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Over the Edge Oshkosh

His House is taking our mission of equipping the next generation of Christ-centered leaders to new heights! We have partnered with a rappelling organization called Over The Edge (OTE) to host a rappelling fundraiser this coming September. This extremely exciting urban-adventure fundraiser is coming to Oshkosh, and we are expecting great things!

Back in November, I received an e-mail solicitation from OTE stating their desires to begin offering this unique, one-of-a-kind fundraiser in smaller markets across the United States. OTE has completed over 500 rappelling fundraisers in the past ten years. Upon reading the e-mail, there was a prompting within me that I needed to pursue this further. Since that day, God has opened up so many doors, leading us toward this fun event.

On Saturday, September 17, 2016 we will be sending 92 adventurous, charitable folks from the top of the old First National Bank building in downtown Oshkosh. This 104 foot descent puts the participant right on Main Street, in the midst of the Oshkosh Farmers Market! Participants need to raise a minimum of \$800 in order to rappel. There are additional incentives for those who raise more! We will provide participants with a fundraising tool kit that will assist them in their fundraising efforts. All proceeds will go directly towards our mission of equipping the next generation of Christ-centered leaders.

"Is it safe?" It is extremely safe. Each participant wears a full-body harness, which is attached to a two-rope system. They will receive the proper training before going down, including hanging from a tripod on the roof to understand the feeling of being on the end of a rope. The rappel is so safe that a 94 year-old-man in Virginia went down a few months ago. In fact, Special Olympics utilizes OTE for several fundraisers across the U.S. in which people go down in their wheelchairs!

So, are you up for the challenge?! Go to the website (or scan the QR code) in the left sidebar. You will need to register for this event. While there is a registration fee, this amount goes directly towards your \$800 goal. Through Crowdrise, you can craft your own fundraising page and send the link to your friends and family to let them know you're taking the challenge and how they can support you! Or send the link out to those in your e-mail address book. Again, every dollar donated through this event will go directly to His House. Raise money for this great ministry, AND have the opportunity of a lifetime!



Ready to go Over the Edge?

[www.crowdrise.com/
OverTheEdgeOshkosh](http://www.crowdrise.com/OverTheEdgeOshkosh)

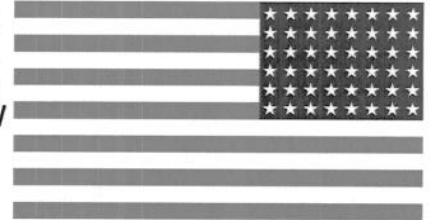
You can become an "Edger" by registering and creating your own fundraising page! Not ready to take the plunge? You can always click the donate button to help His House or other Edgers go Over the Edge!

Scan the QR code below to get there even faster!



On Mission...Leaving an Impression

"Why is your flag backwards?" It was the first time I had been in Justin's room at the campus house since we hired him as the Lead Campus Minister at UW Madison. Justin Burge had only served one semester as an intern at the UW Oshkosh campus the previous spring, and was now beginning what would be a four-year journey at UW Madison.



My question seemed like an obvious one, yet Justin shook his head with a wry smile. "It's a matter of perspective," he said. Justin then went on to explain that the flag is "pointing" in the direction of the university. "As we go into battle," he said, "we are running to the university campus, on a mission to bring the Gospel to every student." This young man, just off an internship and brand new to the ministry, revealed to me this one important fact: he was on mission, ready to serve God.

In the four years that Justin Burge served with His House at UW Madison, God used him to breathe an identity into the ministry that is now set on a solid foundation. Justin chose to do the hard labor of digging down deep and bringing forth a richness and fullness of the Holy Spirit that this chapter in Madison has not experienced in a long time. I admire Justin for his willingness to confront issues head-on; to choose to lay down his life in order that God may impact the students around him; and to use unconventional means of bringing unity to the Body of Christ.

At the end of May, Justin will be stepping away from his role at His House, and into a full-time pastoral role at Damascus Road Church in Madison. In the short four-years Justin has served alongside our team, his contributions were timely and impactful. Our staff team will greatly miss Justin. Yet we know he remains on mission serving God wholeheartedly.

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Going to Taylor, Texas, for the His House Christian Fellowship mission trip, I was nervous. I was not part of the campus fellowship, and I did not know anyone else going on this trip. I decided to go out of spontaneity, and I am so glad I did. I am blessed to have met so many great people. One person that especially touched my life was Aaron Preston. Aaron allowed me to look at things from a whole new perspective. The last 4 months have been especially hard for me. Through tragedy and hardships, I sometimes question my faith. Throughout my life as Christian, I have always spoken and read that God is a judge. However, I have never considered what this actually means. I learned that God is a judge, a good judge, my judge. If a judge decided not to convict you after committing a crime because he or she has seen the good you have done, does that really make them a good judge? Jesus died on the cross for us, yet there is so much sin in the world. Shootings, natural disasters, and other tragedies result from that. We learn from our mistakes and our sin, and everything that comes along with it. Without pain, there would not be compassion.

Aaron's passion for spreading God's word was truly inspiring. We left Texas on Good Friday, and on the commute home, Aaron insisted on stopping and having a short service. The service took place in a gas station parking lot with an overpass in the background. The service was powerful for how short it was. Even though I had missed my loved ones, he allowed me to consider how God must have felt after being separated from His only Son and the Holy Trinity. For that, I am forever grateful.

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