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## **Paradise, CA Service Trip: April 4-10, 2020**

### **Mission**

TKA Junior and Senior students are invited to apply to be a part of the 2020 Paradise, California Service Trip. We are partnering with Hope Church (currently located in Chico, CA) to serve the people in and around the city of Paradise, California. This city was devastated by the Camp Fire of 2018. The pastor of Hope Church of Paradise, Stan Freitas, is involved with community leaders and has been discussing plans to rebuild. A government official describing the devastation said, “We can only recover if schools and faith communities make the way.”

We plan to help with rebuilding within the community, and if allowed at that time, assist in rebuilding some of Hope Church. We have been given permission to clear away dead/burned tree debris and replant saplings native to the area. Since FEMA is still on the ground in Paradise, it is difficult at this time to be more specific about our plan. We will update as new information is known. We will also have the opportunity to give the families a large “block party” event on our final evening. Jesus states in Matthew 25:40: “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Our goal is to participate in a rich array of ministry opportunities. By doing so we believe that we can maximize the chances that God will speak to individuals in life-changing ways.

### **Goals**

1. Opportunity to bring hope, practical help, spiritual encouragement, and prayer to the community.
2. Develop an awareness of the current issues faced by communities that have survived a natural disaster.
3. Expose the Juniors and Seniors to the fact they can make a difference in a community. Praying their faith would be stretched and have life-changing spiritual dialogue regarding God’s will, i.e., the rain falling on the just and the unjust, (or in this case...fire).
4. That the students and the town of Paradise would experience the love of Jesus through us using our hands and feet to serve!

### **Itinerary**

April 4 – Depart TKA in rented vans  
April 4 – Arrive in Chico, CA  
April 10 – Return to TKA

### **Housing**

We may stay in either discounted hotel rooms or on the campus YWAM Conference Center. Boys will be separate from the girls.

### **Food**

Breakfast would be provided at the hotel or conference center. A trip leader will provide groceries in order for students to make a sack lunch each day. If necessary, we will dine at a local establishment for dinner.



**Cost - \$600**

This covers van rentals, round-trip fuel, groceries, trip t-shirts, and accommodations. Students will be asked to bring \$20/day for snacks on the road and to purchase dinners.

**Application Process**

To apply, please submit the 2020 Service Trip Online Application. The 2020 Service Trip Application is for current full-time students only. The link to this application will be posted on the Student Portal under the “Alerts” section in the upper-right corner. Applications will only be accepted during the following time frame: Thursday, August 29, 3:00 p.m. through Wednesday, September 4, 12:30 p.m. (Note: The application will no longer be available after 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4).

**Selection Process**

The team will consist of no more than twenty-four students, plus eight adult chaperones. After applications are submitted, participants will be interviewed and selected based on the following criteria: male/female ratio, previous service experience, and a singular vision for the trip. For the Paradise Trip, priority will not automatically be given based on grade level. Students selected will be notified by September 30, 2019.

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