



CENTURION PROJECT OVERVIEW – Westover Hills Church of Christ and Let's Start Talking

SPIRITUAL FORMATION OVERVIEW

The Westover Hills Church of Christ states that, "Our purpose is to honor God by sharing the heart and love of Jesus." The church's mission is to:

- Reach every person in Austin in bold, creative, and caring ways;
- Develop mature followers of Jesus who impact the world for Him; and
- Nurture a healthy spiritual family who loves without limits.

The Westover Hills Spiritual Formation Ministry, in order to *develop mature followers of Jesus who impact the world for Him*, seeks to:

- Provide opportunities for members to grow into a closer relationship with Jesus and reflect His likeness to the world.
- Provide opportunities for members to develop meaningful relationships with one another.
- Involve all our members in using their gifts as servants and gospel messengers.
- Create avenues for every member to grow in knowledge of the Word and apply biblical principles and insights into his or her life situations.

Surveys consistently show that the one of the most meaningful spiritual development experiences in the lives of teens are mission trips. However, when a teen graduates from high school, they almost always graduate from participating in one of the most transformational experiences of their lives. Westover Hills Spiritual Formation Ministry seeks to provide opportunities for all members to participate in short-term mission opportunities around the world through a Centurion partnership with Let's Start Talking. These short-term mission experiences will provide Westover Hills' members opportunities for a closer relationship with Jesus and one another, to use their gifts and to increase their Biblical knowledge and insights.

CENTURION PROJECT AT WESTOVER HILLS

Together with the Let's Start Talking ministry, Westover Hills has agreed to become a Centurion church, becoming part of the global effort to send 10,000 Christians into all the world to share Jesus.

Under this partnership, Westover Hills agrees to:

1. Send a pre-determined number of workers with LST;
2. Set a timeframe of your own choosing for sending LST workers to meet the Centurion goal;
3. Hold a Centurion Launch for their congregation within six months of Centurion commitment;
4. Designate a Centurion Coordinator for the congregation;
5. Partner with LST on site selection for their mission projects; and
6. Work within the proven LST model.



IMPLEMENTATION

On Wednesday, July 16, 2008, the eldership and ministry staff of Westover Hills Church of Christ blessed and endorsed this partnership between Westover Hills and Let's Start Talking.

The Westover Hills Spiritual Formation Ministry, with the blessing of the Westover Hills elders, ministry staff and Missions Committee, will administer this project, providing ongoing communication to members and church leaders.

Existing mission sites, including Chang Mai, Thailand and Natal, Brazil, will be contacted to gauge interest in participation and hosting Westover LST teams throughout the year. In addition, new mission site opportunities will be provided for Westover members.

Each Westover Hills member will be responsible for raising funds to pay for their LST short-term mission project. The Westover Hills Missions Committee has committed to pay for a certain percentage of each short-term missions project.

Greg and Toni Watts have volunteered to be the Centurion Project Coordinators for Westover Hills. Working together with the rest of the Spiritual Formation Committee, they will seek to form a core team that can recruit and help facilitate training with Let's Start Talking.

This new opportunity for short-term missions and spiritual transformation will be presented to the church during a Sunday morning "launch," held in the Fall of 2008. We anticipate that Westover Hills should have the first available teams ready to send in late 2008, early 2009.

Westover Hills ministry staff will meet soon to pray and determine the number of members that the church wishes to send over a set time frame. This will be announced as the goal during the Sunday Launch service and will be part of the ongoing communication to members.

The Spiritual Formation Ministry plans to work collaboratively with the Local Outreach Ministry, headed by Scott Warner, Local Outreach Minister, in order to help the LST participants plug into local outreach opportunities upon their return from their overseas missions experience.

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For more information about Let's Start Talking short-term mission projects and how your church can use this tool to allow God to spiritually transform your members, visit www.centurionproject.org or call LST at (817) 684-7578.

