



# CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Missions Application

- ❑ Advertising for each international trip will take place at least 3 months prior to departure.
- ❑ Applications must be fully completed with \$100 non-refundable application fee to insure trip participation. This \$100 will be applied to the trips balance.
  - (If participant is waiting on an approved passport the application can still be counted as complete for registration purposes, with the understanding that a passport must be acquired prior to final payment due date.)
- ❑ All applications must be completed and received, with deposit, at least 2 months prior to departure.
  - *(In special cases this policy can be reviewed provided that the applicant has the ability to cover the balance 1 month prior to departure.)*
- ❑ All applicants must be paid in full 1 month prior to departure.
- ❑ Questions? Please contact Rob Malak at 734-854-1301 ext. 220 or cell 419-304-3304 or email [rmalak@crossroadsc.org](mailto:rmalak@crossroadsc.org)

**\*Application Requirements\***

1. Complete the Application Form in its entirety.
2. Attach a recent photo to the application form along with a photo-quality copy of your passport (If a passport has not been obtained by the completion of this application, it will need to be obtained prior to the deadline for your final payment)
3. \$100 deposit due with Application Form

**PAYMENT AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION:**

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A PHOTO AND DEPOSIT!

Make all checks payable to: Crossroads Community Church

Please return completed application and deposit to:

**Crossroads Community Church**

6960 Sylvania Petersburg Rd

Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

ATT: Rob Malak Missions Intern

734-854-1301 ext 220

734-854 1115 (Fax)

rmalak@crossroadsc.org

**ACCEPTANCE:**

Once we have received and reviewed your application, we will contact you regarding your acceptance to the team. Crossroads Mission has the right to refuse acceptance of any team member and will discuss with you any reasons for that refusal. Deposits will be refunded to those who are not accepted to a team. However, no refund of deposit will be given to any team member who may change his or her mind about trip participation.

**MISSION TRIP INFORMATION:**

Trip for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Intended Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(as it appears on your birth certificate of passport)*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Airlines & Frequent Flyer #'s \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

**SPIRITUAL INFORMATION:**

1. Is Crossroads your home church? \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, please provide name of home church? \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of your pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you participated in any Mission Trip? ( ) Yes, ( ) No.  
If yes  
a. When? \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Where \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Name of group or church \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Name of group leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

3. What ministries are you involved with at your church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you serve in any volunteer/leadership role in any ministry or outside the church? If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What do you think your gifts are? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Please give two references who know you and your spiritual journey (name and phone #) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Describe your spiritual journey: (use separate sheet if necessary)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Please explain briefly why you want to participate in this mission trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**WORK EXPERIENCE/TALENTS:**

1. Please list any specific talents that you have (drama, singing, instruments, puppets, construction, medical, teaching, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

2. With what languages are you familiar, and to what extent? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What do you see as some of your strengths? What are some of your perceived weaknesses?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH INFORMATION:** (All information herein will remain confidential and is being obtained for your safety)

1. Do you have or have you ever had:

- Fainting Spells     Heart Problems     Diabetes     Seizures
- Eating Disorder     Respirator problems     Frequent and/ or severe headaches
- Nervous Breakdown     Mental Problems     Asthma     Allergies
- Hearing Difficulties     High/Low blood pressure     Breathing Problems
- Digestion Problems     Back or neck Problems     Other chronic issues \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have any condition, which might affect your ability to fully function as a team member on this trip (i.e., fear of flying, depression, anxiety, sleeping disorders, mental health challenges)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you presently under medication prescribed by a doctor? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How would you describe your health and fitness?  Excellent  Good  Average

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

1. What are your personal expectations for this Mission? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. How does your family feel about you going on this trip? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you been involved with any of the following within the past year?

Illegal Drugs? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Criminal Activity ( ) Yes ( ) No

Substance Abuse ( ) Yes ( ) No

4. Have you been convicted of committing a crime? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What are the most significant events that have occurred in your life in the past two years? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

7. Free Methodist Church VISA Information:

Beneficiary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM:** By signing this release and consent form, I consent to

- Allow Crossroads Missions team leadership to review and evaluate my physical health and preparedness if necessary.
- Allow Crossroads Mission team leadership to contact my medical references on my behalf as needed.
- Allow Crossroads Mission team leadership to evaluate my ability for trip attendance and participation based on criteria listed but not limited to: schedule flexibility, physical health, emotion endurance, cultural sensitivity and team compatibility.

This release constitutes my consent and authority for Crossroads Mission team leadership to obtain and examine copies of my public records and receives information regarding my background. I authorize the release of all records including but not limited to the following: health records, psychological evaluations, educational information and criminal records. I release Crossroads Mission team leadership and any of its staff from all liability arising from the release of such statements, records or information. Photocopies and scans of this release are as valid as the original signed by me.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the Participate of the Guardian of the Participant, hereby voluntarily sign this Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk in favor of Crossroads Community Church. Crossroads Community Church is hereby referred to as the Releasee.

This Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk, hereby known as the Release includes all Pastors, directors and employees of Releasee, as well as Releasee's successors, assignees and legal representatives. The Release is made in consideration of the opportunity to participate and engage in the activities and volunteer work trip sponsored by the Releasee. This Release binds not only the Participant and the Participant's Guardian(s) with regards to claims arising from participation in this volunteer work trip, but also the spouse, heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of the Participant and Participant's Guardian(s).

The undersigned (1) acknowledges being informed and advised of the risks inherent in the expedition and travel to and from the work site and throughout the host country, including risks and perils of nature, primitive living conditions, isolation, wild animals, absence of medical facilities, possible death, disease, injury (bodily and emotional), personal injury, loss of property and other damages and injuries of every kind and nature; (2) acknowledges that there may also be unknown and unanticipated risks; (3) hereby waives and releases Releasee from any and all claims or damage, personal injury such as but not limited to death, acts of terrorism, Acts of God such as fire, flood, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, Acts of War, communicable diseases, injury from acts of violence, work related injuries or emotional or psychological injury or damage.

The Participant's Guardian(s) hereby give his/her/their full permission for the Participant to participate in the Volunteer Work Trip; Also, in the event that any medical attention is necessary, the Participant or the Participants Guardian(s) hereby authorize and physicians or other medical personnel involved in the Volunteer Work Trip to administer such medical or surgical treatment or carry out such procedures to be deemed necessary or advisable in the diagnosis and treatment of life threatening conditions. The Participant or Participants Guardian(s) assume all responsibility for obtaining any necessary medical insurance that is active and in full force including but not limited to international medical insurance and life flight insurance.

The Releasee is granted by the Release the right to photograph or videotape the Participant during the Volunteer Work Trip as well as display exhibit and utilize the photographs and/or film for promotional purposes unless expressly refused in writing. The Participant or Participant's Guardian(s) release Releasee from any future claims for libel, slander or any Participant and the Participant's Guardian(s) or their successors and assigns.

If any portion of this Release shall be held to be invalid under the laws of the State of Michigan or any State that the Participant or Releasee is acting under, the parts that are not held invalid shall continue in full force and effect.

In Witness whereof, the Participant or Participant's Guardian(s) have signed this Release on: \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Signed Participant of Legal Age \_\_\_\_\_ Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Name of Participants Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL COVENANT:**

The guidelines listed below are an essential part of being a team member of the Crossroads Mission Team overseas. By complying with these expectations, I will help enhance the sense of community that exists and accomplish the mission's purpose more effectively.

I understand the host country I will be in may not have all the conveniences I am used to at home. For this reason, I will strive to be flexible and adjust my personal desires for the sake of ministry.

**In signing below, I accept the following conditions and agree to:**

1. Adopt an attitude that I am on this trip to try to understand the host culture, not to convince anyone of my 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. Guard my language, avoid profanity, insensitive humor, and an argumentative spirit as well as abstain from making derogatory comments about my hosts, their customs, food, manners or ideas.
3. Accept the authority of the Team Leader, missionaries and national host in all decisions. I recognize that they have the team's best interest at heart and I will respect and honor their decision. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may change.
4. I understand that my time internationally is a small snapshot of a much larger picture of the work that God is doing through Crossroads. I vow to not be overly demanding, to do my best to not offend or cause embarrassment for the local missions host. As a servant I will do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
5. Recognize that the host culture will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and I will treat that responsibility with integrity.
6. Attend church services and missionary meetings as scheduled. I will respect different styles of worship and I agree that Sundays will be observed in ways that are acceptable to the national hosts.
7. Keep respectful and culturally acceptable boundaries with the people I meet locally. This includes being careful in all conversations or social contacts with the nationals and other missionaries of the opposite gender. I agree that romantic advances are prohibited.
8. I will abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip. Drinking although it may be culturally acceptable is unnecessary and should not be partaken in while in country.
9. Be guided by the standards of the host country and Crossroads Church in relation to clothing and modesty for mission's trips.
10. Accept that personal agendas often must be set aside for the well being of others. Thus, I will clear all personal trips for shopping/tourist activity with the Team Leader/missionary/national host. I acknowledge that personal safety is of highest priority especially when traveling internationally. Therefore, I agree to never go anywhere without clearing it first with the Team Leader. I also agree to abide by the "buddy system", agreeing to never go anywhere alone.
11. When bargaining at local shops and marketplaces offer local merchants a fair price on their goods, never pressuring them to sell at prices, which do not provide a fair return on their product.
12. Seek guidance from the Team Leader/missionary/national host when I am moved by compassion or kindness to give gifts—whether cash, tools, personal items or things brought from home. I will clear it before hand with the Team Leader/missionary/national host who will make sure that my good motives fit with the national customs and will not in any way hinder the best interest of the church, or cause or incite riot.
13. Understand that repeated, willful neglect of this covenant will result in removal from the missions team and you will be asked to return home immediately at your own expense. By signing this covenant I agree to be bound by the declarations contained herein.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING:**

1. Financial donations made to Crossroads mission team accounts are not mine—they belong to God and have been given to Crossroads in order to accomplish the mission and work of the church.
2. If, for some reason, I do not ultimately participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I am responsible for any fees incurred as a result of my cancellation.
3. If I do not raise the necessary funds to cover my trip expenses, I may not be able to go. Any and all deposits will be applied to the current trip or materials needed. No refunds will be given.
4. If I raise an amount of money that exceeds my needs, remaining money will be dispersed to other team members in need or used by Crossroads for other financial needs associated with the mission.
5. If, for some reason, I do not participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I understand that the monies donated to my trip cannot be refunded to me or to the donors due to the non-profit status of Crossroads. All materials, including airline and other travel tickets, that have been purchased with donated funds cannot be transferred outside of the trip once the tickets are purchased.
6. In order to comply with the IRS, all checks for support of my trip must be made out to Crossroads Community Church. Donors should write my name and the trip name in the memo line of their check.
7. If inappropriate behavior and/or the breaking of a team covenant/policies causes me to be sent home from my trip prematurely, none of the money raised will be refunded to me or any donors.
8. If you are a minor and any inappropriate behavior and/or breaking of any team covenant policies occur, you will be sent home at your parent's and/or guardian's expense.
9. I will return any unused money from my in-country stipend (if given) to my Team Leader before leaving the airport prior to my departure home.
10. I have read the above and agree to the above policies, rules, and terms.

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PARTICIPANT'S NAME 18 OR OLDER (please print)

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18 (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE