

Missions

TRIP APPLICATION

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Please fill out this packet completely. Attach a copy of the photo/information page of your passport and the non-refundable deposit made out to StoneBridge Church.

We are excited that you are interested in going on a mission trip in 2017. As a body, we are committed to supporting each other as we strive to live out The Great Commission locally, domestically, and globally. Matthew 28:19-20 says, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” He says go, and we want to be a people that do.

Short Term Missions (STM) is one way that we engage in the work of the Kingdom by hearing the urgings of the Spirit and obediently following where He is leading. “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.”

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 along with a \$100 non-refundable 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 very 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: _____

PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Please read before signing, as this constitutes an agreement as a volunteer or participant and the understanding of your working relationship as a volunteer or participant in a StoneBridge short-term trip.

WHEREAS _____ (my child/I) wish(es) to participate in a short-term mission trip conducted by StoneBridge Church, traveling to and staying in the country of _____; and whereas unforeseen circumstances and situations may occur resulting in my child or myself needing medical or dental care treatment, and further recognizing that I, the undersigned parent or guardian, may not be available or able to give my personal consent at the time of required treatment or care for my child or myself as may be determined by medical professionals practicing in the above country, I do hereby give my permission, consent and authority to StoneBridge Church personnel to act in my behalf with the same force and effect that I would have had if I had personally given the consent.

I understand that this short-term trip entails a risk of physical injury and may involve extreme climates, adverse working conditions, hard physical labor and exposure to potentially dangerous areas of the world. I certify that I am in good health and physically able to perform this type of work.

I understand that I am engaging in this StoneBridge short-term trip at my own risk. I assume all risk and responsibility for any damage or injury to my property or any personal injury, which I may sustain while involved in this project, and related medical costs and expenses.

In the event that StoneBridge Church arranges accommodations, I understand that they are not responsible or liable for my personal effects and property and that they will not provide lock up or security for any items. I will hold them harmless in the event of theft or loss resulting from any source or cause. I further understand that I am to abide by whatever rules and regulations may be in effect for accommodations at the time.

By my signature, for myself, my estate and my heirs, I release, discharge, indemnify and forever hold StoneBridge Church, together with their pastors, elders, agents, volunteers and employees, harmless from any and all causes of action arising from my participation in this project, and travel or lodging associated therewith. I hereby give my permission to use photographs of (myself/my child) in StoneBridge ministry publications.

Father's Signature	Date:
Mother's Signature	Date:
Guardian's Signature	Date:
Applicant's Signature	Date:

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF	COUNTY OF
ON (Date	Came before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the above state and county

(name of the individual _ the identical person (s) who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same as his/her/their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes herein set forth. Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year above written.

NOTARY PUBLIC	My commission expires:
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TRIP CONDUCT CONTRACT

- 01.** On this trip, I understand that I am representing first the Kingdom of God and secondly StoneBridge Church. I know I will be watched very closely, therefore I will be conscious of all times of the witness that I am representing the Kingdom of God.
- 02.** I will develop a servant's attitude toward all nationals, my team members, and the missions team leaders over me.
- 03.** I will respect, honor, and obey my team leaders and their decisions.
- 04.** I will, at all times, remember to be encouraging and positive in my conversations with others, even those I may find challenging to myself.
- 05.** I will refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances. I will be teachable and supportive.
- 06.** I will refrain from bringing or purchasing knives, guns, fireworks, alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, inappropriate books or magazines or expensive jewelry on this trip.
- 07.** I will remember that I am a guest serving at the invitation of a local missionary. If my hosts are offended by bare arms, shirtless backs, or exposed legs, I'll cover them up. If they offer me goat stew, I'll try it.
- 08.** I will attend all team preparation meetings.
- 09.** I will fulfill all logistical and financial requirements for this trip.

The rules and conduct for StoneBridge short-term mission trips are for the safety and well-being of each participant. They exist to keep a high standard of Christian integrity that is necessary to effectively minister across cultural boundaries. These rules of conduct will be enforced by team leaders.

All participants are expected to adhere to the stated rules and expectations. Blatant offenders will be sent home. The offender and /or his/her parents are responsible for all costs involved in sending the offending participant home, including airfare, transportation, hotel, food, and any other cost incurred.

I/We have read and agree to obey the rules of conduct listed above. I/We realize that the above rules of conduct are crucial for effectiveness, quality, and safety of our trip. As a member of this team, I agree to abide by these rules of conduct at all times before, and during our trip.

Signature	Date
Parent or legal guardian signature	Date

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Bible We believe the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, **without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of God's will** for the salvation of men and women, and the final authority for all Christian faith and life. (2 Timothy 3.16-17, 2 Peter 1.19-21, Matthew 5.17-18, John 10.34-36)

The Trinity We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6.4, Matthew 28.19, 2 Corinthians 13.14)

The Father We believe in God the Father, an infinite personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He actively and mercifully intervenes in the affairs of humanity, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Exodus 34.6-7, John 3.16, John 4.23-24, Ephesians 1.3)

Jesus Christ We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. He rose bodily from the dead. He ascended into heaven. He is now our High Priest and Advocate at the right hand of the Father. (John 1.1-18, Romans 4.25, Ephesians 1.15-23, Colossians 1.15-23, Hebrews 7.23-25)

The Holy Spirit We believe the Holy Spirit is fully God, equal with the Father and the Son. The primary ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus by convicting non-Christians of their need for Christ; giving new birth to believing sinners; and indwelling, sanctifying, leading, teaching, and empowering believers for godly living and service. We believe that all Christians are to be baptized (filled) with the Holy Spirit subsequent to conversion. We also believe that all of the spiritual gifts listed in the Bible (Romans 12.6-8, Ephesians 4.11, 1 Corinthians 12.8-10, 28-30) continue to be distributed by the Spirit today; that these gifts are divine provisions central to spiritual growth and effective ministry; and that these gifts are to be eagerly desired, faithfully developed, and lovingly exercised according to biblical guidelines. (John 3.3-8, John 14.15-27, John 16.5-15, Romans 8.9-17, 1 Corinthians 12-14, Galatians 5.16-26, Ephesians 5.18-21)

Kingdom of God We believe that the Kingdom of God has come in the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, that it continues to come in the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Church, and that it will be consummated in the glorious, visible and triumphant appearing of Christ when He returns to the earth as King. We believe that after Christ returns He will bring about the ultimate defeat of Satan, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment, and the eternal blessing of the righteous. At that time, the Kingdom of God will be completely fulfilled in the new heaven and the new earth. (Matthew 4.23, Matthew 12.28, Mark 13.26, Acts 1.1-8, Acts 2.14-39, Romans 14.17-18, 1 Thessalonians 4.15-17, Revelation 19.11-16, Revelation 20.10, Revelation 21.1-5)

SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT	DATE
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PERMISSION FOR A MINOR TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE COUNTRY WITH STONEBRIDGE CHURCH

Please read before signing, as this constitutes the agreement as a volunteer or participant and the understanding of your working relationship as a volunteer or participant in a StoneBridge Church short-term mission trip.

I hereby grant PERMISSION to _____ (participants name), age _____ years, who is my _____ (son, daughter, ward, ect), and who was born at _____ (city) _____ (county) _____ (state), to make a tourist visit to _____ (country).

_____ will be accompanied by _____ (name of organization)
 _____ will travel alone

Father's Signature	Date:
Mother's Signature	Date:
Guardian's Signature	Date
Applicant's Signature	Date:

I _____ (Mother, Father, Guardian) further certify that I have sole custody of said child named above.

STATE OF	COUNTY OF
ON (Date	Came before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the above state and county
(name of the individual _ the identical person (s) who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same as his/her/their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes herein set forth. Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year above written.	
NOTARY PUBLIC	My commission expires:

MISSIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Describe your “faith story”/testimony—how did you come to know the Lord?

2. What has God taught you/been doing in your life over the past twelve months?



3. a. What are your strengths working in group situations? Weaknesses?

b. What would your closest friends say are your strengths? Weaknesses?

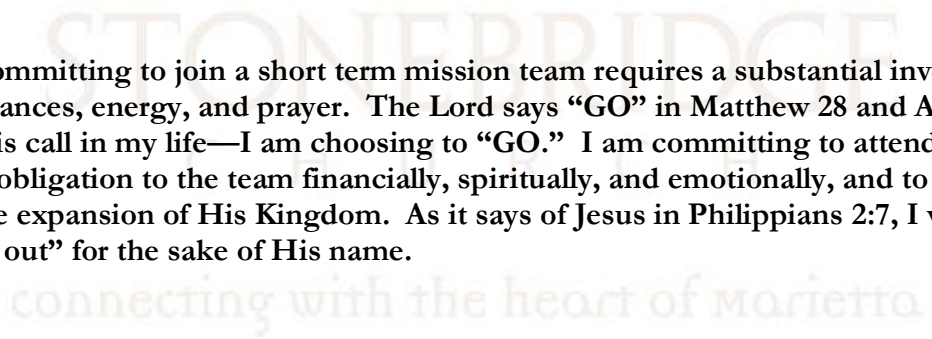
4. List all previous mission experience (local, domestic, international):

- | | 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: _____