



CELEBRATION CHURCH MISSION TRIP INFORMATION PACKET/APPLICATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPATION

1. You must be currently active in Life Group. If you are not in a life group, you are not eligible to be a mission trip participant.
2. Youth will need approval from their Youth Pastor and Life Group Leader, and must meet requirements set up by the Youth Ministry Team.
3. You must be currently living a Godly life, demonstrating faithfulness and fruitfulness by being involved in ministry to others.
4. You must have an up to date Passport – make sure it will not expire within 6 months of the start date of the mission trip.
**If you do not have a Passport - apply for one NOW!
5. You are required to participate in all Mission Trip Training Classes.
6. You must turn in your Mission Trip Application, copy of your Passport (or order yours NOW), and Reference Forms (one from your Life Group Leader and one from your Community Pastor) by the required date. (Required dates for each trip will be provided on a separate information sheet).
7. All payments must be turned in by the due date.
8. Non-Celebration Members will be considered on an individual basis.

This is a general application to start the process and to provide information about the procedures and what to expect. Approximately 2-3 months prior to leaving for the mission trip, we will provide the following information: deadlines to purchase airline tickets; flight information; deadlines to pay deposits and balances due; dates for training classes, and more details about the types of ministry you will be doing.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Do I have to be in a Life Group to go on a mission trip?** Yes, you must be an active member of a life group. To find a life group, see one of our Community or Campus Pastors.
2. **How can I raise money for the Mission Trip?** When your application and references are turned in and you are approved to participate in the mission trip, we will e-mail you a support letter to send out to your Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors.
3. **How soon do I need to apply for my passport?** The name on your airline ticket and the name on your passport must be exactly the same. Please apply for your passport as soon as possible.
4. **I have a donation that is coming in but it is not here yet – can I wait to make payments until the donation gets here?** No – all payments must be paid no later than the due date.
5. **What if I make a payment and then donations come in for more than I need for the trip?** You can be refunded any money that YOU have paid – assuming all costs for the mission trip has been covered. Donation money cannot be refunded.
6. **What vaccinations will I need?** All mission trips will require the latest flu shot, tetanus shot within the last 5 years, and all normally required children's vaccinations. Certain locations may require additional vaccinations or medications. Your trip leader can let you know which are required. Check the CDC web site (www.cdc.gov) for detailed information for each country.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Reference Forms:** Give the reference forms directly to your Life Group Leader and your Community Pastor (for Metairie Campus) or Campus Pastor (for other Celebration Campuses). They will complete and return the completed forms directly to the church office.
2. **Fundraising:** After you pay your deposit, if you are interested in raising donations for your trip, we will provide you with a sample donation letter to send to your Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors.
3. **Flight Information:** After you pay your deposit, we will provide you with the team leaders flight itinerary. Everyone makes their own flight reservations. It may be tempting to wait for prices to decrease, knowing that they can fluctuate, but the danger is that the plane may be full by the time you decide to purchase your

ticket. It is important for everyone to travel together, so reservations should be made within the deadlines provided.

4. **Lodging and Other Costs:** The funds you pay to the church for the trip cover lodging, local transportation, and most of the time meals are covered, but there will be some trips where meals will not be included. We will tell you when you will be responsible for your own meals.
5. **Extra Costs:** Extra fees and expenses may include: baggage fees (currently \$40 for each additional bag, the first bag may or may not have a fee depending on where you travel), entrance/exit fees in some countries (around \$35), expenses for sightseeing, money for souvenirs, water, and other incidentals.
6. **Mission Supply Fee:** A mission supply fee is added to the costs, which covers items such as VBS supplies (arts and crafts, etc.), bibles, tracts, teaching materials, hygiene items and/or groceries that will be donated to families.
7. **Training:** Approximately one to two months before the trip, you will be required to attend training classes. We will try to adapt the classes to everyone's schedule, but that isn't always possible. Please make sure your time is open so you can attend training.
8. **Organizing Supplies:** About one week before the trip, everyone will get together as a group to organize supplies. This involves things like sorting donations, organizing VBS crafts, coloring books and colors, etc.
9. **Packing Supplies:** You may be given supplies listed in Item #8 to pack in your luggage along with your clothing to bring with you on the trip.
10. **Packing Suggestion:** Keep in mind that there may be a fee for suitcases. Therefore, it's a good idea to bring one suitcase smaller than the other so that you can put everything, including the smaller suitcase, in the larger suitcase for your trip home (any leftover supplies are usually left behind).
11. **Stamina and the Holy Spirit:** Mission Trips are filled with many activities. You will need a lot of energy to keep going. Be open to being filled with the Holy Spirit, so that you will be energized and ready to share the Gospel. Everyone who returns from a mission trip is always refreshed and on fire for Jesus. It is hard work, but it is also one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have.

Date: _____



PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

Please read and complete all items.

1. I (We) give my (our) permission for my (our) child,
(please print clearly) _____,
to go on the Celebration Church _____ Mission Trip from
_____ to _____.
2. I (We) understand that I (We) are required to attend the first mission meeting with my (our) child. (You may attend all meetings but are only required to attend the first meeting).
3. I (We) understand that my (our) child will be required to attend all mission meetings.
4. I (We) understand that the cost of the trip is ESTIMATED to be about _____ and I (We) will be responsible for meeting all payment deadlines.
Support letters will be given to our team members, but payment due dates must be met even if support funds have not been received by due dates.
5. My (Our) child will get all necessary vaccinations and medications required for this mission trip.
6. I (We) will not hold Celebration Church or its Ministers or Staff responsible for any illness or injury that occurred on the Celebration Church _____ Mission Trip.

Parents or Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Date Signed _____

Address: _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

E-Mail: _____