

# CT Kids: Surge

## **Matthew 28:19-20**

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*

## **Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

## **Summary**

The overall mission of CT Kids is to reach kids for Christ, bring them together, train them and give them the tools necessary to live for God. This mission is achieved through a variety of events, programs and relationships. Surge, the missions and outreach program of CT Kids attempts to make the latter part of that mission a reality. Not only are missions and outreach powerful tools of sharing Jesus with others, there is something powerful that happens in the heart of those participating in the outreach. Exposure to a different culture, being pushed out of your comfort zone and giving more of yourself than you ever have are all the ingredients of a life changing event. What better time to more clearly see this amazing God we serve and get a better look at what we are made of than as a young person, rapidly growing in new faith!

Surge attempts to create an environment for amazing spiritual growth through outreach and mission projects designed specifically for third through fifth graders. Although the projects will powerfully touch the lives of people less fortunate than us, the specific purpose of this program is to change the hearts of kids who participate. The goal is that kids would see (first-hand) God's heart for the lost and less fortunate and develop a life-long passion for missions and outreach.

## **Surge: Mexico**

Although Surge was intended to develop sequentially as local, to national, to foreign ministry opportunities, doors opened first for ministry to Mexico. We anticipate that national and local opportunities will develop next to provide a comprehensive program that third through fifth graders can experience each summer.

Surge: Mexico is the first project of this type for CT Kids and will be a great learning experience as future trips are planned and implemented. Although every aspect of this trip will be structured and planned, we anticipate the need for flexibility as we learn from our experiences and as things (especially in foreign countries) have the possibility to go differently as planned. Ultimately, this trip will not only be a learning experience for your child, but it will also be one for CT Kids as we learn what ingredients and opportunities make for the best possible trip. What a great opportunity to blaze this trail that will make a difference in the lives of so many in the future!

The Mexico team will spend 3 nights/4 days at the Rancho el Milagro orphanage where we'll serve the orphans through relational ministry and service projects. Our team will also spend some time serving at a local church in Ensenada while conducting medical clinics. We'll also spend plenty of time in worship and prayer, making time with God a central priority. Due to the nature of this trip, we will also spend time learning more about the culture we will be ministering too as well as other cultures around the world that need God's love too. It may be that we have to go to Mexico to see God's heart for India, Africa or China.

If you choose to participate in Surge this year, please feel free to be a part of the development process. Keep us informed on what seems to be working well, how we can communicate better and what needs more focus for the future. As always, your comments, concerns and suggestions are always welcome.