

STUDENTS SPEND BREAK ON CROSS-CULTURAL TRIPS



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explore mission opportunities abroad during the Seminary's spring break.

Four students will travel with the Rev. Dr. Don Dawson, director of World Mission Initiative, to Nepal where they will worship with this growing church and learn about their ministry challenges in the Hindu nation. Traveling to the islands of Trinidad and Tobago are five others under the leadership of the Rev. John Welch '02, vice president for student service and dean of students. Under the guidance of the Rev. Georgette John '08, they will serve in various ministries of the Moravian church including a health clinic and religious instruction in public schools. A group of 29 from the Seminary community and Shadyside Presbyterian church, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, Robert Meneilly Professor of Leadership and ministry and pastor at Shadyside, will travel to the Holy Land, with the purpose of supporting and encouraging the Palestinian Church. A group of three students will be visiting a country in Southeast Asia with the Rev. Jennifer Haddox '06, associate director of World Mission Initiative, to meet with church leaders of the United Presbyterian Church and to serve in campus and youth ministry events. Heading to Guatemala is a group of 10 with Stephanie Bell, World Mission Initiative Advisory Board member and elder at The Open Door. They will be immersed in the work of ASELMI Ministries serving in a health clinic and Bible school in the city of Chichicastenango.

These trips are coordinated through the Seminary's **World Mission Initiative**. WMI is a fellowship of Presbyterians dedicated to developing mission vision, nurturing missionary vocations, and cultivating missional congregations. WMI exists to help Christians understand how God is at work in the world and how they can share in that work.

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