



2016 Parent/Guardian Information Packet

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings from Crossings Ministries! Over the last nine months, we have been preparing and praying for the arrival of your students at camp, and we cannot wait to see what God will do. We value your trust in us and are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you.

Identity: Youth Camp

In summer of 2016 we are going to be delving into the life of the woman at the well. When the woman at the well encountered Christ, she was unable to accurately describe herself. She didn't have a sense of Identity. She was lost. We too are lost without Christ. We are going to be examining her crisis of identity and in turn looking at our crisis of identity without Christ. We will look at the challenge of identity, thinking about the idols that may exist in our lives and how Christ is so much better than anything we try to put in front of Him. We will also talk about the change of our identity; in Christ, we are a new creation. As students study the life of the woman at the well they will also explore what it means to find their identity in Christ.

Hero: Kids Camp

In summer of 2016 we are going to be looking at the life of David. David was just a kid when Samuel anointed him to be king. He was not what the people expected in a king; he was an unlikely king, just like Jesus. Jesus was not who the people of Israel expected to be the Savior of the world. We will also look at how David responded to Saul when Saul wanted to kill him. David had many opportunities to kill Saul but David was waiting on God's plan and God's timing. Lastly, we are going to be looking at the friendship between David and Jonathan.

This packet contains everything you "need to know" for your student's time at camp, but if you have any additional questions, call us at **502.491.7000** or email us at info@gocrossings.org.

Blessings,
Crossings Ministries Staff

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Featured in 2016

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For our Crossings Kids, we have **Crossings Kids Chaos**. This will be a fun, messy, large group experience! Kids will play large group games in their Small Groups. **Kids Camp participants, be sure to bring clothes that can be thrown away.**

LEAD - The Leadership Experience

LEAD is a unique opportunity for upcoming, and recently graduated seniors to experience Crossings like never before! To be a part of the LEAD program, students must be recommended by their Group Leader and then accepted by Crossings; only 20 participants will be accepted into the LEAD program each week. If you would like for your student to be considered for the LEAD Program, speak with their Group Leader.

Once accepted, students will attend Crossings with their church, but will spend each day in a specialized program with Crossings Staff. Students will still stay in the lodging, eat meals, and attended morning celebration/worship with their church, but they will spend their afternoons attending leadership classes, serving with Summer Staff at the Shack, and participating in specialized service opportunities.

LEAD's desire is to see students who have attended Crossings for years, or who are leaders among their churches, grow deeper in what it means to be a leader as they seek to proclaim the Gospel!

Missions

Youth Camp

The central aspect of our mission statement heralds the fact that we exist to proclaim the gospel. We want this truth to saturate every moment of your students' time at camp. Beyond that, we want it to transform how we all live. As believers, we exist to proclaim the gospel.

Again this year we have opportunity to **proclaim** like never before, and to strategize to get Gospel proclamation where we would never have dreamed. Through a unique partnership with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are working towards mobilizing Latin believers -- largely Cubans -- to take the story of the Bible to places where they have little or no access to God's Word. Together we are working to reach the unreached.

The Latin believers have an opportunity unlike anything we have as Americans. Unhindered by red tape and necessity of travel visas, they can go to places where Americans could not dream of going. The harvest is indeed plentiful and we have the privilege to help send laborers into that harvest.

Kids Camp

During Kids Camp we are going to be asking your students to think about other kids, and not just any other kids, but ones who live in Haiti. Your students will have the opportunity to see, hear, and learn about the life of a child in Haiti. We have the amazing privilege to come alongside the Baptist Haiti Mission to provide scholarship money that will allow Haitian kids attend camp this summer. Baptist Haiti Mission believes that the kids who attend Camp LePhare need to have ownership as well, and that's why we help them pay a portion of their camp fees, not all. Just \$20 will help send two Haitian kids to camp.

New POIs

As with years past, we are going to be introducing new POIs this year. We will have a new variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Be sure to keep looking at the POI list on your students' [Participant Accounts](#) to see the newest POI options!

Participant Accounts

Each participant attending Crossings must create a 2016 **Participant Account**. Participant Accounts allow you to complete your 2016 Crossings Medical Release Form and POI (Points of Impact) Form.

Creating a Participant Account: Last summer, students no longer needed to create a new account each time they attended a Crossings-sponsored event, and this will continue on into the 2016 camp season. Instead, if a participant attended a Crossings event in 2015– i.e. camp, CORE—they will be able to use the same Participant ID to register for their 2016 event. With this ID, participants will now be able to track all their Crossings events in one, easy-to-use account.

To create a new account visit our website: www.gocrossings.org and click on the link that says "[Participant Account](#)." You will then select your church, church city, and state in drop down boxes. You will enter your participant information and then be given options to complete the 2016 Crossings Medical Release Form and POI Form.

The Core of Crossings

Gospel: WE EXIST TO PROCLAIM the Gospel

The Gospel is the **MEANS** by which we are saved, the **METHOD** in which we live and the **MOTIVATION** behind how we operate.

Relationships

Relationships are the primary **WAY WE GIVE** the Gospel and **WAY WE GROW** in the Gospel.

Excellence

Excellence is the natural **RESULT** of the Gospel and our only reasonable **RESPONSE** to the Gospel.

Mission Statement

We exist to **proclaim** the Gospel through **partnering** with churches to **make** disciples and **equip** leaders.

John 5:24

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has **crossed over from death to life.**”

The Gospel

Crossings has put together six points to help our Summer Staff more effectively communicate the Gospel by intentionally learning and expressing it. These six points need to be the first and most natural thing they communicate when having conversation with your student. Below are the points and the corresponding passages.

- **God is Holy. We are sinful and separated from God.**
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” - Romans 3:23
- **Jesus, the Son of God, lived a perfect life.**
“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” - 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead.**
“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8
- **Jesus is the only way to salvation.**
“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” - John 14:6
- **Salvation is a free gift by grace.**
“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” - Ephesians 2:8-9
- **We are called to trust Jesus as Lord of our lives.**
“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” - Romans 10:9-10

***All Bible verses used are taken from the English Standard Version.**

Crossings Dictionary

BreakThru: Students develop relationships with their Small Groups and Crossings Staff through intentional quality time. This time may consist of games or guided conversation with the purpose of growing in their relationships with one another.

Checkpoint: This time is for you to meet with your church group and discuss the events of the day. This will be one of the most spiritually rewarding times for your group during the weekend. Use this time to debrief, worship, and pray together.

Connect: Crossings highly values your relationship with your students, so we have a designated time in the afternoon for you to “connect” with your students. Feel free to lead your group in their **TAWG**, have small group discussion, do team building activities or simply hang out. The Bible points toward the importance of discipleship, and it is our desire to give you the time and material to do so.

Lake Sports: Get ready to get wet and have a blast. Our daily schedule includes dedicated time for students to experience our lakes! Enjoy The Blob, water zip lines, slides, inflatables, and time to simply swim with friends.

Large Group Bible Study: During Large Group, students are separated by high school and middle school, and taught by the Camp Pastor. This time is used as a tool to prepare students to discuss the Bible Study at an even deeper level in their Small Groups.

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Over the past 20 years, the Lord has been working in awesome ways in Cuba. Now, there are many believers that are ready to go to the nations, but merely lack the resources to follow the Lord in obedience. This is where we come in!

This year, the money that is given to the missions offering at youth camp will go towards sending these missionaries, in large part, to places where there is currently no Gospel witness. As well as the money from Kids Camp being used to allow children in Haiti to attend camp at our property.

Morning Celebration: This is designed to wake you up each morning! With music, skits, announcements, games, and more -- you never know what might happen!

POI (Point of Impact): Crossings activities and workshops are designed to meet students where their interests are – whether that is through discussing missions or riding on the zip lines. Throughout these activities Crossings Staff will be intentionally investing in your students.

Students will fill out an online POI form before arriving at camp that indicates their preferences. Crossings Staff will do the best to place students in the activities they desire. All students will be informed of their assigned POIs during small group on opening day.

Small Group Bible Study: Small Group is time to apply what your students heard in Large Group. Students are broken up into groups of 10-20, based on their gender and grade. Student Camp Small Groups will be separated by high school and middle school. Kids Camp Small Groups will be separated by 3rd and 4th grades, and 5th and 6th grades. These groups are led by Crossings Staff who will dive deeper into the Bible study and share the Gospel with every student.

Shack: This is the last hoorah before lights out. Immediately following Checkpoint, The Shack will be open to purchase tasty treats and official Crossings merchandise. This is a time for the staff to continue developing relationships with your students. It will also be during this time that we will host Summer Fest, a late night Crossings fellowship.

Summer Fest: This year's evening fellowship will be called Summer Fest; a 50's style summer carnival with a vintage look and feel. Enjoy delicious carnival food, games, and a show! Come dressed as your favorite 50's attire. This means you could dress as a carnival barker, a barbershop quartet, "The Fonz," a car hop girl, or any other character that you can think of from the time period! This year's fellowship at the Shack promises great fun and exciting prizes. Come dressed to impress and ready to play!

TAWG (Time Alone With God): TAWG is a time set apart by the Group Leader during Connect Time where students are encouraged to have personal quiet time in Bible study and prayer. Material for this will be provided for each student in their Bible Study Booklet.

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Worship: Students will actively participate in a Gospel-centered service that is engaging, authentic, and high-energy – complete with a band and preaching from the Camp Pastor.

Sample Schedule

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Group Leader Meeting
- 8:30 Morning Celebration
- 9:15 High School - Large Group Bible Study
Middle School - BreakThru
- 10:00 High School - Small Group Bible Study
Middle School - Large Group Bible Study
- 10:45 High School - BreakThru
Middle School - Small Group Bible Study
- 11:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Rotation #1
- POI
 - Connect
 - Lake Sports
- 2:30 Rotation #2
- Connect
 - Lake Sports
 - POI
- 4:00 Rotation #3
- Lake Sports
 - POI
 - Connect
- 5:00 Free Time
- 5:45 Dinner
- 7:45 Worship
- 9:15 Checkpoint
- 9:45 Shack/Store
- 11:00 In Rooms/Buildings
- 11:30 Lights Out

Large Group and Small Group Bible Study: All Bible study will take place in the morning, consisting of a Large Group session followed by a Small Group discussion/activity time. There will be two large group sessions each morning, divided up by students' grades. These sessions last 20-25 minutes and are led by the Camp Pastor. Following Large Group, students will break out into Small Groups facilitated by our Summer Staff. These groups will average between 10-20 students and are based on gender and grade. Small Group is a time to apply what your students heard in Large Group. These sessions will last around 30 minutes.

BreakThru: In addition to Bible study in the morning, students will participate in a group activity called "BreakThru." During BreakThru, students develop relationships with their Small Groups and Bible Study Leaders through intentional quality time. This time may consist of games or guided conversation with the purpose of growing in their relationships with one another.

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* The times listed are not exact and are subject to change prior to camp.

FAQs

Crossings Staff is so excited that your student will be attending Crossings Camp! We are looking forward to having your student experience an environment where they have the opportunity to come to know Christ or more fully experience Him. Each participant must fill out a [2016 Crossings Medical Release Form](#) and a [POI Form](#) prior to attending. If you have any questions about Crossings' policies, please contact the Central Office at **502-491-7000**.

How Can I Be Involved?

Livestream Worship: As a part of the Crossings Camp experience, we would like to invite you to participate in worship with your student. You will have access to watch a live stream of our Large Group sessions. To watch our Large Group Bible Study or our worship, simply head to our website www.gocrossings.org and click on “**Experience Camp Now**.”

Send Your Student an Email: You can send your student an email while they are at camp by going to our homepage at www.gocrossings.org. Click on the “**Experience Camp Now**” link. Find the correct location, either Cedarmore or Jonathan Creek, and click the “**Email a Student**” link.

Stay Updated: “Like” us at [Facebook.com/gocrossings](https://www.facebook.com/gocrossings) for updates prior to camp, and to keep up-to-date on what is happening while your student is at camp.

How Can I Prepare My Student? (Online Participant Accounts):

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2016 Crossings Medical Release Form: All students and adults that are attending camp must complete a [2016 Crossings Medical Release Form](#). Once you have completed the 2016 Crossings Medical Release Form, you will be given the option to sign it electronically, or save and return later. If you are unable to sign the form electronically, you will need to print the form, sign it, and bring it to camp with you. We **strongly** encourage all participants to sign the form electronically.

POI Form: You can also complete your online POI Form. This is where your student is able to select 8 top choices for the activities they would like to participate in while they are at camp and see what other students from your church have selected as well.

Get to Know Me: New to participant accounts this year is the “Get to Know Me” page. On this page you or your student will answer a few questions that will help their bible study leader get to know them better and how they can be praying for the student as the week goes on.

What Number Can I Call In Case of an Emergency?

Call **502-491-7000** and follow the prompts for an emergency.

What Time Will My Group Depart on the Last Day?

10:30 a.m. (NOTE: Jonathan Creek is CST and Cedarmore is EST)

What if My Student Leaves Something at Camp?

All lost items should be communicated directly to Crossings Staff using cmlostandfound@gocrossings.org for Cedarmore and jclostandfound@gocrossings.org for Jonathan Creek. Please make sure to include your child's week of camp in the subject line and their lodging or where they believe they left the item in the body of the email.

What to Bring to Crossings

1. Pillow and sheets or sleeping bag.
2. Towels: Beach towel and bath towels.
3. Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, shampoo, etc)
4. A complete Bible, notepad, and pen for Bible Study and Worship.
5. Appropriate clothing (see Dress Code).
 1. Some "grubby" clothes and tennis shoes for outdoor recreation. Bring one set of clothes that could be thrown away if desiring to participate in the mud pit activities.
 2. Shorts that are made out of fairly sturdy material (ex. Khaki shorts). Thin shorts such as mesh shorts and cheerleading shorts will not be appropriate for activities that require a harness. (ex. zip lines etc.)
6. Modest one-piece swimsuits. Females MUST wear shorts over their swimsuits.
 1. You must wear your shirt to and from Lake activities. Bring appropriate shirts (not white) to wear over your swimsuit.
7. Crossings strongly recommends that you bring a pair of Tevas or athletic sandals and/or water shoes if participating in kayaking (Jonathan Creek only).
8. Sunscreen and insect repellent.
9. Spending Money. Students and adults will have opportunities to make purchases throughout the week (concessions, T-shirts, etc.) and a missions offering will be collected one night during worship.
10. Wristwatch: we do not want you to miss any part of your exciting week of camp!
11. Money for the Missions Offering - all money will go to support mission work in Cuba and Haiti
12. You best 50's themed costume for the Summer Fest!

What NOT to Bring

1. Alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
 1. Any student or adult caught with these will be sent home at the church's expense.
2. Fireworks or weapons of any kind.
3. Radios, portable CD players, or MP3 players. Exceptions may be made for church group devotions and fellowships. Please understand that we are not liable for lost or stolen items.
4. No cell phones will be allowed during any organized camp activities. Instruct students to leave them in their rooms or with an adult.
5. Skateboards, roller skates, or shoes with built in skates.
6. Clothing iron.

Optional Items to Bring

1. Camera and video equipment
2. Sunglasses

Dress Code

Students and adults are expected to reflect a Christian example by their dress. Parents, adult leaders, and church leaders are responsible for the clothing/appearance of their students and adults attending camp. The manner of dress expected should be clearly communicated prior to leaving home. A Crossings Program Director has the final say in all matters regarding attire.

Daytime Activities

1. Modest shorts and tank tops are acceptable for daytime activities.
2. Females should not roll up the waistband on their shorts.
3. Tank tops should adequately cover undergarments.
4. Females must wear shorts over modest one-piece bathing suits for pool and lake activities.
5. Shirts and shoes must be worn to and from pool and lake activities and at all other times.
6. Closed-toe/closed-heel are required when participating in climbing & zipline activities.

Worship

1. Jeans and shorts may be worn to worship. Shorts must be longer than the fingertip.
2. Modest skirts and dresses are acceptable in worship.
3. Tank tops are NOT acceptable for worship.

Unacceptable Dress

1. Shorts shorter than fingertip length.
2. Spaghetti strap tops.
3. Yoga pants/leggings
3. Shirts that show midriff.
4. Distasteful designs or messages on clothing.
5. Bikinis, tankinis, or one-piece resembling two-piece swimsuits.

This information can also be found on our website by going to www.gocrossings.org/camp2015 then:

1. Scroll to the selection bar and click on the the “[Details](#)” link.
2. Click on the “[What to Bring to Camp](#)” link on the left-hand side.

Sample Merchandise Pricing

Snack Shack Food/Beverages

\$0.50 - \$5.50

Crossings Shirts/Merchandise

\$2.00 - \$20.00



Directions

Cedarmore

You can also enter these coordinates (38.316762, -85.003137) into Google Maps to direct you to Cedarmore. **Note: for GPS systems use above coordinates not the physical address.**

From Lexington or Louisville

We are a 45-60 minute drive from either city. There are green state highway department signs to guide you from the interstate.

- 1) Take I-64 to exit #43, Waddy/Peytona, KY Hwy 395.
- 2) Turn north on Hwy 395 (towards Peytona and away from Waddy).
- 3) Follow 7.2 miles to Hwy 1005.
- 4) Turn right onto Hwy 1005.
- 5) After 1.3 miles Hwy 1005 turns into Hwy 12. Do not turn at this intersection.
- 6) Follow Hwy 12 another 3.6 miles to Jacksonville.
- 7) In Jacksonville, turn left onto Hwy 1922 (Cedarmore Road).
- 8) Follow 1 mile and turn right at the Cedarmore sign (still Hwy 1922).
- 9) Follow 3.2 miles and turn left onto Cedarmore property.

From Cincinnati

We are a 60-75 minute drive from Cincinnati.

- 1) Follow I-71 south to exit #34, KY Hwy 421.
- 2) Turn south on Hwy 421 (towards New Castle).
- 3) Stay on Hwy 421 (watch signs) and follow 20.5 miles to Defoe.
- 4) In Defoe, turn right onto Hwy 1922.
- 5) Follow 3 miles and turn right onto Cedarmore property.

Jonathan Creek

We are approximately 120 miles northwest of Nashville, 200 miles southwest of Louisville, and 200 miles southeast of St. Louis. You can enter these coordinates (36.790252, -88.208309) into Google Maps to direct you to Jonathan Creek. **Note:** Although our address is 3043 Beal Road, Hardin, KY, **DO NOT go to Hardin, KY to find the conference center.** Jonathan Creek is located approximately 4 miles west of Aurora, KY.

From Louisville

1. Take Interstate 65 South to Elizabethtown
2. Get on Western Kentucky Parkway at Elizabethtown
3. Take Western Kentucky Parkway/I-69 to Interstate 24 (Paducah exit)
4. Exit from Interstate 24 onto Purchase Parkway (Exit 25A, Fulton exit)
5. Take Purchase Parkway to Exit 47 Draffenville/Aurora.
6. Turn left off Exit 47 and travel approximately 15 miles until you cross the Jonathan Creek Bridge.
7. After crossing the bridge, you will come to the top of the hill and see the Dinner Bell Restaurant on the right.
8. Turn right onto Beal Road, which is in front of the Dinner Bell Restaurant. (If you pass the Dinner Bell and come to Aurora, you have gone too far.)
9. Travel 1.5 miles on Beal Road until you come to a white water tower.
10. Turn right about 100 ft beyond the water tower and enter the grounds to Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center.

From Cincinnati

1. Take Interstate 75 to Lexington, KY.
2. Get on Bluegrass Parkway and take to Elizabethtown, KY.
3. Get on Western Kentucky Parkway at Elizabethtown.
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From Memphis

1. Take Highway 51 to Purchase Parkway
2. Take Purchase Parkway to Exit 47 Draffenville/Aurora.
3. Turn right onto Hwy 68 and travel approximately 15 miles until you cross the Jonathan Creek Bridge.
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From Nashville

1. Take Interstate 24 West to Cadiz (Exit 65)
2. Turn left off exit and proceed west on Highway 68/80.
3. Cross Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake (Two bridges)
4. After crossing the second bridge, turn right at the top of the hill onto Highway 68 (it is poorly marked). Stay on Highway 68 and go approximately 5 miles until you reach the Dinner Bell Restaurant on the left. The Dinner Bell is approximately 2 miles from Aurora. (If you come to a small bridge called the Jonathan Creek Bridge, you have gone too far.)
5. Turn left onto Beal Road immediately past the Dinner Bell Restaurant. It will look like you are turning into a parking lot.
6. Travel approx 1 mile on Beal Road until you come to a white water tower.
7. Turn right about 100 ft beyond the water tower and enter the grounds to Jonathan Creek Camp and Conference Center.

Other Ways to Experience Crossings

Camp

We believe that camp is a unique opportunity to partner with churches to impact students and adults for Christ. Crossings' all-inclusive camps provide a fun and hassle-free environment where you can focus on intentionally building relationships with your students in order to see them cross over from death to life. Everything we do—from hiring our Summer Staff to Large and Small Group Bible studies to programmed activities and small group time—is aimed at removing barriers to the Gospel and making an eternal impact on your group. We offer a variety of options for your group during the summer. Learn more about our camps at www.gocrossings.org

Camp40: Camp40 is an exciting, intense version of our longer Crossings Camps. We pack all of the same great elements of camp into a high-energy, fast-paced, 40-hour period. It is a great option for those groups with a tight schedule or budget.

Host Your Own: If you have everything you need to host a camp of your own, but just need a place to host your event, the “[Host-My-Own](#)” camp option is right for you! Crossings wants to give you the flexibility and freedom to create a one-of-a-kind event. We will provide your group with facilities, meals, and programmed activities that will help you give your students a camp experience they will never forget.

CORE

The core of something is the central part, the heart of what we really live for, it is the main thing that our lives revolve around. Crossings' CORE event, designed like a Disciple NOW Weekend, is meant to challenge students to examine what their CORE is -- what it is they are willing to live for each day of their lives. CORE is designed to point your students to the heart of Jesus Christ, making Christ and His Word their CORE, so that they will live their lives and use their words in order to proclaim Him to the world around them.

Retreats and Conferences

You can choose from one of our Crossings Events like CORE, which are designed for those who want a [pre-planned event](#). We also provide lodging, meals, meeting spaces, and staff-facilitated activities for those who would like the freedom of a “[Host-My-Own](#)” event or [retreat](#). Regardless of the type of conference or retreat, we believe hosting your event at Crossings is the right choice. We pray you will leave encouraged and impacted by the living God.

Our staff desires to help you proclaim the Gospel and equip your church by hosting your event at Crossings. Our properties are available year-round to host various conferences and retreats for groups of all ages and sizes -- whether it be a relaxing week, a high-energy youth event, or bringing a network of churches together for an intensive discipleship weekend.

Crossings Center for Children and Student Ministry

At Crossings, we care about you, your students, and your church far beyond the time spent with us at camp. Our desire is that every leader working with kids and teens is equipped to best fulfill the ministry to which they have been called.

The Crossings Center for Children and Student Ministry is an extended network of training, consultation, networking, and connecting for those who have answered God's call to serve youth and children in the local church.

In addition to our Crossings personnel, we have partnered with seasoned student and children's ministry specialists to provide training at a regional basis. These ministry partners are practitioners who have a heart for youth and children's ministry, are the leaders of those ministries, and are seen as experts by their peers.

Through seminars, small-group training sessions, one-on-one mentoring, and networking opportunities, the Crossings Center for Children and Student Ministry continues to provide invaluable support, training, and resources for the youth and children's ministers across the country.

If you would like to take advantage of any of these resources, please contact our Central Office at **502.491.7000**, or contact one of our ministry specialists.

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Missions

The central aspect of our mission statement heralds the fact that we exist to *[proclaim the Gospel](#)*. We want this truth to saturate every moment of your students' time at camp. Beyond that, we want it to transform how we all live. As believers, *[we exist to proclaim the Gospel](#)*.

You can also [GO](#) on mission with us! Alongside the [Baptist Haiti Mission](#), Crossings has many opportunities for you to go and be a part of the work that the Lord is doing in Haiti. Contact us at **502.491.7000** for more information.