

# UrbanPromise Ministries

## Academic Year Internship Program Overview Summer 2010

### AfterSchool Program (ASP)

*UrbanPromise supports and nurtures children, youth and young adults in under-resourced neighbourhoods, seeking to encourage their long-term academic, social, spiritual, leadership and personal development by modeling healthy relationships, offering diverse opportunities, providing a variety of creative programs and sharing the principles of the Christian faith.*

During the school year, the interns' primary activity will be working at one of our three Afterschool Programs. All programs are run out of local churches after school every weekday (3:00-6:00p.m.). The main focus of the afternoon is academic enrichment activities. Other options during the afternoon are snack games, singing, learning Bible verses, arts, crafts, cooking and other life skills.

You will take part in helping to plan the Bible studies, cooking projects, art classes, and games or anything else that needs to be done. You will be responsible for creating an organized classroom structure, holding children accountable to bringing and doing their homework and creating additional educational materials for those who have no homework or are finished early. You also will be responsible for disciplining the children you work with.

Though this may not be something you are currently ready or able to do, a huge part of the intern experience is developing the skills needed to do the above. You will receive training, resources and support to help you accomplish what is needed.

### Serving the Community

You will be encouraged to gain wider experience through volunteering in the community. The staff will work with you to find one that meets your gifts and interests. Some options include working in a local school, helping coach a community/school team, working at a homeless shelter or with single parents.

### Planning & Preparation

In order to create a quality experience for the children, a significant amount of planning and preparation goes into each program activity. A large portion of your time each week will be spent planning and preparing for activities, in some situations this will be done together as a staff and at other times it will be on an individual basis.

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### Church Involvement

We encourage UP interns to have regular church attendance. There are several churches with in walking distance of where you will be living. In addition, you would be welcome to join staff at their home churches.

While you are an Intern, you will have opportunity to experience the worship services of the church where you work. You will be encouraged to become active in the congregation, even if it is not your denomination of choice.

### Personal, Spiritual & Leadership Development

As a staff, we will also have regular devotional and prayer times. Everyone, including interns, is on a rotation to lead. Individually, you will be encouraged to maintain a consistent devotional and prayer life and the staff will be able to support, encourage and provide you with any resources you may need.

Two mornings a week the interns will spend together. One of these mornings will be spent in Bible Study and prayer. The other morning will be designed to equip you with the tools for your UrbanPromise work and to provide a space for reflection. You will also be given weekly readings and assignments to complete as an important part of your time at UP.

### Community Living

You will live at the UrbanPromise house that is also the UP office. We have a House Manager who coordinates the cooking and chores that are shared between the interns. Once a week the House Manager and interns host the rest of the staff in a community meal. The evening usually includes playing games and watching our favourite sit-coms.

### Special Events

During the course of the year, all staff and interns participate in a variety of special events, i.e. a fundraising event; overnight trips with kids; a Spelling Bee; StreetLeader nights. For these events, everyone works together to do whatever is needed to make the event successful.