Short-Term Mission Process & Application

Is God Calling You to a Short-Term Mission?

Participating in a short-term mission must start with being called by God. This isn’t just an adventure or fun vacation. A mission is a spiritual experience and as with all spiritual things, must originate with God. There will be many times in your preparation and participation when you will rely on God in new ways that will draw you closer to Him. Beginning the process by centering on Him and His will is therefore vital. Below are a few tips for determining God’s will in your life. It’s important to note that the following is listed in order of importance.

1. Read your Bible. What does God say? The Bible is God’s WORD, spend some time studying it. This is amazing, we actually have a letter from God and it tells us what He expects of us, His instructions, His advice, His guidance. It’s all right there for the reading. 2 Timothy 3:14-17
2. Develop a Heart for God. Spend time with God through prayer. Ask Him what he would have you do. As you read his Word (step 1) and talk to Him (step 2) your heart’s desires will become His.
3. Seek out wise, godly counsel. Listen to other believers who know you and are walking closely with God. This can’t be your only step or your first step, but it is a very important part of the process. Proverbs 13:20a says, “Walk with the wise and become wise.”
4. Consider God’s providence. This relates to circumstances—open and closed doors. This doesn’t mean everything will be simple. Sometimes circumstances challenge us; sometimes they block us, even when what we are pursuing is good. God will provide a way if it is consistent with His will.
5. Does it make sense? God has uniquely created and gifted each one of us for His purpose. He wants us to use the tools He has given us for His glory. So ask yourself, does it fit your gifting? Remember, this doesn’t mean God won’t/can’t use us way beyond our abilities. (Eph. 3:20-21) But it is wise to start with what you’ve already been given and let God make up the difference.

Footnote: Much of this was adapted Finding the Will of God by Bruce K. Waltke which is a great resource for more on this topic.

God said “Go”, now what? Turn the page to find out...
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☐ Read “Is God Calling You to a Short-Term Mission?” (Pg.1)
☐ Ask God what He thinks (pray about it).
☐ Fill out a Short-Term Mission Application and Financial Policy Agreement (“Application”).
    NOTE: Be sure to note the location you are interested in.
☐ Turn in signed Application & Financial Policy and background check form to the Go & Be Director at the church office to reserve your spot.
    NOTE: Applications are accepted from NOW until the posted deadline (found on the website and location fact sheet).
☐ After the application deadline passes, we will provide you with payment dates and meeting times.
☐ Submit payments by due dates.
☐ Attend team meetings.
☐ Go on the trip!
☐ Attend follow-up meetings, participate in Missions Revisited event, meet with your debrief partner.

Note: All forms and further information can be found on the Cornwall Church website under Go & Be/Mission Trips (http://cornwallchurch.com/GoandBe/MissionTrips.aspx).

Contact the Go & Be Director, Go & Be Director, at 360.733.2150 with questions.

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Short-Term Mission Application and Financial Policy Agreement

Destination: ______________________ Dates: ____________________________ (if known)
Team Leader(s): ________________________________________________________ (if known)
Your Full Name (as shown on passport) __________________________________________
Nickname ________________________ E-mail Address _____________________________
Primary Phone: ______________________ Secondary Phone:________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________
Male/Female ____________ Birthdate____________________________ Age ________
Occupation ________________________ T-shirt size(circle one): S     M     L     XL     2XL

If traveling internationally you must have a valid passport that does not expire for at least six months after your trip date. Please select one of the following:

___ Yes, I have a valid passport
___ I am currently working to obtain a valid passport
___ I am not traveling outside the United States.

Describe your health (circle one): Excellent     Good     Average     Fair    Poor
Are there any health conditions, allergies or limitations we should be aware of? Yes/No
If yes, please explain: __________________________________________________________
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Do you have any special needs when traveling? Yes/No
If yes, please explain: __________________________________________________________
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Please provide the following Emergency Contact information:
Name: __________________________ Relationship: ______________________________
Primary Phone: ______________________ Secondary Phone:________________________
Email address: __________________________________________________________________
Describe how you came to know Jesus Christ: ________________________________________
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Describe your current relationship with God: ________________________________________
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Why do you believe God is calling you to this short-term mission?________________________
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Have you ever been to a third world country or had any cross-cultural experiences? If so, tell us about it (when, where, with whom): ________________________________________________
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What expectations do you have related to this short-term mission?_______________________
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If you were selected for this trip, how do you feel you would benefit the team? _____________
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Tell us about your special skills, gifts and talents (i.e. photography, music, carpentry, etc.):
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I understand that my Cornwall Church Mission will have three parts that are lived out in community with the team: Equip (learning in community 3-4 months prior to leaving), Serve (serving others while on the trip), Apply (Using what I learn and experience to further the mission God has called me to in life). By applying to join this short-term mission I am stating that I will be fully engaged and present during all three stages of the experience.

________ Initials.

Please read through the following financial policy and liability release carefully and indicate your agreement by initialing and signing in the spaces provided.

**Short-Term Missions Financial Policy**

**COST:**
The cost per person generally includes: Airline tickets, all accommodations (lodging), food, tips, taxes, all transportation (taxi, bus, etc.), departure tax and visa. It does NOT include cost of passport, medications or immunizations, personal items, or spending money.

**DONATION OF FUNDS:**
1. Funds donated by individuals or agencies should be made payable to Cornwall Church.
2. Check, cash and credit cards are accepted. If cash is contributed, please be sure to provide the name and address of the donor (using the cream missions envelope is strongly encouraged). We recommend check or credit card.
3. Designate the name of the short-term mission location and the team member on all checks, or communicate this information in writing to the person receiving your payment and issuing a receipt.
4. Contributions to short-term missions or to individuals going on a short-term mission, when made payable to Cornwall Church, are **Tax Deductible and Non-Refundable**.
5. For tax reporting purposes, financial contributors must include their address to Cornwall.
6. Mail or hand-deliver donations, ATTN: Cornwall Church Treasurer, to ensure credit to the proper account.
7. All funds donated for the purpose of this mission must be submitted to Cornwall Church using the CREAM COLORED MISSION DEPOSIT envelope.
8. In the event a team member cancels their team participation, funds will be retained by Cornwall Church.

**LETTERS SOLICITING SUPPORT:**
A. It is Cornwall Church policy that team members may not solicit funding from Church members for mission trips. Cornwall Church will contribute 10% of the cost of each trip for all Cornwall Church members going on a trip. *You may send prayer requests to close personal friends at church.*

B. You may submit request for Financial Support to outside sources, work friends, family friends, businesses and other organizations. All written requests must include the following statement: *All donations are to be made payable to Cornwall Church. Because these gifts are tax-deductible, they are non-refundable according to the IRS. Funds will be used for airfare, lodging, transportation, projects and other expenses related to our team’s trip. Mail gifts to*
Cornwall Church, 4518 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226 using the enclosed cream envelope.

NOTE: Cornwall Church cream deposit envelopes can be picked up at the church offices.

FUNDRAISING:
You may participate in fundraising to raise money for a mission trip provided you observe the following criteria:
1. Fundraising is not allowed on Cornwall Church property without approval of Business Administrator.
2. Do not hand out, post, or mail flyers of any kind to church members or on church property without approval of Business Administrator.
3. You may fund-raise in the name of Cornwall Church mission team to your mission field.
4. You may do garage sales, car washes, etc. All fundraisers must be coordinated through your team leader and approved by the Business Administrator (a Fundraising Request must be submitted to the Administrative Pastor for prior approval).

Liability Release

If accepted as a member of this mission team, I agree to:
1. Release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped make these arrangements, including Cornwall Church, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers and volunteers, and their successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.
2. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, including and in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including but not limited to such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.

My completed and signed application indicates my desire to participate in this short-term mission and my agreement to the related Cornwall Church policies. As a mission representative of Cornwall Church, I have read and understand the Liability Release and Short-Term Missions Financial Policy, including the policy on donation of funds, soliciting funds and fundraising and agree to follow stated guidelines.

Signed_________________________________________________ Date___________________
Parent/Guardian must sign if applicant is under 18 years old.
Parent/Guardian_________________________________________ Date___________________

Contact Cornwall’s Go and Be Director with questions or concerns at 360.733.2150. Please submit your application to the church office at 4518 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, Washington, 98226, attn: Go & Be Director.
REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION
CHILD/ADULT ABUSE INFORMATION ACT
RCW 43.43.830 THROUGH 43.43.845

APPLICANT OF INQUIRY (Please provide as much information as possible; name and date of birth are mandatory)

Applicant's Name: ___________________________  Last  First  Middle
Alias/Maiden Name(s): ___________________________
Date of Birth: ___________  Month/Day/Year  Sex: ___________  Race: ___________
Social Security Number: ___________________________  Drivers/Lic. Number/State: ___________________________

Secondary dissemination of this criminal history record information response is prohibited unless in compliance with statute.

Background Investigation Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 43.43.830-844 as amended 2005 Washington Legis. Serv. Ch. 421, we must ask you to complete the following disclosure statement.

NOTICE: Cornwall Church may make an inquiry with the Washington State Patrol and/or an equivalent inquiry to a federal law enforcement agency. Pursuant to RCW 43.43.834(5) this information will be kept confidential. Cornwall Church will provide you with the law enforcement agency’s response within ten (10) days of receipt of that response as required by RCW 43.43.834(4). A conviction record is not necessarily a bar to acceptance.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _______ yes _______ no
If your answer is “yes” please describe and provide the date(s) of conviction(s) and the sentence(s) imposed:
________________________________________________________________________

Have findings been made against you in any “civil adjudicative proceeding” as defined in RCW 43.43.830? _______ yes _______ no

The definition of “civil adjudicative proceeding” is defined as follows: “Civil adjudication proceeding” is a judicial or administrative adjudicative proceeding that results in a finding of, or upholds an agency finding of, domestic violence, abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation or financial exploitation of a child or vulnerable adult under chapter 13.34, 26.44, or 74.34 RCW, or rules adopted under chapters 13.51 and 74.42 RCW. “Civil adjudication proceeding” also includes judicial or administrative orders that become final due to the failure of the alleged perpetrator to timely exercise a right afforded to him or her to administratively challenge findings made by the department of social and health services or the department of health under chapter 13.34, 26.44, or 74.34 RCW, or rules adopted under chapters 13.51 and 74.42 RCW.

If your answer is “yes” to any of the above, please describe and provide the date(s) of all such findings and/or upheld findings:
________________________________________________________________________

Has your permanent residence been in the State of Washington during the past 12 months?
______ yes ______ no
List the state(s) with the county you have resided in since your 18th Birthday:
________________________________________________________________________

(Use the reverse side if needed)

To the best of my knowledge, the information herein is true and complete. I understand that falsification of this application is grounds for dismissal as a volunteer. Further, I give permission for an authorized representative of Cornwall Church to conduct a state patrol criminal background check in accordance with RCW 43.43.834(5) to a federal law enforcement agency and to inquire of individuals about my ability to perform all aspects of the volunteer position for which I am being considered and I release Cornwall Church and those individuals/institutions that provide information from any liability that may arise from the provision of this information.

Volunteer Signature: ___________________________  Date: ________ / ________ / ________

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