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# 2021 BARNABAS TEAM

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## **BARNABAS MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Barnabas Teams is to help AFLC church plants and new starts reach new neighbors for Christ with VBS teams and college-age leaders.

## **THE STUDENTS WHO SERVE**

We love to send and equip college age students on these ministry teams. We typically send two men and two women on each team.

## **SKILLS AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Church Planting family seeks college age students who meet the following requirements:

- a. Mature Christian growth.
- b. A love for youth work and children's ministry.
- c. Ability to work on a team.
- d. A heart to help new church plants and fledgling congregations.
- e. Gifts for encouraging pastoral workers and families in new plants.
- f. Willing to be flexible.
- g. Bible college training would be helpful.

## **OUR BARNABAS FAMILY OVER FORTY YEARS**

God has used Barnabas ministry in a beautiful way over 42 years:

- a) Almost 200 FLBC students have served on Barnabas Teams.
- b) More than 45 of them have become pastors and pastoral spouses.
- c) About 70 of them have served in full-time ministry.
- d) More than 90 percent have become actively involved in Christian service.
- e) The Barnabas team members have helped start more than 30 new churches.
- f) More than 20 have gone on to serve in global missions.

The ministry was begun by Home Missions Director Elden Nelson in 1978. He called three FLBC seniors to serve new church plants in the AFLC. We called the teams "Barnabas," because they came alongside of planters, like Barnabas, "The *son of encouragement*," in Aramaic, actually Joseph of Cyprus, the brother who helped Paul in the apostle's early years of church planting. The little-known acrostic is long-forgotten: "Building and reaching new AFLC brethren with AFLBS Students."

## **COMPENSATION**

Serving on a summer team may not be the largest profit-maker you could do this upcoming summer; however, it has been a blessing to see how God provides for college age leaders who are willing to serve in this ministry. All students serving on a team will receive a little more than \$300 per week. Each team member is required to raise support, but the Home Missions team will help you in this endeavor. We find that there are many generous donors, we will help you connect with them.

## **A UNIQUE SUMMER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

A way that we have seen this play out is by investing in new church plants and their community by having a mini-VBS during the week in local parks or backyards. We also do baseball clinics and sports outreaches to reach additional families. We would also like to come alongside planting partner churches who are interested in planting new churches.

## BARNABAS TEAM APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Two spiritual references (Name /Address/Phone/ Email):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why God is leading you to apply for an AFLC church planting team. Please include how you believe being involved with this ministry can help you reach your goals.

Please list any conflicts in schedule you might have this summer, including family events and weddings:

Are there any significant medical issues we should be aware of?

Are you taking any ongoing prescription, depression, or behavioral medication?

Are you currently in a romantic relationship? If so, for how long?

AFLC Home Missions seeks growing Christians for ministry. Believers with a servant-like attitude are most useful. We need Christians who are flexible, resilient, and ready to go wherever God calls them. Please check any of the following that apply to you:

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| <input type="radio"/> Love children                          | <input type="radio"/> Certain about my call to summer ministry   |
| <input type="radio"/> Work well with youth                   | <input type="radio"/> Uncertain about my call to summer ministry |
| <input type="radio"/> Enjoy puppet ministry                  | <input type="radio"/> Willing to lead if called                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Love to encourage in spiritual issues  | <input type="radio"/> Able to speak in large groups              |
| <input type="radio"/> Find it easy to submit to authority    | <input type="radio"/> Enjoy all kinds of people                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Struggle with submission               | <input type="radio"/> I want to be on the Barnabas Team          |
| <input type="radio"/> Are you interested in new churches     | <input type="radio"/> I want to be on the Alaska Team            |
| <input type="radio"/> Have daily devotions                   | <input type="radio"/> Comfortable to lead devotions              |
| <input type="radio"/> Enjoy spending time with God in prayer |  |

Please describe your devotional life, including your practices of Bible reading, prayer, and fellowship with other Christians. What is your greatest devotional struggle?

Please write a brief testimony of your relationship with Jesus Christ and your process of spiritual development since conversion. Please include the basis of your salvation with scripture references.