

*It's not just here. It's not just there. Mission is...*

# *Anywhere!*



Opportunities for 2011

**Youthmark Mission Ventures**



# Youth leaders and students are talking about Youthmark Mission Ventures...

*My heart is just so full of joy for how much God blessed our team, and how big a change I saw in that town, in that church, and on our mission team—in just one week! God does amazing things!*

— Lindsey Merchant  
Student  
Vinton, LA

*I am the youth leader at Corvallis Community Church in Corvallis, Montana. My family, the youth in our community and our own youth group kids were blessed to have the Youthmark team from Seattle at our church. The team made a huge impact with the service projects they completed and with the youth whose lives they touched. My own son Bradley has a fire in him that is exciting to him and exciting for me to see. Thank you, Youthmark!*

— Brad Letzig  
Volunteer Youth Leader  
Corvallis, MT

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*On my very first day back from Alaska I got a new phone so I had to text all my friends my number. This started lots of conversations with people that I haven't talked to in a while. I tell you this to show you the doors that God is opening for my own Mission51. Before the trip I was very separated from my non-Christian friends. I didn't want to hang out with them because I knew who they were. I now see that God was doing that to prepare me for Alaska... Now he is telling me I'm ready to share with my friends.*

— Rachel  
Student  
Boulder, CO

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*To see how far our students have grown since we first started planning this trip is truly amazing. They have been bold, confident, and passionate about sharing the Good News of Jesus with everyone we have been meeting. Praise God!*

— Ben Potloff  
Youth Pastor  
Dallas, OR

*It's awesome to see our students being intentional in their relationships, consistently looking for ways to bring Christ into a conversation.*

— Jeff Clabaugh  
Youth Pastor  
Pine Valley, CA

*Fantastic devotionals for both students and staff (RoadGrip) and parents (Home-Base)—the best ones yet! A group of our girls are meeting together every week to do Merge together. They are blessed by these wonderful studies!*

— Wescott Robinson  
Youth Pastor  
Olympia, WA

*Youthmark is the only organization that has training for before, during and after the mission...this stuff is incredible....*

— Tom Coffan  
Youth Leader  
Boulder, CO

*My personal highlight of the mission was watching our students do what they were trained for. All of them did a huge amount of preparation for the trip and it was exciting to see them step up and use that preparation in being bold and sharing Christ with other students.*

— Derek Edwards  
Youth Leader  
Black Diamond, WA

# Youthmark training will prepare your team for any kind of mission...*Anywhere!*

Choose **Youthmark** as your ministry partner and you'll be ready to take on any mission challenge...*Anywhere!*

Imagine your team on one of these **Youthmark Mission Ventures** in 2011...

**Costa Rica:** Joining forces with El Puente/The Bridge (a new church set to launch in Summer 2011), your team will play a key role in helping to reach communities in and around the capital city, San Jose. Service projects, strategic evangelism and children's ministry await you in Costa Rica, one of the world's most breathtakingly beautiful nations.



**Mexico:** You'll get the full advantage of Youthmark's alliance with Mexico Caravan Ministries—a powerful combination of Youthmark's training to get your team ready and Caravan's on-the-field guidance. Imagine spending your week building three houses, going on a one-day expedition and working on a unique final day project. What an exciting opportunity!



**Canada:** The possibilities are promising: Ministry in an off-the-beaten-path community in Alberta...in a small town in central Canada...or right in the heart of multi-cultural inner-city Vancouver. Whatever direction you take, a Canadian Mission Venture will definitely prove to be a week full of new experiences, eh?



**Alaska & Hawaii:** The last two states to join the Union provide a wealth of mission opportunities. Rural villages of Alaska have been very fruitful fields for evangelism and discipleship for YMV teams. In the Pacific,



thousands of miles to the west, the diverse townships of the Hawaiian Islands are remarkable places to minister and build relationships—both with native Hawaiians and with people who've adopted this unique state as their home.



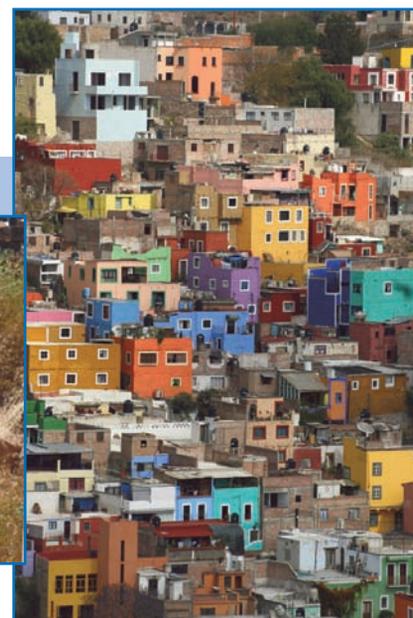
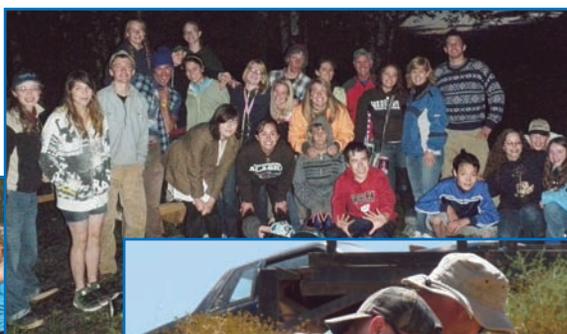
**Small Town USA:** Youthmark-trained teams have served in literally hundreds of communities throughout rural America. This vast field has provided amazingly diverse opportunities for youth to grow spiritually, work energetically and share their faith on a peer-to-peer level. Through children's ministries, service projects and youth outreach, YMV teams have influenced countless thousands of lives with the Gospel. This year we're headed to the Pacific Northwest (WA, OR, CA), the Desert Southwest (AZ, CA, NV), the Mountain States (ID, MT, UT, CO) and the Gulf Coast (TX, LA, MS).



**City Venture:** Partnering with inner-city organizations in the greater Seattle/Tacoma area, participants will be engaged in some very challenging community projects. At the same time, they'll be sharing the Gospel with people from all walks of life. These are rewarding opportunities with tremendous potential!



Specific locations and dates for all 2011 Youthmark Mission Ventures are listed to the right and also on the registration form.



# Youthmark's 1+51 Strategy

We're excited with the success of *Mission51*—a youth ministry strategy focused not just on the one-week mission but also on the other 51 weeks of the year. Youthmark's innovative 1+51 strategy is a plan for total training:



before, during and after the mission. Here's what you get at each step of the journey...

## Before the Mission...



**Leader's Guide.** A complete step-by-step administrative guide for the mission training, trip and follow-up. Includes letters and documents ready to be personalized and reproduced from convenient e-files.



**Mission Group Message Outlines.** Exactly what you need: a fully outlined 10-week guide for communications with your entire group (not just with your mission team). Follow this plan and you'll teach everybody about the inspiring missionary journeys of Paul in the book of Acts as the Spirit led him *Anywhere!*



**Anywhere! The Mission Prep Workbook.** Each mission team participant receives a copy of this important resource—a proven tool in training students for a missional lifestyle. The *Anywhere!* Mission Prep Workbook includes 10 studies and 10 PODs (spiritual activities for application). The content starts with an overview of Acts 1-12 and then makes its way through Paul's missionary journeys described in Acts 13-20.

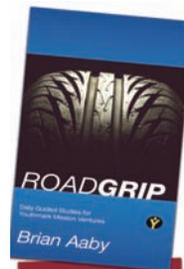


**Together: 2011 Spring Retreat.** Your entire team will experience an unforgettable time of worship, training and relationship building at Youthmark's Spring Retreat. The in-depth inspirational training makes a huge impact in a brief time and leaves participants with the desire and the tools to live out Mission51...NOW!

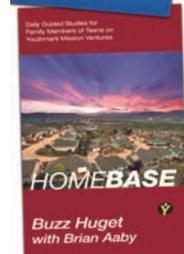


## During the Mission...

**RoadGrip.** Day by day on the mission venture, each participant is guided in personal study and spiritual discovery through *RoadGrip*, a unique one-week devotional.



**HomeBase.** Parents and family members back home stay spiritually in-tune with the mission team by following along through *HomeBase*, a one-week guided study designed specifically with loved ones in mind.



**Youthmark.com Team Blog.** Every team on a Youthmark Mission Venture has its own team blog at Youthmark.com. These sites have proven to be an ideal way to keep everyone informed and up-to-date—before, during and after the mission. YMV blogs are the go-to source for participants, family members, friends, and prayer and financial supporters.



**YMV Apparel:** Not only does each team member receive a stylish YMV T-shirt, participants also have the opportunity to boldly advertise their own mission with must-have Youthmark hoodies, T-shirts and other apparel.



## After the Mission...

**Merge: Studies in Ephesians.** As participants return from a mission experience it is essential that they not lose touch with God's Word. This season, the third book in the *Merge* series guides participants into the book of Ephesians as they merge back into life at home.



**Mission51 Initiatives.** As Youthmark continues to design and develop new *Mission51* initiatives and resources, as a YMV participating group you'll be among the first to be informed about each new offering.



## 2011 Dates and Rates

See the chart below for a full listing of locations, dates and costs for **2011 Youthmark Mission Ventures**. Additional details are provided on the registration form.

| Category  | Trip Start Dates Offered  | Price Range<br>(PER PERSON) | Specific Location Choices   | BONUS!<br>Mission Launch*   |
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| <b>COSTA RICA</b><br>(SPRING AND SUMMER DATES)                | March 12, 19, 26<br>April 2, 9, 16<br>June 4, 11, 18, 25<br>July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30   | \$567-\$597                 | San Jose and surrounding communities  | All Costa Rica Missions include Guided Launches   |
| <b>MEXICO</b><br>(SPRING AND SUMMER DATES)                    | March 13, 20, 27<br>April 3, 10, 17<br>June 5, 12, 19, 26<br>July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | \$467-\$497                 | Tijuana and nearby villages   | All Mexico Missions include Guided Launches through Caravan staff   |
| <b>ALASKA &amp; HAWAII</b>                                    | June 11, 18, 25<br>July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  | \$347-\$397                 | SE Alaska<br>Anchorage<br>Island Choices  | July 8 launches offered in Juneau and Honolulu  |
| <b>SMALL TOWN USA</b><br><b>CANADA</b><br><b>CITY VENTURE</b> | June 11, 18, 25<br>July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  | \$297-\$347                 | Arizona (Native)<br>Arizona (Rural)<br>So. California (Rural)<br>No. California (Rural)<br>Colorado (Rural)<br>Gulf Coast (Rural)<br>Idaho (Rural)<br>Montana (Rural)<br>Nevada (Rural)<br>Oregon (Coast/Rural)<br>Oregon (East/Rural)<br>Utah (Rural)<br>Washington (East/Rural)<br>Alberta (Rural)<br>British Columbia (City)<br>British Columbia (Rural)<br>City Venture (Seattle) | June 24 – Redding, CA<br>(for pending NorCal, SoCal and Oregon locations)<br><br>June 24 – Spokane, WA<br>(for pending Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah locations) |

\* The Bonus Launch is a Youthmark-guided Friday night to Saturday event to launch to your YMV experience. Teams serving in the specific region targeted in the launch event may without additional cost take advantage of this opportunity for a power-packed 24 hours of mission training. It's a unique experience, and for first-year YMV teams it adds even greater value and momentum.

### Together – 2011 Spring Retreat Schedule

#### April 15-16

**San Diego Area**  
Oakbridge Camp and Conference Center  
Ramona, CA

#### April 29-30

**Denver / Colo. Springs Area**  
Ponderosa  
Larkspur, CO

#### May 6-7

**Seattle Area**  
Lake Retreat Camp and Conference Center  
Ravensdale, WA

#### May 13-14

**Seattle Area**  
Lake Retreat Camp and Conference Center  
Ravensdale, WA

#### May 20-21

**Portland Area**  
Trout Creek Camp  
Corbett, OR

**Note:** In cases where a Spring Retreat is not scheduled for your area, Youthmark One-Day training events are often available.

### A La Carte Price List

Youthmark Mission Venture resources are also available for purchase on an a la carte basis. Prices below are for individual items and retreat registration costs.

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| <i>Anywhere!</i> Mission Prep Workbook                | \$35 |
| <i>RoadGrip</i>                                       | \$8  |
| <i>HomeBase</i>                                       | \$8  |
| <i>Merge</i>  | \$15 |
| Tri-Pack ( <i>RoadGrip / HomeBase / Merge</i> )       | \$29 |
| Quad-Pack (MPW / <i>RoadGrip / HomeBase / Merge</i> ) | \$59 |
| Leader's Guide  | \$79 |
| <i>Together</i> Spring Retreat (per student)          | \$79 |

## A Day on the Mission Venture

What's a typical day on a Mission Venture? Well, of course, it isn't *typical*, it's *exceptional*.

Here's a Youthmark.com blog entry to give you some idea...

*Hey friends and family!*

*God continues to amaze us on this mission (and we're only half-way thru)! Just to give you a glimpse of what we've been doing I've decided to explain what our average day has looked like so that you can know what to pray at different times of the day...*

### **Morning** (Kids and Community Service)

*Sports camp for the community kids through the church for 10 of our team members--45 kids in attendance! Six others on our team are helping a local man, Gerald, paint the house of an elderly widow in town.*

### **Afternoon** (Community Service and Canvassing)

*Half the team (we rotate each day) goes back to Nancy's house (the painting project) for a couple hours and the other half has down time (rest and canvassing the community)... we literally go around town and whenever we see teens we invite them to the park for our outreach! For at least an hour we prioritize time for the team to get their RoadGrip (the devotional) done as well. Most of us do this at The Commons Cafe, where a lot of teens from the community hang out too!*

### **Evening** (Youth Outreach)

*After the great meals that the church has been serving us, we head to the park and play sports with teens we have met here. The number of teens is growing each night. Usually after an hour or so, we take a break and a student or two from our team share their real life stories. Their parents should be proud of them! Parents--they are sharing the Gospel when they share their stories! After the outreach we head back to church (and usually a lot of the kids from the park come with us) and we hang out until we can finally get some "family time" together (team worship, sharing and prayer time). It's amazing!*

*Thanks so much for your prayers. I'll list some specific requests in my next post....*



## Together

### Youthmark Mission Ventures 2011 Spring Retreat

Youthmark's unique mission training strategy is enhanced by an innovative Spring Retreat. This much-anticipated annual event has the intensity of a major youth rally but the intimacy of personalized training.

Spring Retreat 2011—based on the theme **Together**—will focus on what it means to work in unison to take the Good News of Jesus to people *Anywhere*. Youthmark's creative event programming leaves teens guessing what's next, eagerly waiting for the next twist even as they dig deeper into God's Word. In the process, peer/team relationships are strengthened and commitments to the mission are heightened as teens grow through the life-transforming sessions.

Youthmark founder Brian Aaby and other veteran youth ministry specialists lead the event, guiding participants through leadership training, student advancement and activities for team bonding. And for 2011, **Together** will feature recording artist and worship leader Joe Poppino and the up-and-coming band, *The Admission*.

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*"The commissioning at the end of the retreat is THE MOMENT of the whole event!"*

— Ricky Judd  
Volunteer Youth Leader

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Joe Poppino



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