



2017 MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

We are excited that you are interested in going on a mission trip in 2017. For most, we will never be called to pick up and move overseas. However, we are all called to be witnesses-to live as missionaries wherever God has planted us. We believe that short-term mission trips can be a catalyst in helping us see ourselves as missionaries with the idea/hope that we will incorporate some aspects of that lifestyle when we return home. Our hope is that as people go they will also have the opportunity to begin to discover and do their deal, support some of the long-term missionaries on the field, and get exposure to unreached people groups around the world.

Short Term Missions (STM) is one way that we engage in the work of the Kingdom by following the leading of the Spirit and obediently following. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will GO and be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

As you prayerfully consider committing to join a mission team, there are a few things to process:

1. Pray for discernment: Ask the Lord for clarity in His calling for you.
2. Speak with others: Speak with those that have been on STM trips (insight/feedback) before and ask them to join in praying for clarity.
3. Consider the costs: STM trips require a significant amount of commitment in terms of time, money, and personal investment.
4. Complete the Application: All portions of the application must be completed in order for it to be reviewed. All applications are due on **Sunday, January 15** ALONG WITH A \$100 DEPOSIT (checks made payable to StoneBridge Church) which will go towards the cost of your trip.
5. Trip Leader Contact: The STM trip leader will be in contact to discuss the trip and your participation. **NOTE**: Application does not guarantee participation—several factors go into the decision including safety, purpose of the trip, requirements (physical/spiritual), etc.
6. Details: Each trip leader will provide further details as planning and preparation evolve.
7. Keep Praying: For the trip, the leadership, the group, the people you will be serving.



Financial Requirements

As part of the application process, there is a \$100 deposit that is required. This will go directly towards the cost of your trip.

Fund raising ideas and support efforts will be discussed by the trip leader at your pre-trip meetings, however, you are responsible for the entire cost of the trip. Cost can be covered through fundraising, support letters, personal finances, etc. but you are responsible for the total trip cost. The cost estimate provided by each trip leader is the best estimate that can be provided based on current airfare, lodging, and other considerations. The cost may vary slightly within a reasonable amount of the estimated total. Suggested immunizations (trip specific), passports, and personal spending money are in addition to the estimated total.

Documents

The following documents must be provided **AFTER** you receive confirmation from the STM trip leader:

- A valid passport, required for all destinations outside the United States. The total cost to obtain a passport is \$65-\$100. You should apply for a passport at least ninety days prior to the trip departure. (Do NOT apply until you have received confirmation from the trip leader).
For further passport information, go to http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html.
- A photocopy of your health insurance card. This will be kept on file during the trip in case emergency medical care is needed.
- A color copy of your passport.
- A copy of your driver's license.

*Other documentation/identification may be needed depending on the trip. The trip leader will provide a specific list of needs at your pre-trip meetings.

Health Considerations

Some trips are more strenuous than others, but most include physical, mental, and emotional strains. Consider factors in your personal life that may distract and prohibit you from fully committing to the trip and adapting to unusual conditions. There are both required and recommended immunizations and/or medications for most trips. The costs associated with these items are not included in the estimated price of the trip.

Mandatory Pre-Trip Meetings

Attendance at pre-trip and post-trip training/debriefing meetings is required. Each team will have multiple meetings in the months and weeks leading up to your departure. These are extremely critical to building the team bond, understanding of the trip/need, and removing barriers to His work being done in you and through you.



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Personal Information (Please fully complete all required information)

Legal Name (as it appears or will appear on your passport)

F _____ M _____ L _____

Preferred name/nickname: _____

Mailing Address (where you will receive trip mail)

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email (preferred) _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? YES NO

If no: Country of citizenship: _____

Do you have a valid passport? YES NO

Issue Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Parent/Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Do you have any allergies? YES NO

If yes, please list: _____

Do you have any special medical needs? YES NO

If yes, please list: _____

Do you have any special dietary needs/restrictions? YES NO

If yes, please list: _____



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5. List all previous mission experience (local, domestic, international):
- | Where? | When? | What? |
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How can the leadership pray for you as you consider joining a mission trip? Would you like to meet with someone to help you process the decision and work through any concerns?

Commitment

I understand that committing to join a short term mission team requires a substantial investment and sacrifice of time, finances, energy, and prayer. The Lord says “GO” in Matthew 28 and Acts 1 and I want to be obedient to His call in my life—I am choosing to “GO.” I am committing to attend pre-trip meetings, meet my obligation to the team financially, spiritually, and emotionally, and to lay down my personal plan for the expansion of His Kingdom. As it says of Jesus in Philippians 2:7, I want to “empty myself/pour myself out” for the sake of His name.

NAME (PRINT): _____

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT IF APPLICABLE: _____

DATE: _____