

Community Service Additional Resources

ABOUT GROUP WORKCAMP

A Group summer mission trip is a powerful way to jumpstart your teenagers' faith. It's unforgettable. It's fun! And it changes the lives of your students as they serve people in real need. The results are amazing as students serve people in Christ's name (and with a little guidance and nurturing), they grow in faith and character—and have loads of fun at the same time! Maybe that's why so many groups come back year after year.

On a Group Workcamps Foundation mission trip you'll find the service provides the opportunity for our number-one goal to occur: growing closer to God.

Spiritual growth is the number-one goal of Group Workcamps Foundation mission trips, but we focus on the following priorities:

- Safety
- Faith-building activities
- Meaningful service projects

FAITH STATEMENT

We believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his death on the cross, in his bodily resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in his personal return. We believe people receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life through a relationship with Jesus.

HISTORY

The history of Group youth mission trips began as so many powerful ideas do—with incredible need. It was July of 1976, and more than 12 inches of rain fell in three hours near Loveland, Colorado...flooding the Big Thompson River. The river raged...destroying houses, washing away roads, and killing more than 140 people—some that were never found. It was a tragic day for the people of the area. In response, the staff of Group Magazine put out a call for help. That

The Foundation is located in Loveland, Colorado, where the history of the Group service missions program began.

next summer more than 300 youth and their leaders came to rebuild local homes and the lives of those affected. It was the spiritual growth—the boost in faith of the campers—that made the biggest impact on everyone involved. God created a

program that not only serves thousands of people directly each summer, but also brings a new understanding and deeper faith in Jesus to everyone involved.

MISSION STATEMENT

We serve churches by providing mission trip experiences, helping youth and adults grow in their relationship with Jesus.

More than 250,000 students and adults have stretched their faith and provided over 6 million volunteer hours on our missions. Whether it's through practical home repairs, meaningful community service, or international assistance, lives will change this summer.