we got home, we enjoyed the banana bread and remembered feeling at “home”. Our visit didn’t feel like we were just walking into a building of worship, but it felt like a place where “FAMILY” worships together.

Fast forward about 14 years later when we found ourselves back at Foothills again, the very first sermons we heard from Mike were about hospitality, or Philoxenia, which means “to love strangers” in Greek. That word has stuck with me as I minister to people I don’t know, desiring that they feel welcomed, as if they are not strangers, but part of the family of God! ENTER OPPORTUNITY!!!>>>> Lately, our church has been blessed with a fairly steady stream of visitors. While we all agree that our greeters do a fantastic job every Sunday, (THANK YOU, by the way!) I think that if our visitors also leave with something delicious in hand that it will just add a little something extra. Like a “welcome home hug” if you will. So, in that spirit, we are offering a tangible opportunity for you to serve in the way of philoxenia here at our church!

I am looking for anyone who would be willing to bake some cookies, small cakes, or any delicious baked goods (some gluten free ones as well), to have on hand to be given out to visitors to leave them with that little extra feeling of “welcome to the family”. Keep in mind, that we want baked goods that can be easily distributed, and stay fresh for a week or so. Once we get all the willing hearts on board, we can work out a baking rotation schedule of some sort! If you would like to be a part of this ministry, there will be a sign up sheet in the foyer, and you can talk to Melissa Eastman, or email jmkd811@yahoo.com, if you have any questions.



Evangelism at the Foothills –Part 1

Value: *Everyone a Minister*

by Rod Pauls, Elder

Becky Pippert has written, “Christians and non-Christians have something in common... we’re both uptight about evangelism.” This seems to be a true statement. In various Christian communities it seems that other things (like Bible study, prayer meetings, corporate worship) happen much more naturally and easily than evangelism does. In fact, some Christian leaders have suggested that in order for evangelism to be front and center in the life of a church or other type of Christian ministry, it needs to have double or triple the amount of attention as other disciplines in the Christian life.



Why would this be the case? How is it that a word which literally means, “good message,” should have such bad press among the faithful? There are a lot of reasons that could be mentioned here. Let’s look at just a few.

One reason is that evangelism has an image problem. When many people (perhaps most people) think of evangelism, a whole host of images pop into their minds... most of them negative. It may be the image of someone trying to push their beliefs onto someone else, or it may be the image of someone who never stops talking and who always wants to win the argument. Whatever the image is, it causes the person to wince or to recoil in disgust. Rather than be associated with that image, the individual chooses not to be involved in sharing their faith. At Foothills we’re trying to help people have a new image pop into their heads when they hear the word, “evangelism,” – the image of a trusted guide who helps travelers find their way in the spiritual journey. Instead of trying to push our beliefs onto our non-Christian friends, or bowl them over with all of our well-honed arguments, we want to invite them to “come and see” who Jesus is... much like a guide would invite a fellow traveler to walk along the trail. In this way we hope that evangelism’s “image problem” can be much improved.

Another reason for why Christians may shrink from pursuing an evangelistic lifestyle is that they fear damaging friendships that they have with non-Christians. Too many times stories have been told of how a Christian brought up spiritual matters with a non-believing friend only to have the friend get angry and then never want to have contact again. Certainly this is a possible outcome of evangelism and one that must be taken seriously. Two ways to address this concern are: 1) Understanding the Five Thresholds of Postmodern Conversion and 2) Knowing how to have healthy spiritual conversations. Both of these topics will be covered in detail in the next Evangelism seminar on February 8. When Christians have a firm grasp on what their friends are really ready for in terms of the Five Thresholds and when they possess some good skills in terms of how to have healthy conversations, many of these pitfalls can be avoided. Keeping the image of the trusted guide along the trail clearly in view will help immensely in this area as well.

The Foothills Flyer is a monthly newsletter under the oversight of Pastor Joe Eastman and designed by Rachel Gard that is aimed at Keeping the Church on Mission and committed to our 9 Core Values.

OUR MISSION: Foothills Fellowship exists to be a worshipping community of God’s people whose lives are shaped by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and who participate in the mission of God’s kingdom by proclaiming the good news locally, nationally and globally.

OUR CORE VALUES: 1) Jesus Christ, the Head 2) Biblical Leadership 3) Everyone A Minister 4) Ancient/Future Worship 5) Hospitality Without Exception 6) Unity in Community 7) Intentional Families 8) Global Missions 9) Holistic Discipleship