

# EUROPEAN CONNECTIONS TOUR 2008

15<sup>th</sup> Baptist Youth World Conference

## **GROUP** REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the form below providing the requested information. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Register online with a credit card at [www.vbmb.org/bywc](http://www.vbmb.org/bywc)

**Space is limited for each mission project and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.**

Group Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (**required** to receive updated information) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to choose: (see attached descriptions)

Option A – Conference Only \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of students

Option B – Conference + Mission Project \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of students

Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> mission project preference below. Updated project information is available at [www.vbmb.org/bywc](http://www.vbmb.org/bywc). You may pick a particular project and write in the number beside the country listed below or simply choose a country and we will offer suggestions.

\_\_\_\_ Austria                      \_\_\_\_ Italy  
\_\_\_\_ Belgium                      \_\_\_\_ Moldova  
\_\_\_\_ Czech Republic              \_\_\_\_ Poland  
\_\_\_\_ Germany                      \_\_\_\_ Romania  
\_\_\_\_ Hungary

- **A \$300 per person, non-refundable deposit must accompany your registration.**
- **Updates, Orientation manuals, and other information will be sent via e-mail and available on the website.**
- **Please be certain to read the “Registration Guidelines and General Information” for complete understanding of financial and registration matters.**
- **Checks should be made payable to the *Virginia Baptist Mission Board***
- **Individuals or pairs must register using the Individual Registration Form**

**Please send this completed form along with your per-person deposit to:**

**EUROPEAN CONNECTIONS**

**2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294**

**For more information, contact Jeannette Hildebrand:**

**(800) 255-2428                      (804) 915-5000**

**Email: [jeannette.hildebrand@vbmb.org](mailto:jeannette.hildebrand@vbmb.org)**

**[www.vbmb.org/bywc](http://www.vbmb.org/bywc)**

**[www.dive-deeper.org](http://www.dive-deeper.org) (conference web page)**



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## **INDIVIDUAL** REGISTRATION FORM

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (**required** to receive updated information) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Please assign me to a mission project or hotel room with the following person(s)...

I would like to choose: (see attached descriptions)

Option A – Conference Only

Option B – Conference + Mission Project

Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> mission project preference below. The projects listed below are the only options available to individuals at this time. Updated project information is available at [www.vbmb.org/bywc](http://www.vbmb.org/bywc).

\_\_\_ Germany (IBC-103-08)

\_\_\_ Moldova (MOL-100-08)

\_\_\_ Poland (POL-101-08)

\_\_\_ Romania (GYP-103-08)

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- **Groups must register using the Group Registration Form**
- **Individuals or pairs will be combined with others to form a statewide team. Appropriate adult leadership will be provided for these teams.**
- **A church registering 3 or more students MUST provide an adult leader and should fill out the Group Registration Form.**

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## **BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE**

### **REGISTRATION GUIDELINES AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Individual Registrations**

- Persons registering as individuals must be 16 years of age or older. Individuals under the age of 16 **MUST** have a parent or legal guardian register with them. Exceptions for students aged 14 & 15 may be granted under certain circumstances. Each student requesting an exception must meet the qualifications listed below. Exceptions are at the sole discretion of the Coordinator. Persons under the age of 13 are permitted to attend but **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
  - Individual has traveled alone internationally in previous years
  - Individual can get letters of recommendation from parents, minister, friend, school teacher, and other persons who know the students well.
  - Individual submits to and is approved through an interview process to be determined with each request
- Individuals choosing a mission project package will be placed on a team with other individuals. The Virginia Baptist Mission Board will provide appropriate adult leadership for these teams.
- If there are 3 or more students participating from the same church then that church is required to provide an adult chaperone.

#### **Group Registrations**

- Church groups can register as one unit. Each individual of the group should be able to meet the first guideline as stipulated above for individuals.
- Church groups choosing a mission project may be paired with another church group in order to meet the request of our partner on the field.
- Church groups are required to provide adult chaperones at the ratio of 1 to 6 of the same sex.

#### **Registration and Cancellation/Refund Policy:**

- A non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person is due at time of registration. This deposit is transferable to another individual until February 1, 2008. After this date all deposits are neither refundable nor transferable.
- A non-refundable additional payment of \$500 per registered participant is due on March 1, 2008. This payment is transferable to another registered individual until April 1, 2008. After this date all funds are neither non-refundable nor transferable.
- The final balance is due in our office no later than July 1, 2008. Partial refunds and transfer of funds are possible depending on actual expenses incurred at time of request.
- Any person needing to cancel their participation after March 1, 2008 must make an additional payment equal to any monies spent on their behalf from the time of registration to the cancellation date.

## **Travel**

- Each person will need to have a passport with an expiration date later than January 2009. Information on obtaining a passport can be found at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) . It currently takes approximately 6 weeks for a passport to be processed.
- Some locations may require a visa for entry into that country. If so, our office will make all the arrangements for obtaining the documentation. This will be an additional expense.

The Virginia Baptist Mission Board will:

- Coordinate all travel and logistics during the event according to the posted schedule. Any additions or adaptations to the proposed schedule may incur additional costs that must be reimbursed by the registered participant.
- Work with church group to customize proposed schedules when possible. However, such changes must first meet the needs of our partner on the field as well as be accommodated through our travel schedules. Some changes may increase the cost of the package. There are no changes that can be made to reduce the costs of the packages.

## **POSSIBLE ADDITIONS**

It may be possible to make some additions and/or changes to the published schedule. However, any changes must be approved by the Coordinator of the event and may incur additional costs. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Single Room Supplements in Hotels (all arrangements are based on double occupancy)
- Additional excursions before or after the Conference (1/2 day tours of Berlin or Whittenburg)
- Change of departure airports
- Current pricing is based on an exchange rate of \$1.00 (U.S. dollar) = €0.69 (Euro) or €1.00 = \$1.43. If this rate should increase there is the possibility that our prices will need to reflect that change.

## **Option A – Baptist Youth World Conference Only**

### **Package Offer - \$2,000**

#### **Inclusions:**

##### **Airfare**

Round Trip Airfare - Washington Dulles Airport to Leipzig and return

##### **Accommodations and Meals**

Five nights in 4-star Conference hotel in Leipzig (double occupancy)

Continental breakfast daily

Three Lunch Meals

Two Dinner Meals

##### **Local Transportation**

Roundtrip transfers between the Airport and Hotel

Local taxes and service charges

Tips to local drivers and Guides

##### **Baptist Youth World Conference**

Conference Fee and activities

##### **Insurance**

Limited travel insurance and medical coverage are included for the duration of the event.

##### **Not Included**

Transportation between Hotel and Conference venue (Convention Center Leipzig)

(A Tram ticket covering the entire week can be purchased for approximately \$25)

Additional meals during transit

Personal spending

Passport or other fees pertaining to travel

##### **Proposed Itinerary** (subject to minor changes until confirmed)

Tuesday July 29 – Depart U.S. – Washington Dulles Airport

Wednesday July 30 – Arrive in Leipzig, Germany – check into hotel, attend opening session of the Baptist Youth World Conference

Thursday – Sunday – Attend Conference

Monday August 4 – Depart Leipzig and return to U.S.

## **Option B - Baptist Youth World Conference + Mission Project**

**Package Offer - \$2,700 - \$3,200 (depending on location)**

### **Inclusions:**

#### **Airfare**

Round Trip Airfare - Washington Dulles Airport to mission destination and return to U.S.  
Transportation from the mission site to Leipzig may utilize air, train, or motor coach

#### **Accommodations and Meals**

Mission Project

- Accommodations during the mission project vary from simple hotel to host homes to the floor of the church
- Most meals will be provided by our local hosts and will take on the culture and context of the setting. There may be 1-2 meals eaten in restaurants and will be at an additional expense.

Baptist Youth World Conference

- Five nights in 4-star Conference hotel in Leipzig (double occupancy)
- Continental breakfast daily
- Three Lunches
- Two Dinners

#### **Local Transportation**

Transfers to and from the Airport and Hotel

Local taxes and service charges

Tips to local drivers and Guides

#### **Baptist Youth World Conference**

Conference Fee and activities

#### **Insurance**

Travel insurance as well as medical coverage for the duration of the event

#### **Not Included**

Transportation between Hotel and Conference venue (Convention Center Leipzig)

Tram ticket - \$25

Additional meals during transit

Personal spending

Passport or other fees pertaining to travel

#### **Proposed Itinerary** (subject to minor changes until confirmed)

July 19/20 – Depart U.S. – Washington Dulles Airport for Mission destination

July 20 – 28 – On mission site with local church

July 29 - Arrive in Leipzig, Germany – check into hotel, tour Leipzig

July 30 - Attend opening session of the Baptist Youth World Conference

July 30 – August 3 - Attend Conference

August 4 – Depart Leipzig and return to U.S.

# **VIRGINIA BAPTIST STUDENT MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

## **(in conjunction with the 15<sup>th</sup> Baptist Youth World Conference)**

Virginia Baptist students from across the state will be heading for the 15<sup>th</sup> Baptist Youth World Conference in Leipzig, Germany to be held July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be an incredible opportunity for students to expand their understanding of Baptist from around the world. Over 5,000 participants are expected representing over 100 countries. Worship, fellowship, seminars, and family groups are the highlights of their time together.

Prior to the BYWC we expect to have 200 Virginia Baptist students involved in hand-on mission opportunities all across Europe. Virginia Baptists will be working directly with our international partners in their respective Baptist Unions and Conventions. The possibilities are truly varied as we seek to meet the needs of our partners in their area of the world. Mission project opportunities are listed below. Others are being added to the list as requests come in from our partners. Check out [www.vbmb.org/bywc](http://www.vbmb.org/bywc) for a current list. Cost projections are also listed and will be guaranteed when the deposit is paid.

### **NOTE:**

Arrival and departure dates and other logistical details are subject to change dependent upon availability and scheduling. Details will be finalized as soon as possible according to the desires of the team filling the request and our partners on the field.

### **Austria - \$2,800**

- AUS-100-08 – This team will be in Vienna and will help with an outreach in a park close to a Baptist church – ministering to kids and connecting park games with invitations to the church close to this park. The team may also help in the “holiday games”, which are organized by the City of Vienna, but need non-profit-organizations like churches and clubs to offer games and Kids programs during the summer months. IN addition, this team may also help with practical preparations for a PRAYER GARDEN, as a contribution to the BYWC in Leipzig, together with a youth group in Vienna who will be in charge for this project. 10 – 12 participants. Arrive on 7/22 - motor coach to Leipzig on 7/29 and then back to Vienna on 8/3 for departure.
- AUS-101-08 – This team will be in Steyr and will host youth activities during the week with a local congregation. The team may also take part in a blacksmithing project with the church. 5 – 8 participants. Arrive on 7/22 - motor coach to Leipzig on 7/29 and then back to Vienna on 8/3 for departure.
- AUS-102-08 – This team will be in Krems and will work with a Romanian Baptist Church to do evangelistic outreach, street ministry, concerts, etc. depending on the skill level of the team. 10 – 12 participants. Arrive on 7/22 - motor coach to Leipzig on 7/29 and then back to Vienna on 8/3 for departure.

### **Belgium - \$2,800**

- IBC-101-08 – This team will work with the International Baptist Church in Jurbise. This team would work with the pastor and church members to host a Vacation Bible School for the children in the community. 8 – 10 participants. Arrive on 7/22 and depart on 7/29 or 30

**Czech Republic** - \$2,800

- CZH-100-08 - This team will work with church planters in Budejovice. The team will host evangelistic rallies, outreach events, concerts, etc. dependent upon the skills of the team. 8 – 10 participants. Arrive on 7/22 and depart on 7/29 or 30

**Germany** - \$2,700

- IBC-102-08 – This team will work with a local church in Hamburg. More details coming
- IBC-103-08 – This team will work with a local church in Kaiserslautern. More details coming.

**Hungary** - \$2,800

- HUN-100-08 – This team will be working in Budapest with a local church to host Vacation Bible School for children. 8 – 10 participants. Arrive on 7/22 and depart on 7/29 or 30

**Italy** - \$2,800

- IBU-104-08 – This team will work with a local church in Genova. The team will host youth activities and camps with other local youth. The team will then travel to Leipzig with students from Italy to attend the BYWC. 10 - 15 participants. Arrive on 7/22 or 23
- IBU-105-08 – This team will work with a local church in Mottola. The team will host youth activities and camps with other local youth. The team will then travel to Leipzig with students from Italy to attend the BYWC. 10 - 15 participants. Arrive on 7/22 or 23

**Moldova** - \$3,200

- MOL-100-08 – This team will be located in Anenii Noi and will work with Philadelphia Baptist Church. Igor Seremet is a church planter sponsored by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board through the European Baptist Federation. The team will assist our church planter by hosting youth meetings and outreach activities. 8 – 10 participants. Arrival and departure dates are flexible but probable dates: Arrive 7/21 and depart 7/29 or 30
- MOL-106-08 – This team will be located in Roscan and Speia. It will work with the local Baptist churches and church planter by hosting youth meetings and outreach activities. 8 – 10 participants. Arrival and departure dates are flexible but probable dates: Arrive 7/21 and depart 7/29 or 30

**Poland** - \$2,800

- POL-101-08 – This team will work with a new church plant in Warsaw. This new, English speaking congregation is being started with the assistance of the Polish speaking First Baptist Church. The team will assist with an English Camp, community outreach, and recreation.

**Romania** - \$3,200

- GYP-102-08 – This team will be in Craiova and Segarcea. The team will host Vacation Bible School at the Baptist church in Segarcea during the morning and then other activities during the afternoon according to the skills of the team. Smaller children's group activities and possible worship leading opportunities as well as hosting an additional Vacation Bible School in another location (Craiova) are the most pressing needs. 10 - 20 participants. Arrive 7/20 or 21 and depart on 7/29 or 30
  
- GYP-103-08 – This team will be in Ferentari which is a poor suburb of Bucharest. The team will be working at the Ruth School which is an accredited school that serves the poor of the community – particularly Gypsy children. Vacation Bible School during the morning and then other activities during the afternoon according to the skills of the team. Light construction and smaller children's group activities are the most pressing needs. 10 - 20 participants. Arrive 7/20 or 21 and depart on 7/29 or 30
  
- GYP-104-08 - This team will be comprised of Collegiate students and will work with the Ruth School outside of Bucharest. 10 - 15 participants. Arrive in Bucharest 8/3 or 4. **After** the conference. Return to US 8/10 or 11.