

REDEEMER 2017 CHEROKEE MISSION TRIP

June 17th – 24th
CHEROKEE, NC

WHO ARE WE SERVING:

14K Cherokee living on a 60K acre reservation in the mountains of NC. Cherokees are a remnant of 1,000 left behind from the "Trail of Tears" in 1838. Unlike most Native American tribes, the Cherokee believes in only one god, the Great Spirit.

PURPOSE:

We want to continue to build relationships with the people of Cherokee so that we can fulfill our priestly mission. We will do this by conducting a soccer/sports camp with youth at a Boys/Girls home. We will also have skills assessment and training for young people who are transitioning into adulthood and we also hope to have a VBS for the younger grades. Depending on the number of volunteers, there may also be opportunities such as volunteering with seniors. MTW tries to match skill sets with opportunities in Cherokee. We will also be partnering closely with a sister "Redeemer" church from Atlanta who we met up with last year.

MOTO:

Our Cherokee motto is "Semper Gumby" or "always flexible" as we have to keep our goals aligned with what God would have us accomplish.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR:

Families, Couples, Singles, Seniors, Juniors, Young, Old and in between.

WHEN:

The trip will be the week of June 17th – 24th which is a Saturday to Saturday.

WHERE:

Cherokee, NC is roughly an 8 hour drive from Va Beach.

YOUR COMMITMENT:

We are looking to get a commitment and \$25 deposit for each person attending in your family **by January 22nd**.

You will be responsible for travel costs in addition to the costs below.

The cost per individual for the week will be as follows:

- Single adult pays full price: \$475/ spouse is \$390
- Children (must be attending with a parent):
 - Age 13-18 - \$390
 - Age 7-12 - \$305

The costs cover all of your lodging and meals for the week with the exception of Wednesday evening. It also includes a fabulous MTW T-shirt.

We hope to fundraise for this event with the help of everyone attending. Once we have numbers confirmed, we will meet to discuss fundraising opportunities.

LODGING:

MTW has 50 acres of leased land where they have a cafeteria, screened porch, and cabins. There is enough room to support just over 100 people. For those who are more adventurous they also provide tents or RV hookups in case you prefer to camp vs staying in the cabins. There is AC in all of the cabins. Some cabins are designed for families with young children and have their own bathroom (have to try to reserve in advance). Everyone else uses common bathing facilities with showers. (You do have hot water!)

TYPICAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Arrival – Get settled in before dinner and an evening program highlighting the Cherokee culture

Sun. – Attend church service in Cherokee – afternoons are used to visit ministry sites and prepare for the week

Mon - Fri – After breakfast and devotion, we head to ministry site.

- Have lunch at the site with kids before taking a break in the afternoon (usually at the river).
- We also conduct our soccer ministry for the community in the evenings, so we will have a late afternoon snack before running our program.
- Have dinner after our evening program and then do our campground duties before showers and bed.
- On Friday evening we have a closing program with families that participated in our program through the week.
- On Wed. the cooks at the campground have the evening off, so we go out together as a group. That cost is on us.

Sat Departure – Leave for home early Sat morning and head back to VB

SERVICE:

MTW's long term goal is to start a PCA church and share the gospel of grace to the people in Cherokee. They started the first PCA church there at the campground last year. Scott and Ruth Hill are the full-time missionaries to the Cherokee and are working to build relationships so that many would come to Christ. Norman and Julie Beck are also in the process of raising support to become full time missionaries and hope to be there this summer. Churches participating in the summer program conduct VBS programs, sports programs, minister to the elderly, and work on construction projects. They also participate in leading the music for devotions and have some sort of job on the campsite to keep costs lower.

SKILLS NEEDED:

We can use whatever skills you have. (Don't think you have to be a soccer player.) You would be surprised how many different opportunities are available. We enjoy watching God use the different gifts on the team to accomplish His goals for that week and for the future.

If you have any additional questions please reach out to me.

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