Where short-term mission trips collide with long-term community development.
Next Step Ministries is a Christ-centered, 501c3 nonprofit with the heartbeat to do missions differently. We are passionate about the experience students can have on a mission trip—serving others while encountering a living God who offers freedom and grace. We are passionate about communities thriving—developing from within and restoring dignity.

Next Step Ministries is committed to helping students grow closer to Christ through a life-changing, one-week mission trip. Students have the opportunity to work on challenging construction projects and come alongside inspiring community leaders, meeting the true needs of the community. These projects are part of a much larger vision of transformation producing real, sustainable change within a community. We work on these projects week after week, year after year, so students know they’re part of real change.
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* Sunday through Friday trip
DOMESTIC

Domestic mission trips are designed to create opportunities for students to engage in either relational ministry or construction work. Many of the most common projects include repair work selected by local leadership such as flooring, siding, roofing, drywall, building wheelchair ramps, and more. Even on the construction trips, there is a strong emphasis on relational outreach and encouraging students to connect with the community members we are serving alongside. Some of the trips offer more in-depth relational serving opportunities such as VBS, community block parties, working with local non-profits, and more.

DISASTER RELIEF

God calls us to respond to the needs of the world, and Next Step believes disaster relief is a great avenue for the church to offer support to the world around us. Unfortunately, every year there are natural disasters that affect many communities all throughout the world. Sometimes the storm is big enough to see on the news, other times it’s not. Either way, we are grateful for the opportunity to enter into community partnership where life has been rattled by a natural disaster and to be the hands of feet of Christ. It is our goal to partner alongside the local church in relief efforts so that initial response work is connected to long-term hope in Christ.

RESERVATION

One of the most amazing serving opportunities is for students to partner with our beautiful Native American brothers and sisters here in the United States. These mission trip opportunities allow for students to invest in hard work projects while also being immersed in Native American culture. There are many opportunities to learn from the community, to better understand the history, and experience the rich culture. Because of the immense cultural experience these mission opportunities give students an “out of country” experience, while limiting travel and resources to a short trip down the road, rather than flying overseas.

INTERNATIONAL

An important part of our calling as Christ followers is to extend God’s love to the ends of the earth. Next Step’s international partnerships allow students to experience cross-cultural ministry in a safe, but challenging environment. International partnerships provide an incredible balance between serving very practical needs, while being immersed into a new culture and way of life. The goal with all international partnerships is for them to be locally-led, so students enter into a sustainable ministry model that will continue long after the mission trip is over. International trips have a strong emphasis on construction projects with intentional opportunities to share faith and build friendships with community members.
Have you ever gone on a mission trip and been disappointed by the work projects? Maybe you were painting a house that didn’t need painting or raking leaves that will just blow back tomorrow. You’re left wondering— isn’t there something more we could have done? At Next Step, your students will work alongside our construction team and community members on meaningful work projects such as full home builds, home additions, drywall, siding, flooring, wheelchair ramps, and more.
POWERFUL WORSHIP

GREAT BANDS
We’ve been told our worship experience is where summer camp meets mission trip. We put together bands from all over the country to lead your students in powerful worship every night. These talented and Christ-centered musicians will help show your students that worship can be fun, worship can be exciting, and worship can bring a joy they may have never experienced before.

CHALLENGING MESSAGES
It is our goal to bring your students closer to Christ this week. One way we do this is through challenging evening messages. Whether your students are new to the whole God thing or devoted Christians, these messages will help them understand that Christ is alive and working in their lives today and that a personal relationship with Him is available.

ORIGINAL VIDEO SERIES
Every year we produce an original video series that coincides with the evening messages. This video series is our attempt to reach your students in yet another way with powerful stories of Christ in action. On previous trips we’ve featured famous and inspiring Christians who have had to overcome tremendous odds to hold onto their faith. While every year’s video series is different, it is always our hope that your students will relate with the people and stories in this video series and begin to understand— I am not alone.

POWERFUL ACTIVITIES
Experiential learning is one of the best ways for students to fully understand what Christ has done for us. Whether it is washing their teammates feet or nailing their sins to the cross, students will have the chance to physically connect with the story of Christ.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
It is Next Step’s goal to have your short-term mission trip collide with long-term growth in the communities we serve alongside. Your projects are selected by community leaders, not us. You will serve alongside and empower local community members, churches and nonprofits, as we try to meet the greatest needs of the community together. Next Step is committed to community development beyond your one-week trip, with full-time staff that continues to pour into local leadership and discipleship year-round.

A NEW WAY TO DO MISSIONS
Do you ever wonder if your short-term mission trip really made a difference? Would it shock you to hear, that as a short-term missions organization, we have thought the same thing?

The truth is we, at Next Step, think it’s a great question. Over the years, it’s a question we have been wrestling with. But through the questions and the struggle, God has pushed us to grow and evolve as a ministry.

What does this look like? It looks like projects being selected by community leadership teams, not us. It looks like local community members and youth serving alongside your teams when possible. It looks like our full-time staff living in the communities we partner with. And it looks like an expanded effort to partner with the local church for follow-up and discipleship.

We don’t have it all figured out yet, but we hope you are excited to join us in this new chapter of responsible short-term missions.
YEAR-ROUND DISCIPLESHIP

We hear story after story of students who return home from their mission trip on fire for Christ, but all too often they fall back into old destructive habits and relationships. In an effort to help students stay connected to God for the remaining fifty-one weeks of the year, we created MyStep. This is an online follow-up program designed to turn your one-week mission trip experience into long-term spiritual growth. MyStep is an interactive website full of stories from inspiring Christians, weekly devotionals and original video content.

MYSTEP FEATURES

Truth or Dare
A powerful video series that takes students on a journey through the testimonies of several influential and inspiring people who found the truth of Jesus Christ in their lives and dared to live out this truth in remarkable ways for the Kingdom.

Accountability
The Accountability Program helps students explore the Christian faith in more depth, while also giving them the opportunity to join together and keep each other sharp for God. We hope students take the next step in their faith and dive into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Devo Stories
Devo Stories are short video story illustrations that show the many different ways God is working in our daily lives. Whether it’s a comical lesson about the consequences of stealing, or a serious conversation about a parent’s divorce, these stories help students understand God in new and real ways.

Prayer Wall
The Prayer Wall provides an open and anonymous prayer forum for anyone to share their praises and concerns, and to be prayed for throughout the year. Know that our team is praying for these requests weekly.

Mobile Apps
You can install free mobile apps for Devo Stories and the Prayer Wall. Daily video devotionals are now easier to access than ever before. You can also post a prayer and be quickly notified through push notifications when others are in need of prayer.
Let’s Go!

how to register

To register for a Next Step mission trip, please visit www.nextstepministries.com and fill out our online registration form, and one of our staff will contact you. If you just want a little more information, feel free to call or email us with any questions.

payment schedule

A $50 deposit per person is due thirty days after registration. For summer trips, 50% of your group’s balance is due by March 15, with the remaining balance due by May 15.

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