

# ***RDF - HSM L.A. Ministry***

Spring Break 2019

## ***What is the ministry in LA about?***

Our desire is to link students to the world through Los Angeles. The experience will include opportunities for ministry with various socio-economic and ethnic groups as well as community service agencies. It will also include opportunities to learn about other cultures and their religions. Each student will be exposed to and learn about the different cultures that make the city of Los Angeles a “melting pot”. Students will be challenged to see the people of Los Angeles (and therefore, the world) the way Jesus sees them . . . in desperate need of a Savior!

The following is a list of potential ministries and organizations that the group might visit and/or work with during their trip to L.A. We are always adding more organizations as we develop new contacts and opportunities for service:

Union Rescue Mission / The Midnight Mission / Los Angeles Mission  
Los Angeles Food Bank  
The Dream Center – Food Distribution Trucks  
Compton Initiative  
Faith Inspirational Missionary Baptist Church (Compton)

In addition to working as volunteers with some of the organizations listed above; students will also have opportunities to interact with homeless people through activities such as going out in small groups to distribute food and or provide meals to homeless people.

## ***Is it safe?***

The media image of inner-city Los Angeles often gives us a poor picture of what it is really like. Certainly, there are incidents of violence in the city; however, there are plenty of hard-working, decent, law abiding people who live and work in Los Angeles that make it a pleasant place to develop relationships and make an impact for Christ!

## ***Where will the group stay?***

We will be housed at:

Temple Baptist Church  
850 Venice Blvd.  
Los Angeles (near the LA Convention Center)

We have strict policies in place during our stay at the church and while in Los Angeles. Students are not allowed to wander or hang-out outside without an adult, and not at all after dark. Students will bring camping mats and sleeping bags and sleep on the floor of the church. **They will also not be allowed to leave the team anytime during the trip for any reason, including for sporting events, family trips, etc., as it can become a hindrance to the effectiveness of the trip and the unity of the team. Connect with Pastor Christian about approval of reason for leaving.**

## ***Food?***

The team would eat breakfasts (Cereal, fruit, pastries, granola bars etc.) at the location where we stay. Lunch would be sack lunches and/or fast food meals. Dinners would be at various Ethnic or Iconic restaurants in the Los Angeles area, which allows students the opportunity to experience LA culture.

## ***Cost & Dates?***

**April 12 – 18, 2019** (Depart Friday afternoon from RDF to arrive at Temple Baptist – will stop by for dinner on the way / Return by 12:00-1:00 PM)

**Cost = \$250 per student** (The price includes all food, ministry expenses, parking fees, gas, transportation, and housing costs.)