

CityServe Urban Missionary Information

The Local Church

Hoboken Evangelical Free Church

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Hoboken New Jersey, a mile square city, the birthplace of baseball and Frank Sinatra, is located on the Hudson River directly across from Manhattan. Bus, rail and ferry service provide an easy commute into New York City. The city's population is comprised of many young professionals who work in the city, blue collar workers who have lived in Hoboken all their lives, and students who attend Steven's Institute of Technology. The community is quite transient and turnover is constant, particularly among the young professionals. The predominant religious background is Roman Catholic although several new evangelical works have sprung up in the past 5 years.

The Hoboken Evangelical Free Church is a 27-year-old ministry that started with door-to-door evangelism, home Bible studies and VBS in local parks. Average Sunday attendance is 45. The church is located directly across the street from the city's high school.

During the past year the congregation has rewritten its Mission Statement and has begun to put it into practice with several new ministries. Their mission is simply to glorify God. Their vision is to do this through evangelism, discipleship, encouragement and worship.

Current ministries at the HEFC include Alpha, a prayer group, and varying home groups. They hope to start a new outreach to the high school youth in the spring of 2010. They also have a VBS each summer that involves almost everyone in the church. The worship service is a blended service, which includes traditional hymns and contemporary choruses. The message always focuses on the Word of God.

The struggles of this church have often revolved around the transient nature of Hoboken. As people come and go, the church has been in a constant state of training and replacing ministry leaders. That is changing in that the core group has been solid for about four years now. God is sending new workers with a desire to serve and honor Him and it is clear that He is blessing. The CityServe missionary can expect people willing to serve and work together to accomplish God's purpose for His church.

The Ministry Description

Purpose

Above all, we desire the person(s) whom God has called to this ministry. To that end, we desire a male (or couple) that loves the Lord and that is willing to work with others on a team comprised of HEFC “regulars”. The CityServe missionary will have a passion for God, for evangelism, and for ministry to youth.

Duties and responsibilities (but not in order of importance)

- Help develop and lead a high school youth ministry
- Co-shepherd the families of the youth
- Lead age-appropriate Bible studies, with a view to disciple-making
- Together with other like-minded believers, conduct evangelistic outreaches in the area in culturally sensitive ways
- Participate in our worship service
- Handle administrative tasks as they relate to these ministries
- Maintain church web site

Knowledge, skills, and ability

- Knowledge of, and ability to use, the Word of God in a variety of situations is necessary
- Self-motivation and initiative-taking are prerequisite character qualities
- Cross-cultural ministry experience is desired, but not required
- Ability to speak Spanish is desired, but not required.
- Interpersonal skills, including the capability to be flexible and a willingness to try new methods will be an asset.
- Experience in sports ministries will be a plus
- Experience in web development would be helpful

Personal development and principal relationships

- Meet weekly with pastor and/or other for prayer and accountability
- Attend weekly church functions, including worship service
- Attend monthly church officer meetings

Finally, it should be noted that the above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person(s) assigned to this ministry. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required.