

## Prayer Needs for the South Hampton Roads Mission Project (SHRMP)



Our theme for 2025 is

**Jesus rescues us through life's storms**

### Pre Arrival

For months the Board and Core Team have been preparing for SHRMP 2025 and the initial crew arrives a day or two before everyone else. Pray for their safe traveling and strength as all the final plans get put into place and final organization projects are completed.

### Day 1 – SATURDAY

Today the groups will arrive at Indian River Baptist Church. Please pray for traveling graces for the groups who are traveling all across Virginia and North Carolina. As the groups settle into their rooms, please pray that the workers will minister to one another this week and get to know and appreciate each other. Saturday evening everyone will begin training. Please pray that the workers will become excited and understand their jobs for the week. Please also pray that those leading the training will communicate effectively and that God will fill us all with His love and grace.

This year we continue to highlight the training of young leaders. The older youth and young adults

who serve in SHRMP year after year are so valuable and insightful. We pray that we are able to hear their thoughts and empower them to be bold for Christ this week and long after. Please pray for these Leaders-In-Training throughout the week.

### Day 2 – SUNDAY

So much of what we do is dependent upon weather. Please pray that God will give us good weather, but if that is not His best for us that we will not lose heart. In good weather or bad, God has a plan and we need prayer to be open to that plan.

All the SHRMPers will attend worship with Indian River Baptist or other local churches. Please pray that we all are attentive and open to what the Lord has for us. After church we will enjoy lunch and then we are off to hand out fliers to promote VBS! Please pray that we see parents and children out and about and can invite them to come. This is so much more effective than just sticking a flier in the door. We will also promote VBS with block parties. We will encounter many children and adults who LOVE to play. Please pray that the workers will connect with people and begin sharing Christ and loving on the community. After the block parties we will return to Indian River Baptist for Dinner and more training. Pray that we all get a restful night and awake refreshed and ready to begin The Lord's work.

### Day 3 – MONDAY

Today we finally get to put all the training into action! We will have teams from several churches going out to afternoon and evening sites, some for the first time ever. Day one of VBS, especially registration, can be very chaotic since we receive kids on a walk-in basis. Please pray that all the SHRMPers will spread the love of Christ and know that the chaos is momentary. Flexibility will be important

today as we may need to shift jobs and times as we see the needs of each individual site.

Pray for the Site Leaders as they oversee the needs of every station and make adjustments if needed. Each site will also have a Care Team. This team is trained to calm children who are upset or angry and help them refocus. This is so important and we ask you to pray that God will lead the Care Team members to the children who need us and that we will see each encounter as an opportunity to show the compassion of Christ in us.

We have team worship every evening. A few SHRMPers may give testimonies, some for the first time ever. Pray for courage and God's presence as they speak. This worship time can be moving and emotional as the week goes on, and as God touches hearts, even calling some to lifetime ministry. Please pray these encounters will be deep and lasting.

### Day 4 – TUESDAY

Now that we are settling in, please pray that connections will be made quickly between the SHRMPers and the kids, youth, and even parents who stick around. We have a special team for older kids. Please pray that those who play basketball, do crafts or just talk to the teens are bold in sharing the hope they have in Christ.

Each site has Crew Leaders. These are the SHRMPers who stay with a group of children and take them to each rotation. Please pray for the Crew Leaders as they are with the children each day during VBS.

Pray that the Leaders will have wisdom and guidance for the opportunity to share Christ with their group.

## Day 5 – WEDNESDAY

Please pray for each VBS station today. Please pray for:

Music- The music is so important because the kids take the songs with them. They remember them and the truths that they teach. Please pray that the workers and the kids will engage and learn the songs and remember the promises they sing about when tough times come.

Bible Story - When you struggle...Jesus rescues! Please pray that the children stay attentive, aware of their thoughts about Jesus - real or fake?

Our Bible verse is: The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time. Psalm 34:19 (NLT)

Crafts – We all know crafts can be difficult if the weather isn't cooperating or if the kids are uninterested. Please pray that the crafts will be a time that reinforces the truths that the kids are learning. And, that the leaders will have opportunities to connect with the children.

Recreation- This is a time when the barriers come down and the kids just have fun! Please pray that no one gets hurt as things can get a little crazy. Also pray for the leaders as they share the love of Christ through games and laughter.

Snacks - Pray that the food not only nourishes their stomachs but they feel the love for the hands that prepare and serve it.

## Day 6 – THURSDAY

Today is SALVATION DAY at VBS! We will focus on sharing the plan of salvation through When you do wrong...Jesus rescues! Please pray that hearts are open to hearing and receiving God's Love, and that we can follow up with kids who decide to follow Christ.

Today will be the day that the volunteers are feeling exhausted. The end of the week is when we must rely on God's strength to finish well. Please pray that we have renewed strength and get a good nights sleep.

## Day 7 – FRIDAY

Today is our last day of VBS. This day will be very emotional as the children have formed bonds with us and do not want us to leave. And despite the exhaustion, we don't want to leave either. Please pray for us as we complete the week and say "See ya later!" Our hope is that God will continue the change that He began this week and that we will follow wherever He leads.

Tonight will be our wrap-up worship service and this is also an emotional time. Please pray that God will work in the hearts of those who have served, and that they will leave this week with a heart for those on the fringes of their own community. Our prayer is that those who come to serve will go home and continue to serve.

## Day 8 - SATURDAY

Today we clean the host church, store everything away for next year, and begin making plans for follow-ups. Then we say our farewells and travel back to our homes. Please pray for harmony and joy to reign, for safe travels, and for our hearts to continue to be open for ministry and contagious joy in our home churches.

Thank you so much for joining us in prayer this week. Please know that we appreciate being covered in prayer as we ministered. We can't wait to tell you all about how God worked in and through us!



**Did you know you can also donate Non Perishable Items to SHRMP.**

We need Snacks for Sites, preferably Individual Packaged Items like chips and cookies. Each site may average 100 plus kids.

Snacks for the Teams. You know kids get hungry.

Supplies for feeding 100 plus teamers 3 meals a day weather it be bottles of Ketchup, Mustard, Syrup, Mayonnaise, cookies, chips, nabs, bottles of water or more. Every little bit helps.

If you are interested in Serving Meals, doing laundry, there is always volunteers needed.

If you want more information on ways you can serve please email: [SHRMP757@gmail.com](mailto:SHRMP757@gmail.com).

**Any donations may be taken to Elizabeth River Baptist Church, Attn: Jane Bliss at 601 E. Sparrow Rd., Chesapeake VA 23325 or Indian River Baptist Church, Attn: Bonnie Dailey at 1600 Laurel Ave., Chesapeake, VA 23325**

**Thank you for Praying & Supporting SHRMP**