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# Short Term Mission Application

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Thank you for your interest in joining in a short-term mission's trip. The purpose of this application is to introduce you to the commitments involved in going on a mission trip and to help determine if you're ready to make such a commitment.

Why should you go on a short-term mission trip (STMT)? A STMT is like a double-sided coin: God works in you *and* through you. Your missions experience should work to make a lasting difference in the lives of the people you serve, wherever that is. At the same time, God wants to make a difference in *your* life. He wants to grow you to be more like Christ, give you a greater heart for the lost peoples of the world, and develop your ministry skills. So, while changing the world, expect God to change you!

Participating in a STMT at Heritage involves four distinct phases. Please review the following four phases to make sure that you're prepared to make such a big commitment.

### **Phase 1. The Application Process**

There are qualifications that must be met in order to join a mission team. One common misconception is that STMTs are a great place to reform someone who has fallen away from the Lord. On the contrary, our STMTs are designed for those walking with the Lord who want to take a step of faith in serving God more. In order to qualify to participate on a STMT with Heritage you must:

- Demonstrate by your lifestyle a commitment to the Lord through personal holiness and evidenced by the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
- Demonstrate by your lifestyle a commitment to the church by regular church attendance, (for at least 6 months), participating in a Small Group, and/or serving in a ministry.
- Be at least 14 years old. If you are a parent of a child younger than 14 and would like him/her to accompany you, you must ask your team leader.
- Complete the attached application and submit it to your team leader.

### **Phase 2. Team Preparation**

Much preparation is necessary for a STMT, so all members must commit to the following:

- Attend all team meetings; participate and open yourself up to the team.
- Be willing to head up projects assigned to you, involve yourself in activities, share your testimony, evangelize, etc.
- Pay for your trip. If you are approved, the church will pay 20% of your cost, up to a maximum of \$400. You will be required to provide the remainder either from personal savings or fundraising. We provide fundraising training and support to help you. Remember, where God guides, He provides.
- Your team will be asked to develop and sign a Team Covenant. Abiding by this covenant is essential as it incorporates the attitudes, motives, and goals necessary to serve God and others. Think prayerfully about what God expects of you and commit yourself to doing just that!

### **Phase 3. The Trip**

This can be a life changing experience that God can use for His glory, and transform you more into His image! However, STMTs by their nature involve many risks to personal health and safety. While we depend upon God for our protection and try to use good judgment on our trips, great risks are inevitable. By submitting this application you accept these risks.

**Phase 4. Re-Entry**

You need to understand up front that many people who participate in STMTs struggle greatly when they return home. Some who have come home from missions trips have chosen to backslide into sin, leave the church, or have felt really depressed. Sounds serious, huh? It is! However, this doesn't have to be you. We have worked hard to design a program to stop this problem. However, for it to work, you need to *commit* to it.

When you return from your trip your participation on the team is not complete. You are expected to fulfill several requirements that will be given to you during the re-entry phase, which include:

- Weekly team meetings for 4-6 weeks
- Serve in a church ministry for 6 months beginning immediately upon your return
- Have daily quiet times with the Lord.
- Be accountable at least weekly to one other teammate.
- Report on the trip to the congregation and to supporters.

This trip is an investment by the church family into your life. God and the church will expect you to produce a return on the investment placed in you. Remember, to whom much is given, much is required. So, if you're willing to lay your life down as a servant of the Lord, complete the following application and give it to your team leader.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Have a U.S. Passport? \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any health issues to consider? (If so, explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any communicable diseases? (If so, explain ) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any foreign languages? \_\_\_\_\_ At what level? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you intend to go? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your plan for providing the funds that you need? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you agree to abide by HCF's fundraising guidelines (See ST Missions Manual)? \_\_\_\_\_

**If not a Heritage trip:**

With what organization are you going? \_\_\_\_\_

What ministry will you be doing? \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is total cost of the trip? \_\_\_\_\_ When are the funds due? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a breakdown of the costs (airfare, ground transport, food, housing, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Each person has a mixture of motivations for wanting to go on a mission's trip. Please list several of your motivations in order of importance.

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Explain why you should go on this trip and not just send the money. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have the support of your family to go on this trip? (If not, explain)

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Do you understand the commitments of the Re-Entry Phase and do you agree to them? \_\_\_\_\_

In what church ministry would you like to serve upon your return? \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature (If under 18 years of age): \_\_\_\_\_