

**Trinidad & Tobago Informational Meeting
2009 Service Trip
April 3, 2008**

- Travel Dates: December 28 – January 11, 2009
- Proposed Itinerary:
 - December 28 – travel day to Trinidad
 - December 29 – travel to Tobago
 - December 30 – Tobago
 - December 31 – Tobago/Group dinner
 - January 1 – return to Trinidad
 - January 2 – orphanage visits
 - January 3 – orphanage play day/Group dinner
 - January 4 – mass/beach day
 - January 5 – UWI class/orphanage visits
 - January 6 – UWI class/orphanage visits/Group dinner
 - January 7 – orphanage visits
 - January 8 – orphanage visits
 - January 9 – orphanage visits
 - January 10 – orphanage visit/farewell party/Group dinner
 - January 11 – travel day back to US
- Cost: \$2,100 – review the expense summary and deposit schedule
- **Essay Question: What do you hope to gain from an international volunteer experience? (with a focus on what volunteerism means to you.) Email essay to menscenter@csbsju.edu or drop off at the Men's Center office, Quad 167, by April 14th**
- Interviews (if necessary): done by April 19th
- 20 participants total: 2 staff, 18 students (including student leaders)
- Norma's House: 9 students (including student leader) will visit Amica House
- Paula's House: 9 students (including student leader) will visit Cyril Ross
- GWST 290 class – register for this class in fall 2008 to receive 2 credits: 1 for taking class and 1 for participating in service trip. Students will attend 9 hours of class time and 9 hours of service in Trinidad.
- Other:
 - Time change: 2 hours ahead
 - No fastfood/pizza delivery after 9:30 p.m.
 - Most places are closed on Sunday's
 - Bring Dramamine if prone to motion sickness
 - Students will be paired two per room and may/may not share a bed
 - Need to make arrangements to do laundry – guest houses do not provide laundry services
 - What to wear – anticipate hot/humid weather, it rains on an instant. Bring several shorts/t-shirts/tennis shoes for orphanage visits and 4-5 mix/match outfits for evening outings. Men are expected to wear dressier jeans/khakis/polo or button up shirt and closed-toed shoes for evening outings; women should dress conservatively – beach sandals are not allowed.
 - Guest homes provide: breakfast each morning, wireless internet, long-distance calling cards for purchase, standard electricity, air-conditioned rooms with private bathroom and TV.