

# Vision For Youth Student Ministries

## New Hope

New York - Chicago - Philadelphia

A promotional poster for the 'New Hope 2011' event. The background features a city skyline with a grid overlay. The title 'NEW HOPE' is written in large, green, outlined letters at the top. Below it, three inset images show cityscapes: New York City, Chicago, and Philadelphia. Text boxes indicate the dates for each city: NYC (June 26 - July 2), Chicago (July 3 - 9), and Philly (July 17 - 23). The year '2011' is prominently displayed in large green numbers. A blue banner at the bottom lists activities: 'Youth Groups, Team Ministry, Daily Bible Conference & Worship, Culturally-Relevant Outreach in the Cities, Training... and more!'. The Vision For Youth logo is in the bottom right corner.

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NYC June 26 - July 2

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Vision For Youth

## INFORMATION PACKET



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**2011 VFY's Student Ministry  
Information Packet  
New Hope for NYC, Chicago,  
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**Dear New Hope Participant,**

**We are getting excited about the summer ministry that will soon be upon us! We are praying for you and the ministry we will be doing together.**

**Here is some information that should get you farther along in your planning for the summer. There are instructions, procedures, rules and liability forms, among other stuff!**

**Thanks for considering this mission's trip. Continue praying and working toward the city! The Lord always has something unusual waiting for us there.**

**I'm confident that it will be life changing for you and your students!**

**Please feel free to call or write when you have questions. I'll try and help as much as possible.**

**Blessings!!**

**Don Jackson**  
**(Psalm 139)**



## 2011 New Hope Fact Sheet

If you've spent any time at all downtown in most of this country's largest cities, you will certainly agree with us that these areas are a large and very needy mission field! That's why we have made the commitment to lead short-term youth mission trips into some of America's large inner cities. We will participate in inner-city and cross-cultural evangelism and ministry. Our goal is to serve alongside of God's people, seeing the Lord work in lives, and encouraging students to hear His call for full time ministry - perhaps in some of the big cities right here in the United States.

We will concentrate on training and evangelism with an inner-city and cross-cultural emphasis. More specifically, we will work with *Cross-Community Baptist Church* in New York City (along with other local churches in Queens, Staten Island, and Manhattan), *Inner-City Impact* in the Humbolt Park and Cicero sections of Chicago, and *Inner-City Missions* and *Urban Hope*, along with the city's park district in the north end of Philadelphia. Our plan is to gather each morning for corporate prayer and we'll end each day with a Bible Conference (including a time of worship and a practical and relevant message from God's Word). Each day we'll leave the hotel as a group and head into our assigned neighborhoods in the cities for our daily outreach activities - which will be planned and organized by our host missionaries and the VFY staff. These trips will give your group true cross-cultural experiences without ever leaving our country.

**When?** New York City - June 26 - July 2; Chicago - July 3 - 9; and Philadelphia - July 17-23, 2011

**Individual Price:** \$525, includes hotel, 2 meals per day, banquet with authentic city food, the evening Bible conference, New Hope T-shirt, training and ministry opportunities in the cities. (We are not raising prices this year!) **Important Note:** The cost of *New Hope* is \$525 per person - which is based on 4 people per room! Therefore, if your group has less than 4 people in a specific room - we will need to charge your church at the 4-people-per-room rate! If a married youth worker couple prefers to stay in their own room - we still will need to charge the 4-people-per-room rate!

**Lodging:** Our groups will be utilizing safe and secure hotels in key areas of each city for our housing needs and as the base of our ministry operations. (Howard Johnson's Queens in NYC; Sheraton Four Points O'Hare in Chicago; and the Crowne Plaza - Main Line in northern Philadelphia.) The cost for each trip is based on 4 people per room - church groups will be responsible for rooms used based upon 4 people in each room.

**Transportation:** Each church is responsible for the transportation for your group - both to and from the cities and daily travel to and from the ministry sites within the city. If your group is flying - let us know right away and we'll help you make arrangements to get your group from the airport to our hotel.

**Personnel:** Vision For Youth staff members and representatives along with adult youth leaders from participating churches will supervise the week's program and activities. They will also speak in the evening Bible conference sessions. Missionaries and pastors from the cities will provide instruction, guidance, and training in culturally-relevant and effective ways.

**Site-Seeing Options:** We'll give our group at least one day for site-seeing in and around New York City. These costs will be on your own and your students should plan to bring extra money for this purpose - as well as a limited amount of money for souvenirs. Of course, there is much to do in these cities. We are now investigating some low-cost options that we'll share with you later on. Call with questions or concerns.

**Prayer:** Prayer support is one of the most important aspects of *New Hope Student Ministry*. We are praying for you specifically - and each day in the city will begin with a time of intensive prayer. Please recruit a team of prayer warriors back home as well. We'll endeavor to find ways to send prayer requests and answers to prayer to your home churches throughout the week we are in the city.

**Flexibility:** The key to ministry success for inner-city ministry is flexibility! We will plan and pray much - plus, we'll do whatever we can to communicate the specific details of our time in the city. However, probably the most important personal characteristic of effective ministry will be personal flexibility. Inner-city ministry requires daily flexibility. Please share this principle with your students, youth workers, and parents! Each day in the city will be different. Flexibility is a must. Factors in the inner-city change often. These factors include: the weather, transportation, health, neighborhood circumstances, and many, many other matters. It will be exciting to see what God is going to do in and through our lives. We want to be servants - and we must have good attitudes. We'll do whatever we can to help. If that is our attitude ("*I'll do anything*") - then our week will be a success. God will bless and lead - no matter what sort of "urban time" changes we encounter.

### **Evangelistic Principles in the City:**

- ✓ Make sure that each person knows how to share the gospel. Work on that with your students ahead of time. (For instance, this could be the Roman's Road, the Wordless Book, Evangelism Explosion, etc.)
- ✓ Be careful of terminology. Teach your group to share Biblical truth without using "Christian" lingo.
- ✓ Be careful not to "talk someone into" salvation. Be careful of intimidation or coercive methods.
- ✓ Stay away from personal questions to children in the city. External items (hair styles, braids, tattoos, colors, etc.) could be gang signs. Plus, the kids' family members could be in gangs, in prison, or their whereabouts unknown.
- ✓ Again make sure that each person brings a New Testament to use during the week - they should also be prepared to give away their New Testament to someone they witness to.
- ✓ Each person should be prepared to give his or her own testimony in a public setting.

- ✓ Each person should also be prepared to teach a simple Bible lesson (with a strong & clear gospel message) for others – especially in a VBS-type or children’s Bible club format. Plan on bringing your own visual aids and other necessary communication materials.
- ✓ Sidewalk chalk, Face Paint, Nail Polish, Wordless Bracelets, Tracts, Copies of the Gospel of John are examples of tools used with success on past trips.

**More questions? Call Don Jackson at (269) 209-1599 or [pdjjr@aol.com](mailto:pdjjr@aol.com)**

## **VFY New Hope Core Values & Key Ingredients:**

**Vision For Youth's *New Hope* student missions trips feature the following characteristics:**

- ✓ Strong local church emphasis - we work with churches in the city and we work with church youth groups who desire an inner-city outreach experience for their students;
- ✓ Our trips provide creative and culturally-relevant means of evangelism - students must be prepared to share their faith with others;
- ✓ We offer a unified team approach to ministry - VFY takes church youth groups into an inner-city setting to work under the leadership of an established local ministry;
- ✓ Our trips include strong Bible preaching in the form of a daily Bible conference, daily student-led worship, and life-changing evangelistic experiences.

## **Financial Information & Deadlines:**

- Reminder: the total price per person is \$525
- April 1<sup>st</sup> - A deposit of \$150 per church is due to Vision For Youth. This deposit holds space on the team for your church group. (All deposits are applied to the total amount due.)
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - \$150 per person is due to VFY. This secures housing and meals for a specific number of people from your group.
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - A complete rooming list (4 persons per room), along with t-shirt sizes for your group (adults and students), is due to VFY. (The hotels require this list for room check-in and registration.) E-mail t-shirt sizes to VFY ([pdjjr@aol.com](mailto:pdjjr@aol.com)) before June 1<sup>st</sup>!

**The remaining amount of money is due to VFY upon arrival. (Each church must bring a church check (made payable to Vision For Youth) with the balance due - or must make prior arrangements with VFY!)**

## Permission / Liability Information:

**Permission & liability forms for each person are required. Make 3 photocopies of the attached forms for each person attending New Hope. Each church is required to bring 3 copies of the signed permission and liability forms for each person. Bring those copies with you when you arrive on site on Sunday afternoon. (You will keep 1 copy with you, one copy will be given to VFY, and the other copy will go to the ministry leader in the city. This way, a copy of the emergency forms will always be available for the participants.)**

- ✓ Each person is also responsible for his or her own health insurance. (Group leaders must bring a photocopy of each person's health insurance card.)
- ✓ Also, make sure that each group member is healthy enough for daily participation in all events. We cannot allow individuals to stay back at the hotel alone during our time in the city, etc.



### *Basic Rules for New Hope*

1. Dress should be modest.
2. In the hotel, guys and girls must stay out of the rooms of the opposite sex.
3. Keep all valuables or anything that draws undue attention to yourself locked in your hotel room.
4. NEVER go anywhere alone.
5. Obey all "in the city rules" - to be given during the "Street Smarts" orientation session.
6. Leave baseball hats, hat pins, diaper pins or bowling pins in your hotel room unless otherwise noted.
7. Ladies, keep your shoulders covered while in the city (no spaghetti straps, tube tops, tank tops, etc.). Guys, do not wear sleeveless shirts in the city, (muscle shirts, etc.). Ladies and guys must have midriffs and backs completely covered. Also, guys, no mini skirts at anytime.
8. Take showers, brush your teeth and hair, and any other personal hygiene that will make you look good and smell good.
9. Your normal Student Ministries rules.
10. The usual stuff.



## *New Hope Sample Schedule*

### **Sunday:**

**4-6 PM Arrive and Register**

**7 PM Orientation Session**

**9 PM Free time**

**11 PM In rooms**

### **Monday - Friday:**

**8:30 AM Group Prayer at Hotel**

**9 AM Head to Ministry Locations**

**10 AM Ministry**

**12 PM Lunch**

**1 PM Ministry**

**5 or 5:30 PM Supper**

**7-9 PM Bible Conference**

**11:00 PM In rooms**

### **Saturday:**

**Pack and head for home**

# Vision For Youth, Inc.



## History & Vision:

Vision For Youth, Inc. began in the summer of 1985 at a meeting of youth workers during Baptist Bible College's *Teen Leadership Conference* in Clarks Summit, PA. The original idea was to discover a way to network church youth workers and church youth groups. From this foundational objective came the first *National Youth Ministries Conference* which was held that January in Toledo, Ohio. This multi-day event focused on training and encouraging youth workers for ministry – and this organization was born.

Over the years the original planning committee morphed into a board of directors and VFY was granted 501(c)(3) status as a religious, non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Within a few years, VFY launched a publishing ministry by producing a magazine to serve as a resource for youth workers. Subscriptions are free for youth workers and the publishing costs are provided from donations and the paid advertising from a variety of companies, Christian ministries, and other religious organizations that desire to reach the growing number of youth workers (now over 3,200 individuals) on the VFY mailing list.

In 1999, VFY began a series of 1-day seminars designed to strengthen youth workers and local church youth groups across the county. These seminars are hosted by colleges, churches, and camps who invite youth workers from their areas to the training sessions.

In the summer of 2000, VFY began a summer youth outreach to American inner-cities, called *New Hope*. Church youth groups met together in downtown Chicago for shared ministry and evangelism in the inner-city. Four years later a similar event was held in Philadelphia and now VFY is also launching out into New York City. The primary goals of the VFY summer programs are to provide a culturally-relevant outreach that will give students a greater confidence to share their faith back home, and to help some of the participants to prayerfully consider a future, full-time ministry back into America's big cities.

In 2006, VFY took 125 youth workers and students to Berlin, Germany during soccer's World Cup and an international aspect to the organization was developed. More and more international opportunities are available with the growing global youth culture for VFY to provide training and encouragement to youth workers all around the world.

In 2009, VFY was granted full-access as an on-campus organization at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. This church-based outreach to college and university students will provide a model for other churches to reach out to one of this country's ever-expanding mission fields – the university campus.

The open doors for Biblically-sound and culturally-relevant youth ministry are incredible. VFY is seeking to grow by taking on additional staff members or missionaries as they seek to raise their own financial support through churches, foundations, and caring friends. Mel Walker serves as president of the ministry, Tim Ahlgrim functions as national director of VFY, and Don Jackson is our director of student missions. Currently Vision For Youth is looking into more publishing projects and more training initiatives to fulfill the grand mission of the organization. Specific plans include other international trips, more inner-city missions trips, reinvented training conferences and seminars for youth workers, a renewed emphasis to provide ministry training for students, and the production of other products and publications to fulfill the mission of Vision For Youth, Inc.

**Vision For Youth exists to train and encourage youth workers & students for effective global ministry.** It is the burden of VFY to impact the next generation for eternity by ministering to the adult youth workers who are actively, daily reaching today's youth and to help them train their students to make a growing impact upon their world for Jesus Christ!



# New Hope Missions Trip 2011 Parental Permission Form

Full Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL:**

Is your child allergic to penicillin? \_\_\_\_\_ To other medicines? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any other allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any medical information, which you feel we should know? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHURCH GROUP LEADER HAS ALL MEDICINE BEFORE LEAVING!***

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Emergency Contact - Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance ID Number / Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

When it is deemed necessary for your child's health, the trip leader reserves the right to have him/her hospitalized or to use outside medical, surgical or dental aid, in which case all such expenses shall be paid for by the parent / guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signed / Dated

**NOTE: We will be taking photographs of the participants during VFY *New Hope* which may be used for VFY promotional purposes. Please give us your permission by initialing on this line:**

\_\_\_\_\_.



# VFY NEW HOPE Missions Trip 2011 Liability Release Form

In consideration for being accepted by Vision For Youth, Inc. for participation in the New Hope Student Ministry, I do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Vision For Youth, Inc. and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the participant that occur while said person is participating in the above-described trip or activity including recreation and work activities. The undersigned further hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said organization, its directors, employees and agents for any liability sustained by said acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned further consents to the administration of first-aid and/or doctor's care, or any other form of medical treatment necessitated by illness or injury that may require the same. In the event of the necessity of such care or treatment as heretofore described, the undersigned agrees to hold harmless said organization, its directors, employees and agents from any acts of malfeasance, and/or failure to act on the part of those chose to administer medical on behalf of the participant.

Print Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Health Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Legal Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_



# Group Reservation List

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM & SEND TO VFY BEFORE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

LEADER'S CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ LEADER'S E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

*On the following lines please list the names of all participants, their age, gender, T-shirt size, and rooming preference list as indicated. Please print!*

**Room 1 -**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room 2 -**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room 3 -**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room 4 -**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room 5 -**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_



## Witnessing Verses NIV

(Suggested but not required)

Rom. 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Rom. 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Prov. 14:12 "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

1Tim. 2:5 "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"

1Pet. 3:18 "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,"

Rom. 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Rev. 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

Rom. 10:9 "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

John 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**\*Please make sure that each participant is prepared and confident to share his or her own faith in a clear and concise manner as preparation for this trip!**