



WHAT COMES NEXT?

So now what that I've been accepted?

- A. The first priority is to decide if you wish to accept our invitation to be on OB 2010—your place on the team is not official until you return the \$100 non-refundable confirmation deposit and information sheet back to CE National. The deadline to return your confirmation is **January 15**. *(A portion of this deposit will be returned to you throughout the summer as a weekly allowance.)*
- B. Begin now to pray that God will prepare your heart for the ministry of Operation Barnabas. Pray for the many details involved in planning OB.
- C. Find an adult (other than, or in addition to, a parent) to be a Prayer and Accountability Partner with you. Enclosed in this mailing is a sample letter you may give this person to help them understand the commitment they would be making. Their commitment to you would be as follows:
 1. Pray for you regularly as you prepare for OB, serve on OB, and as you return from OB.
 2. Help you in preparing for your ministry. For example:
 - a. Help you or direct you to someone who can help you with your sermon preparation (guys) or children's story (girls).
 - b. Provide this person with a copy of your preparation checklist --he/she could help you keep up to date with your preparation.
 - c. Brainstorm ways to raise financial support.
 - d. Help you gather together a prayer support group for your ministry and communicate needs to them.
 - e. Hold you accountable for your time in the Word, prayer, outreach, and involvement in ministry.
 - f. Assist you in preparing and scheduling a time to share your ministry opportunity with your church and youth group.
 3. Assist you as you return home from tour and return to ministry at your local church.
 - a. Encourage you to use your spiritual gifts in ministry in your church.
 - b. Give on-going accountability for your time in the Word, prayer, outreach and involvement in ministry.
 - c. Be a source of personal encouragement to you as you return home and join back into your local church and youth group.
- D. Talk over your necessary preparation with your parents and youth leader and ask them for suggestions. Begin to seek your support money. We recommend that your local church receive your monies and then forward the collected amount by May 10th to: CE National, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Gifts given directly to CE National are **not** tax-deductible. If individuals choose to give directly to CE National, please be sure they indicate your name so that credit is given to your account. Again, gifts given directly to CE National by an individual are **not** tax receipted or tax deductible. **CAREFULLY READ THE MATERIAL RELATED TO COMMUNICATING YOUR SUPPORT NEED.** This information is found in the Operation Barnabas Support Money Policy.
- E. It is not routinely necessary to have medical clearance for OB. Unless indicated otherwise on your application, it is assumed that you are in good health (according to your application). If you indicated an obvious medical condition, we may need to ask you for a medical release from your doctor. If a medical condition arises between the time of your acceptance and OB orientation, the CE National office must be informed of such in writing. We do ask that you have a current tetanus shot prior to coming to orientation.

Note: You will be asked in a future mailing for **Proof of Major Medical Insurance**. Operation Barnabas does not provide medical coverage for team members. If you need medical attention while on Operation Barnabas, your major medical insurance (or if not covered by insurance, your family) will be expected to cover all costs.

- F. Most information regarding Operation Barnabas will be sent out by email as well as posted on the Operation Barnabas website—www.OperationBarnabas.net It is your responsibility to check the website for current information on a regular basis--if you do not have access to the internet at home, you will need to find a place where you can access the internet for OB information and receive the periodic OB info emails (see letter H)
- G. **All OB members need to have at least one valid email address** here on file that you check at least once a week. We often have to communicate information to all team members quickly and we have found email to be a necessary tool for all OBERs to have. Since all OBERs may not have their own email address, parents may supply theirs as the contact, or a youth sponsor or friend who will make sure the OBER gets the information. Also, please make sure to add obmail@cenational.org into your address book so that you will receive the Operation Barnabas information emails into your inbox rather than your spam or junk mail folder.

COST SUMMARY

1. **January 15, 2010--\$100 non-refundable deposit** due.
A portion of the deposit is returned to you throughout the summer as a weekly allowance—this amount is not considered part of your OB support total.
2. **March 10, 2010-- \$850** in your OB individual support account here at CE National. *(Again, this does not include the \$100 deposit--If your church is collecting your support money and is not able to collect \$850 by March 10, the family is responsible to meet this deadline)*
3. **May 10, 2010--**Remaining **\$2239** for cost of the program due here at CE National.
*not including the deposit, the total support cost is **\$3089***
4. **Transportation** to orientation and home again at end of summer.
5. Matching **team outfit/team shirts** (you will keep)