



Short Term Missions Application

Which trip are you applying for: _____

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Hobbies: _____

If you are hesitant or unable to raise financial support, will you have the means to pay for this trip yourself?

Yes _____ No _____

The mission may include some fairly rigorous activity and the hours may be long. Please indicate the general state of your health. Is there anything team leaders should be aware of health-wise (allergies, diet, specific medicines that should not be administered, etc.)?

No skills are required. However, we need a clear picture of your skills/abilities to make the mission team as effective as possible. Please check all applicable skills and explain in details, where appropriate.

- Language(s) spoken other than English _____
- Work with children and youth, including recreational skills, storytelling, art, singing, crafts.
Which best suits your skills _____
- Building/carpentry skills _____
- Medical services (circle) Physician Nurse First Aid Training CPR Training
- Singing in worship services (circle) Solos In Small Groups With Large Group Only
- Playing a musical instrument (specify) _____

Christian Journey

Why do you want to go on this trip? _____

Briefly describe your Christian Journey. _____

List your church involvement and leadership experience. _____

Team members may be asked during church services to give a brief 2 – 3 minute testimony about their commitment to follow Christ and his impact on their lives. Do you feel certain that with God's help you will be able to make such a public testimony?

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Personal Covenant

You go not as a tourist, but as a guest of another country. The destination for this trip does not have the same conveniences you are used to at home. It is very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of your host.

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our short-term mission. **I agree to:**

1. Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I go, knowing that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective and know that my way is not necessarily the best.
2. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments.
3. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and to adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
4. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the trip leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip.
5. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including, but not limited to, such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
6. Understand that our team's work is but a tiny speck on the bigger picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host and to help them attain their long-term goals.
7. Attend all team meetings possible.
8. Expediently follow up on all requirements for passports, visas, financial obligations, vaccinations, and etc. I recognize that the cost of obtaining a passport, a visa and required vaccinations is my responsibility and can not be reimbursed from funds raised.
9. Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team during the journey and while on site will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and I will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team.
10. Regard the differing style of worshiping with respect and I promise that where I see the need, I will witness my faith, but without a superior attitude.

11. If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to seek or engage in new romantic relationships with team members during the trip.
12. Avoid any actions that might be perceived as amorous attentions toward any people I meet while on the mission trip.
13. Refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages while in the host country. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
14. Remember we are the unknown Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take the important responsibility of setting an example lightly.
15. If I feel compelled to give a gift such as money, clothes, jewelry, tape players, etc. to someone I have met, I will consult first with the trip leader before I promise or give any gifts. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave causes problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness among the local people who received no such gifts.
16. Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or mission organization. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking, and other such traditions that will help me to assimilate into the local community.
17. Understand that every member of this group is expected to share freely from their particular blessing and talents, whether that is a skill such as music, art, carpentry, or basic hard work. I agree to participate in these ways as fully possible.
18. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
19. In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.
20. I have attached a check or money order for \$250. I understand that this is a non refundable deposit.

Participant's Signature:

Date:

If participant is under 18 years of age, parent
or legal guardian's signature:

Date:

Return completed application along with a \$250 non refundable check to:

Living Word UMC
 Attention: Short Term Missions
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 Wildwood, MO 63038