



Good Goers Mission Based Adventure Travels

MISSION TRIP TO MACON GEORGIA

Welcome to Macon, Georgia! It is a privilege that you have scheduled a Good Goers trip and are taking time from your schedule to serve the needs of orphans and widows as mandated in James 1:27. It is not by chance that you are on this trip; God has a purpose for you. Our desire is that you enjoy this time, exposing you to the missions, the culture, and His Word.

Facts about GEORGIA



State Abbreviation - GA
State Capital - Atlanta
Largest City - Atlanta
Area - 59,441 square miles [Georgia is the 24th biggest state in the USA]
Population - 8,186,453 (as of 2000) [Georgia is the tenth most populous state in the USA]
Name for Residents - Georgians
Major Industries - textiles, timber (especially pine), agriculture (cotton, corn, peanuts, soybeans,

poultry)

Presidential Birthplace - James Earl Carter, Jr., was born in Plains on October 1, 1924 (he was the 39th US President, serving from 1977 to 1981).

Major Rivers - Chattahoochee River, Savannah River, Suwannee River

Major Lakes - Lake Sidney Lanier, Clark Hill Lake, West Point Lake, Lake Hartwell

Highest Point - Brasstown Bald - 4,784 feet (1,458 m) above sea level

Number of Counties - 159

Bordering States - Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina

Bordering Body of Water - Atlantic Ocean

Origin of the Name Georgia - Georgia was named to honor King George II of England.

State Nickname - Empire State of the South, Peach State

State Motto - "Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation"

State Song - Georgia on My Mind

HISTORY OF HEPHZIBAH CHILDREN'S HOME

In the early 1900s they were known as Hephzibah Orphanage. As the number of true orphans declined and the need for residential foster care increased, they then became known as Hephzibah Children's Home.

In 2005 it became obvious to the Board of Directors that due to the restructuring of the state in reference to residential child care and the many



opportunities that would be afforded to them with their beautiful 205 acre campus, the organization would position itself to meet a diversity of needs in our community, state and nation. As a result, they would no longer be known as Hephzibah Children's Home, but rather Hephzibah Ministries Inc.

Under this broad umbrella of Hephzibah Ministries, services would include not only residential child care but an ever increasing expansion of care for a greater population. This diversity of services would include Hephzibah Family and Children Services which opened in 2007 as an outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling Center, residential living for senior adults and residential living for the physically and mentally challenged population.

THE CHILDREN WE SERVE

For over a century Hephzibah Children's Home has been serving the needs of children and families who are homeless, orphaned, abused, and neglected. Their passion is driven by Christ's command to "offer a cup of cold water" in Jesus' name and to provide loving, caring, professional, and passionate service.

There are several ways in which they serve children:



- Child Placement Services: Maternity Home- the Maternity home is named The Elizabeth Home. It is a special residential home for pregnant teens ages 12-19. The Elizabeth Home will take referrals at any stage of pregnancy.

- Child Placement Services: Foster Care Program- the Room, Board, and Watchful Oversight program is a residential foster care program for children ages 12-17. The organization is licensed for all levels of need in the RBWO program.

- Child Placement Services: Teen Parent Home- the Teen Parent Homes are special residential care homes for teen mothers and their babies.

- Child Placement Services: Independent Living Program- this program is designed to help young adults between the ages of 18 and 21 over who may need assistance transitioning to the workforce and/or from foster care into full independence.

Specifics about your trip to Hephzibah CHILDREN'S HOME

ACCOMMODATIONS

We will be staying in a hotel on this trip. You will have a roommate. Hotel accommodations are included in your fee.

MEALS

All meals at Hephzibah will be included in your trip cost. Continental breakfast will be served at the hotel.

CLOTHING

Casual clothing which is respectful of the ministry and kids: Shirts that cover the shoulders; shorts that are knee length or longer; and NO tank tops or short shorts.

LUGGAGE AND PACKING

Airlines are constantly changing and updating their policies concerning luggage. Many now have restrictions on weight and may also impose fees for checked bags. Please check with your airline company for up to date information concerning luggage and fees.

CURRENCY & MONEY

The only money you will need is if you want to get a snack or gift at the airport.

DONATIONS

FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

- Baby outfits and jackets- especially for boys size 18 months-3T
- Sippy cups
- Disposable diapers- sizes 3, 4, 5 and Pull-Ups
- Onesies- all sizes including Toddlers
- Baby wipes
- Baby wash
- Bibs- snap closure only
- Crib sheets

FOR TEENS

- Body wash
- Bar soap- especially Dove
- Liquid hand soap
- Razors and shaving cream
- Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen
- Kitchen towels and dish cloths
- Anti itch cream/Calamine lotion
- Natural bristle hair brushes
- Feminine products (panty liners and tampons)
- Blow dryers/flat irons/curling irons
- Blankets and afghans for twin size beds
- Bath towels and washcloths or scrubbies

A complete list of updated needs will be included in your conference call notes.

ITEMS TO BRING

- Bible
- Journal / pen / pencil
- Take old work clothes. Buying items to wear from Goodwill is a good idea – saves your good clothes.

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- Casual clothing which is respectful of the ministry and kids: Shirts that cover the shoulders; shorts that are knee length or longer; and NO tank tops or short shorts.
 - Rain jacket/poncho/sweatshirt (for rainy or cooler weather in the evenings)
 - Work gloves
 - Work boots or sturdy shoes for outdoor work.
 - Travel medicine (Ibuprofen, Pepto Bismal tablets, Imodium AD, etc.)
 - Backpack
 - Camera, film, batteries
 - Hand sanitizer (small travel size)
 - Hat / Bandana
 - Sunglasses
 - Sunscreen/ Bug spray
 - Ear plugs in case your roommates snore
 - Flash Light
 - Snack items for yourself (granola bars, crackers and cheese, etc.)
 - Personal hygiene products
 - Spending money
 - Dirty clothes bag
 - Water bottle (heavy duty) for refilling

GENERAL INFO AND GUIDELINES

- Be prepared to be very flexible. Plans will change daily!!
- Be on time every time. Each night we will discuss the next day's schedule.
- Stay together at all times. Never leave the group with out first talking to your group leader. Groups of at least four are recommended.
- Be prepared to share your testimony at any time.
- Look for God to do something amazing in your life on this trip!!

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