



# WHOLLY MOSES!

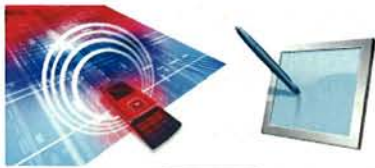
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**Making OurSelves Equipped Servants endeavors to equip Christian young people and adults to share the love of God, the salvation of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit by its service of word and deed.**

*"Do you best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and one who correctly handles the word of truth."*

*II Timothy 2:15*

## NEWS FLASH!!!



**NEWS FLASH!!!** After much debate and discussion, MOSES has decided to allow participants to bring personal electronic devices along on our trips. The MOSES Board has resisted this decision for many years, fearing that the use of these devices will interfere with team bonding and unity. But, we also realize that we live in a culture that is very different from the one that existed when MOSES was founded.

That being said, some of our concerns still remain. We very much want our trips to remain symbols of our dedication to Jesus Christ and to ministry in His name. We still want to be about building our relationships with God, with team-mates and with those we seek to serve and minister to. For these reasons, time spent with electronics will still be limited to free time and to those uses that promote our ministry and enhance our goals.

**Go Somewhere Warm!!**

Tired of the snow? Plan now to go to Mississippi April 3-12. This trip is open to teens and adults, as well as families with school-age children. The cost is low (just \$375 for a 9-day trip, including transportation, lodging and food on location). Serve people who are under-resourced by helping to build steps and ramps, clean up yards, paint, etc. We need you! Contact [mosesjudy@gmail.com](mailto:mosesjudy@gmail.com) for more info.

# MOSES WEEKEND TRIPS

Want to serve but can't commit to a long mission trip? What about going on a MOSES weekend trip? MOSES weekend trips are designed for church youth groups, Bible study groups, family groups and much more. Weekend trips leave on Friday evening, travel to either Detroit or Chicago, and cost only \$50.00 per person. MOSES covers all transportation, leadership, work projects, accommodations and meals. MOSES weekend trips are designed to be a cross-cultural experienced working in inner city Chicago or Detroit. MOSES has built many lasting friendships with the churches in both Chicago and Detroit, as well as with churches from the Grand Rapids area looking to serve.

Here is testimony by a church that has participated in one of those recent trips: *Our church has done the same mission trip (to a local Christian camp for inner city kids) every year for the past ten years.*



*Last summer, some of the parents were hoping for a new experience for the teens. One of us had heard of MOSES and was on the mailing list receiving MOSES newsletters. We contacted your group and you helped us set up a trip to Chicago. We got an opportunity for us to "go to them" in the inner-city instead of "them" being brought to us. On our past mission trips we have seen what it was like for kids to experience camp environment and be apprehensive about the noises of nature and the uncertainty of stepping into the woods for the first time. But this trip was different.*

*We got to see and experience the inner city in ways we had never thought about before. Our apprehension turned to excitement as we were able to work as a team to help in the remodeling and cleaning of a community center, feed breakfast to people who live and look different from us, and worship with brothers and sisters in Christ who have a joy that was contagious.*



*Our group (leaders and teens) felt this was the best mission trip they have been a part of, and we would love to do it again. We as leaders were able to rely on MOSES leaders to set everything up and could just show up and do the work that needed to be done. Thank you MOSES for your ministry! I highly recommend your program and look forward to doing it again soon. A grateful parent, Lori Anne Commans*



If you would like more information about MOSES weekend trips please contact Robert Bergman, MOSES weekend trip coordinator, at 231-670-6431 or [jeeprob41@gmail.com](mailto:jeeprob41@gmail.com)

# MEXICO 2014 !!!



In 2013, we stayed at the *Pequeños Hermanos* Children's Home south of Ensenada. This was a very good arrangement for all of us. The children and their care-givers welcomed us warmly. We shared meals, play time, games and worship. We had our own quarters where we could sleep, have team devotions and keep our things secure.



The 2013 trip went so well, that we are planning to stay at the home again this summer. It is NOT too soon to sign up for this trip! Plan ahead to be sure you have a valid passport, state ID or enhanced driver's license. Our trip fees are about as low as any could possibly be, but if you still have difficulty raising the needed fees, we offer scholarship assistance. But start early and be creative in raising your trip fees. Relatives and church members are often willing to assist in supporting teens who want to serve on a mission trip.

Once again, we expect to build one or more homes for needy families in the greater Ensenada area, assist with Vacation Bible School in several emerging churches in the community and provide a few sewing and canning classes in the more established churches. Our mission is never to replace on-going ministry, but to lend a hand and perhaps to share new ideas and materials.



# AUCTION TORONTO 2014

Mark your calendar now for our annual MOSES Auction on Saturday, October 18 at the Grandville Christian School.

Dates are November 26-30, 2014. We are encouraging families to serve together on this trip. Watch the MOSES website ([mosesweb.org](http://mosesweb.org)) for details.

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**2014  
MOSES TRIPS**

**SPRING BREAK**  
April 3-12

**MEXICO**  
July 8-20

**TORONTO**  
November 26-30

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The graphic features a dark blue background with a light blue zigzag pattern at the top. A black banner contains the text '2014 MOSES TRIPS'. Below this, three vertical panels are shown: a blue panel with 'SPRING BREAK' and 'April 3-12', a green panel with 'MEXICO' and 'July 8-20', and a dark blue panel with 'TORONTO' and 'November 26-30'. At the bottom, a black banner contains the contact information.