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I want to share with you a tremendous ministry opportunity that I have decided to participate in this summer. I will join approximately 300 other team members from across the U.S. this July in New York City. Spread Truth Ministries (formerly known as NYC Ministries) is a 501(c)3 organization that exists to serve local churches by providing Gospel-centered resources, training and experiences. Their experiences include multiple trips each year to New York City with over 500 attendees from more than 8 different states and over 40 different churches. I have chosen to participate in the Above the Rim Basketball camp ministry track.

Above the Rim seeks to partner with local churches in urban areas and send teams of volunteers to reach the youth in underprivileged neighborhoods through the game of basketball. The structured camps provide a loving atmosphere, while reinforcing the motto: "Set Your Mind On Things Above the Rim" with each child (Colossians 3:2). They do this by reaching out in the neighborhoods and spending quality time teaching fundamental basketball skills to boys and girls (ages 5-16), in addition to intentionally sharing the gospel.

These camps are free to the camp participants. Each camp participant receives daily giveaways, a snack, Bible, wordless bracelet, and other goodies AT NO COST. Our prayer is that we can assist the local church in reaching those who might never visit one of their church services.

This is anything but a vacation! Once in New York City, the agenda itself is very busy. I will meet daily at 8:00 a.m. for praise and worship, special speakers, testimonies, and instructions. We then spend time canvassing the area telling children about the ATR program. After canvassing we begin registration and the actual program runs for 4 hours (two 2-hour sessions). The schedule is exhausting but rewarding.

Here are some of the rewards for this trip:

1. It allows God to work in my life through personal enrichment. This will be accomplished from the Spread Truth evangelism training I must attend prior to the trip and through the experiences and people I will meet while in New York City.
2. I will be at one of six different locations in the inner city with about 100 camp participants. Skills taught will be in the areas of rebounding, shooting, defense, individual offense, and team offense.
3. I will offer children at the camp to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through daily devotions and distribution of a gospel booklet and a Bible. Our inner city church partner will then follow up with each child's family following the camp.

I am excited about the opportunity and experience that lies ahead, I hope you see the value in what we will accomplish. Team members must raise their own support. I need to raise \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. If you can support me in a financial way, I would be grateful (see below). I also need your prayer support. Prayer is the fuel that will allow us to be successful as we follow God's leading in this ministry. Without prayer, nothing will happen.

View web updates, photos, and more during the July Trip at <http://www.nycm.org/update>

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