



2018 MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

We are excited that you are interested in one or more of our short term mission trips for 2018. 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 STM trip next year, there are a few things to process:

1. **Pray for discernment:** Ask the Lord for clarity in where He is calling 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 WITH A \$100 DEPOSIT (checks made payable to Vintage 242 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 group dynamics, 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. Once you are a part of the STM team, that deposit will go into your account and be credited towards the overall cost of the trip. If you are unable to go on the trip for some reason the money will be refundable until the plane tickets for the trip are purchased.

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. Airfare is the primary reason for this, and we do our best to make an educated



guess on how much tickets will cost but many times the cost fluxuates. Suggested immunizations (trip specific), passports, and personal spending money are in addition to the estimated total.

*There will be financial deadlines that you will be required to meet leading up to the departure of your trip.

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 approximately \$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. (Some trip destinations may also require a Visa—trip leader will inform)
- 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 and Dietary 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. Please check with the STM trip leader to get specific requirements for your trip. 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.

Team members will also be expected to eat as the locals and missionaries do. If you have dietary restrictions or are a picky eater you will need to discuss this with the STM team leader. There is an expectation that each member partake in eating the food being served. For dietary restrictions it will be necessary to pack any foods you may need.

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. The expectation is that each team member will make every effort to attend all team trainings and gatherings.



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: _____

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: _____

T-Shirt Size XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Trip Selection (If interested in more than one trip, please list in order of preference)

1. Trip: _____ Dates: _____

2. Trip: _____ Dates: _____

3. Trip: _____ Dates: _____



1. Why are you interested in joining a short term mission trip? Specifically, why the one(s) you selected?
2. Describe your “faith story”/testimony—how did you come to know the Lord?
3. What are your strengths working in group situations? Weaknesses?
4. What skills/talents do you have that would be beneficial to a team (construction, language, education, music, teaching...)?
5. Do you have any physical limitations that may affect your ability to participate in any activities? Most trips require some level of fitness as well as dietary flexibility. If you have limitations please list.

