

OKA IROQUOIS TERRITORY AND DEUX MONTAGNES, QUEBEC

Family Short-Term Mission Trip
July 28 - August 4, 2012

Oka: Outreach to Mohawk Natives. There are only 80 Mohawks who would call themselves *Christian* among 1,500 natives living in this area. Valley families experience cross-cultural ministry together as they present Summer Bible Club, a program that connects with kids. There is a teen program as well. Single parents, teens, grandparents and even babies can have useful roles in this ministry.

Deux Montagnes: People's Church needs the support of outside workers to conduct their Summer Bible Club for English speakers in this French speaking suburb of Montreal. In three years of working with this church, attendance has grown from 20 to 60. Over 60% of the children attending are unchurched. This venue is staffed by a team based in the same campground as the group serving Mohawks of Oka.

Mornings are for ministry. Afternoons are for family recreation. Evening meals are prepared by trip chefs and eaten together as a group. Evening fellowship includes games and family entertainment.

Valley Leaders: To Be Determined

Hosts: Rev. Crow, Oka Iroquois Church, Kanehsatake, Quebec;
Rev. Fred Greenwood, People's Church, Deux Montagnes

Ideal # needed: 50 (adults and children)

Participants: Babes-in-arms to grandparents, family units or singles

Skills desired: 1. Ministry to children and teens 2. Crafts 3. Music
4. Sports 5. Cooking 6. Speaking French

Expense: \$500 per family/\$350 per single parent family
Includes campsites, evening meals, program supplies and equipment.
Travel to/from Oka, Quebec, park cards and breakfasts and lunches are not included.

Deposit: \$300 (non-refundable) upon acceptance

Why this trip?

Your children will open their heart to the world God loves if they are exposed to missions at an early age. Ministering in Quebec provides a cross-cultural experience within a reasonable drive of Hartford. Tent, pop-up or RV camping is a fun and inexpensive approach to lodging. Community evening meals and joint family activities provide memorable team fellowship.

Native Canadians have little Gospel exposure. Indigenous people are among the least reached in Canada. Many native children have no previous Bible exposure. The Oka Iroquois Church has accepted Valley's offer to provide this outreach in their facilities. No children's programs are offered by the church during summer, including Sunday School. 2012 is Valley's eighth trip. Consecutive annual ministry trips have made increasing impact. Our greatest impact occurred in 2011



when between the Oka and Deux Montagnes sites, 14 children made first time commitments to Jesus Christ.

People's Church is near Montreal, a city with very little effective Gospel outreach. The church was extremely appreciative of the resources we provided to allow them to offer a Summer Bible Club at their facility. Each of the two years we have served, more people from the host church have served with us. In 2011 we saw increased interest from French-speakers living in Deux Montagnes.

Hudson Baptist Church in Saint-Lazare, Quebec is now asking for our help but we can only consider this opportunity if more families and leaders become involved.

Food: Breakfast and lunch are prepared by each family. Dinner is eaten as group. A couple or two singles who can cook the evening meal is a key need for the week.

Lodging: Tents, pop-ups or RVs at Oka Provincial Park, Quebec

Travel: Families drive themselves – approximately 7 hours from Hartford

Interest Meetings : January 28-29 or February 4-5, 2012 | 6:15 p.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. | Room 337

Trip member orientation: Tuesdays, April 3 - May 22 | 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
Attendance by at least one adult from each family is required. Church nursery and children's programs are available. Participation in an additional final prep picnic/ meeting which will be held on a Saturday in July is mandatory for all families.

Immunizations required: Tetanus/diphtheria

Travel Documents: Passports required for participants age 16 and older. Birth certificate is adequate for small children.

Application required for adults – not standard short-term application:
Contact the World Outreach office or download a copy from our web site at valleycommunity.cc

Comments from 2011 participants:

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to build relationships, grow spiritually and reach others.
Cindi Avezzie

The trip led me to step out of my comfort zone and helped me take first steps in fulfilling God's commandment to reach out to the world
Jeff Meter

God can use each of us in ways we least expect and bless us mightily in the process.
Jim & Joanna Meter

Better than I expected! There is so much to get out of it—family time, fellowship and connecting with new people.
Joe and Delanie Michaud

You experience missions without going too far out of your comfort zone.
Ana Neville (age 16)

Obey God by going and making disciples. Go! It will change your life.
Todd & Dana Peters

It was valuable to get to know people by working and praying together for a common purpose.
Steve Peterson

