



Dear BCS Students and Parents,

God continues to bless Briarwood Student Missions (BSM) and, as a result, 2019 has been an absolutely awesome year! We added a new location—Belize—and continue to have a great deal of interest from the Briarwood community as we had over 100 students, parents, medical professionals, faculty, and staff participate for the second year in a row. Each of these participants has played a key role in our program this year as we worked on site improvement projects at four schools, volunteered in several mercy ministries include safe houses for abused women and a men's rehabilitation center, operated medical, dental, and vision clinics, encouraged our international partners, and witnessed over thirty people come to faith in Christ. What a blessing it has been to be a part of this ministry as God continues to use it to declare His glory among the nations and to draw people unto Himself from many nations, tribes, and tongues.

As always, while you all enjoy your summer break, we are already working to plan and prepare for next year's trips. While events over the past couple of years have led us to close opportunities in Nicaragua and Haiti (hopefully this is only temporary), God continues to provide new opportunities for our program and we look forward to exploring some of these later this summer and into the fall so that we can continue to provide our students with quality, cross-cultural missional experiences. Along with these new possibilities that we are exploring, we are also pleased to announce that we are currently planning to return to Belize and Guatemala in 2019. Though we are still evaluating budgets, at this time we expect the cost of these trips to remain at \$1999. An initial deposit of \$750 will be due on October 21, 2019 (please see important dates below for further information regarding registration and deposits). We would love for you to join us this year on one of our trips and be a part of what God continues to do through BSM to build His kingdom.

Lastly, I would like to note that none of these trips would be possible without the help of parents and medical professionals who give of their time and talents each year to join us on our trips. We are in need of parents who, as the lead disciplers of their family, are willing to jump in, lead by example, and take an active role, not only in discipling their own child, but also discipling the hearts of other students while serving Christ among the nations. I can promise you that there is little in life as rewarding as spending a week serving Christ with your child. We also need qualified medical professionals who are willing to step away from their practice for a week to meet the medical needs of those who cannot afford even the most basic of medical care. If you work in any relevant medical field (dental, eye, family practice, ER, etc.) we would love to have you serve with us on one of our trips. If you are a parent and/or medical professional that is interested in serving with BSM, please contact me as soon as possible for more information and to let me know of your interest in serving with us. I look forward to talking with you and serving with you on one of our trips.

With that said, I would like to go ahead and notify you of several important dates to mark on your calendars:

- **September 25, 2019: Mission Trip Promotion during Homeroom** - Our students will join us in the BBB Auditorium for a brief overview of the trips for 2019. Parents are welcome to attend. Homeroom is from 10:56 am - 11:26 am every Wednesday.
- **September 26, 2019: Informational Meeting** - This meeting is open to everyone, but is geared towards parents and others who may have questions about BSM and our trips. We will discuss each trip, our commitment to mutually transformative Kingdom partnerships, and our commitment to safety for all involved. This meeting will be held at 6:30 pm in Room A-104.
- **October 7, 2018: Registration** - All applicants for our trips must complete an online registration via Google Forms. It is a simple process that requires applicants to answer a few basic questions. Registration is first come first served (your online registration is time-stamped) and the form will go live at 8:00pm. A link for the form will appear on **RenWeb > Resource Documents** on October 7.
- **October 21, 2019: Participant Information Form and Trip Application Due** - Once participants have registered for a trip, they must complete the Participant Information Form (Google Form link located on **Renweb > Resource Documents**) and the Trip Application (PDF located on **Renweb > Resource Documents**). The trip application must be signed by the participant and *both* parents (if applicable) before a notary, so please make arrangements so that it can be turned in on time.
- **October 21, 2019: Deposit Due** - The deposit for each trip is \$750 and is due on this date. Deposits should be made by check payable to Briarwood Christian School. Deposits can be turned into the main office or to me.
- **December 2019 - March 2020: Team Meetings** - Each of our teams will meet on several occasions before the trip for pre-trip planning and team building. Exact dates have yet to be determined, but participants are expected to be in attendance.
- **January 31, 2020: Final Balance is Due** - The cost for the trip must be paid in full by this date.
- **March 20-28, 2020: Spring Break Mission Trips** - Our Spring Break mission trips will occur at this time, though we are still working to determine which trips that will be.
- **Summer 2020 (Exact Dates TBD): Summer Mission Trip** - It is our hope and desire to continue to offer a summer trip to accommodate the needs of our student body and to ensure that our trips are accessible to all students.

It is my hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us this year and being a part of what God is doing through BCSSM for His kingdom and His glory!

For the glory of His name,

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