

## **Trip Highlights**

On July Friday 12 the 2013 YOCAMA Mission Team comprised of 21 Young Adults from throughout our New England Metropolis and 26 participants from the St. Vasilios Church in Peabody departed for the 50 hour trek to New Mexico. The team flew out of Logan and arrived safely in Chicago, where they traveled to Union Station and met up with a number of other young adults from throughout the USA. From Union station all the YOCAMA participants boarded a train and began the 36 hour ride to New Mexico. The teams are currently enroute and will spend this valuable travel time getting to know each other in preparation to work together starting Monday Morning. We ask that you Pray for the safe travels of our team!

### **Saturday July 13th 2013**

The team arrived in New Mexico late this afternoon. Traveling to the Hotel to wash up and get ready, they were then hosted at a local Greek Parish for a nice meal and some relaxing. Following the meal the team returned to the hotel for some much needed rest! The team is expected back at the parish tomorrow morning to celebrate Divine Liturgy before heading to the camp for orientation. We ask that you join in praying that the Lord strengthen and guide the hearts and hands of our participants!

### **Sunday July 14th 2013**

After celebrating a beautiful Divine Liturgy with the local community, and sharing in a fantastic brunch, the team is in route to Camp Kawanis - the place they will call home for the next 5 days. They are expected to arrive this afternoon at which point they will settle in, then begin orientation in preparation for tomorrow's work. We ask that you join us in praying for the safety and strength of our team!

### **Monday July 15th 2013**

The team is off to work! For the next 5 days they will be spending their time mainly working in the local Navajo community. In addition to their work they will have the opportunity to see the local town, take a hike and spend time bonding and getting to know each other. Cell phone reception is intermittent, thus we do not expect much communication from them while they are on the reservation. We ask that you join us in praying for the safety and strength of our team!

### **Friday July 19th 2013**

After 5 long, tiring, but fulfilling work days the team is on their way back! This afternoon they departed Camp Kaiwanis and are heading back to the city to catch their train to Chicago. The train ride back is 36 hours and they are expected to arrive in Chicago around 5 pm central time on Saturday July 20th 2013. Please pray for the safe travels of our team!

### **Saturday July 20th 2013**

The team has arrived safely in Chicago!! Everyone is healthy and in good spirits, as well as a little tired! The participants are reflecting already how amazing and wonderful their trip has been. This experience of love and service is one that will undoubtedly remain with them as a treasured journey for the rest of their lives. Please continue to pray for the safe travels of our team as they are on their last leg home!