

# GWU students to spend break on mission

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Over 50 Gardner-Webb University students will spend their spring breaks doing several mission trips.

Fifteen people are expected to participate in a trip to Puerto Rico March 6-14. The trip is being led by Charles Shelton, who has devoted his life to taking teams of people on short-term mission trips.

"Several Gardner-Webb students participate in some of his trips which are not sanctioned by the university, as well," said Campus Minister Tracy Jessup.

The team will be working

with a church in Puerto Rico. "This group will do evangelistic type witnessing. They will be meeting people in the mall area and sharing Christ with them," stated Jessup.

Two teams will be participating in a trip to Florida. Mike Mustian, Assistant to the President, will be leading one team and Paul Leigh will be leading the other. One team will be going to a church in Ocklawaha, Florida and the second will be visiting a church in Live Oak. The group will be doing church-wide revivals.

"There will also be some very specific ministry to the youth. In many ways, it is almost like a week long Focus

trip," said Jessup.

There is also a trip to Charlotte planned during this time. Sixteen people are expected to participate. David Stone, campus ministry intern, will be leading the Charlotte team.

This trip is in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and is part of the campus ministries.

"They are celebrating 75 years of Baptist campus ministry in North Carolina. During three weeks, beginning with the last week of February, students from colleges and universities all over North Carolina will converge on Charlotte,"

said Jessup.

The central project will be the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house. "However, for this project to be effective, only twenty five people will be able to work with the house, in order to avoid overcrowding," stated Jessup.

The rest of the team members will be working with Jackson Park Ministries, an inner-city ministry in Charlotte. One of their biggest ministries is to unwed mothers who are trying to get back on their feet.

"They have renovated an apartment complex which still needs some work. Our team will help with the painting and

other areas to be done. This will help them (mothers) feel good about themselves as individuals and as parents as well," said Jessup.

It is expected that between 200 and 300 college students will participate in the ministry throughout the Piedmont area. "Other ministries will be taking place in Union, Cabarras and Mecklenberg Counties," said Jessup.

Jessup is pleased to have so many students participating in missions. "I think it says a lot about our student body. There's not only the sacrifice of their time, but an out-of-pocket sacrifice as well," stated Jessup.

# Students to experience Russia on trip

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Red Square, the Kremlin, monasteries... These are just a few of the many places some Gardner-Webb University students will get to visit over spring break.

A trip to Russia, led by Dr. Alexander Strokanov, Professor of History, is scheduled for March 6-14. Stokanov has led groups on tours to Russia in the past.

Maria Carswell, a Gardner-Webb student, visited Russia last year and is returning again this year. She mentioned some of the activities the group will participate in while in Russia.

There will be a lot of sight-seeing, said Carswell. While in Russia, the group will visit Moscow, St. Petersburg and Sergiev Posad. In Moscow, the group will visit the Kremlin, Red Square, Bolshoi Theater, The World War II memorial and the Armory Museum.

There will also be a train ride from Moscow to St.

Petersburg. In St. Petersburg, they will visit Mariinskii Theater and the Catherine the Great Palace. "We will have the opportunity to see a Russian ballet and opera at the theater," said Carswell.

In Sergiev Posad, the group will visit the St. Sergius Radonezski Lavra Monastery. "We will get to experience the typical cuisine eaten in Russian monasteries," said Carswell.

The group will also go to a Russian circus. "A circus in Russia is quite different from one here in America. There is only one ring and everything is brought into this ring. There are also exhibitions outside," said Carswell.

An important aspect of Russian culture is the church. Churches are open 24 hours in Russia. "There is a great deal of respect for everything inside the church," stated Carswell. Church services are recited in the Old Slovanic language.

"I didn't understand what was being communicated to us. I was later told that probably no

one knew, but you could definitely feel what they are saying. You know it's not something made up," said Carswell.

In Russian churches, no one is allowed to sit during services, except for the elderly. This is done out of respect for God. There are no musical instruments allowed during service, as well. Everything is sung accapella. This is a way of staying as close to nature as possible.

Carswell said she felt comfortable traveling even though she doesn't speak the Russian language.

"I didn't hear any English the whole time I was there, but I could basically look at pictures and tell where certain things were," said Carswell. She did note that her tour guide was a big help. "Had I been alone, I believe it would have been much more difficult," stated Carswell.

Carswell spoke on why she loves Russia so. "I chose to go

to Russia for its beauty and history, alone. As soon as we landed in Russia, I could just feel the history. I saw so many wonderful things while there," said Carswell.

Students can receive one to three hours of credit for the trip. "Depending on how many hours you need, you must do

that amount of work," said Carswell.

Carswell is thrilled to have the opportunity to visit Russia again. "Russia is a beautiful country. I would definitely recommend that other students go if they are given the opportunity," said Carswell.

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