

Grace Point Short-Term Mission (STM) Trip Application

Thank you for your interest in Short Term Missions at Grace Point! We are excited to put together teams which will minister to and work alongside our missionaries.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS in a NUTSHELL

God does more in us than through us on a short-term mission trip. Although there will be things we do, it is more about who we are becoming; about relational connection, faith-building, and expanding our understanding of God's heart for the people groups of the world. It is about how God might use us beyond this trip as global-minded Christians. We go as learners and humble servants, asking God to expand faith and understanding of His purposes for the people groups of the world. To make us better 'Senders', 'Welcomers', 'Mobilizers', or 'Goers', terms we will discuss as we progress with the team.

WHO CAN GO?

Anyone who regularly attends Grace Point and completes the application and preparation requirements is *eligible for consideration* for this trip. Do not delay, space is limited. The final makeup of the team will be determined by the Short-Term Lead Team.

All eligible team members must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the application and turn in by the stated deadline.
- Pass reference and background checks.
- Interview with Team Leader (and others if needed).
- If an overseas trip, have a valid passport good for at least six months **past** the exit date of the trip. (It is recommended that all travelers visit the CDC's website <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/> and consult your Primary Care Physician/Provider and/or Travel Clinic for additional vaccinations.)
- Attend 5-6 training meetings for the purpose of team building, spiritual preparation, project planning, and trip logistics. The meeting schedule will be set based on team availability, which will be determined at our first meeting. Team members will be expected to attend every training meeting.
- Participate in team support raising (see below for more information).
- Maintain attitudes of Christians serious about their relationship with God, and who submit to one another in love. There will be a spiritual development component to the training.

SUPPORT RAISING

Every trip has its unique cost determined by airline tickets, transportation to/from the airport, in-country transportation, trip meals and supplies, as well as any ministry expenses while in-country. Snacks and souvenirs are not included in the cost of the trip and are the team members' responsibility. A deposit of \$250 will be required from each team member, once they have been selected to participate.

The cost of the trip will be covered by team member support raising (finances and prayer) within and outside our congregation. All team members will be expected to participate in support raising as a faith building exercise. We urge team members to share the blessing with the greater congregation, as well as family and friends, to allow them to have the blessing of participating with God's work through this trip. The goal will be to raise 100% of your total. If a team member raises more than the required amount, that money can go towards other team members. Extra funds will be funneled back to the Short-Term Fund. Support raising efforts will be discussed in team meetings.