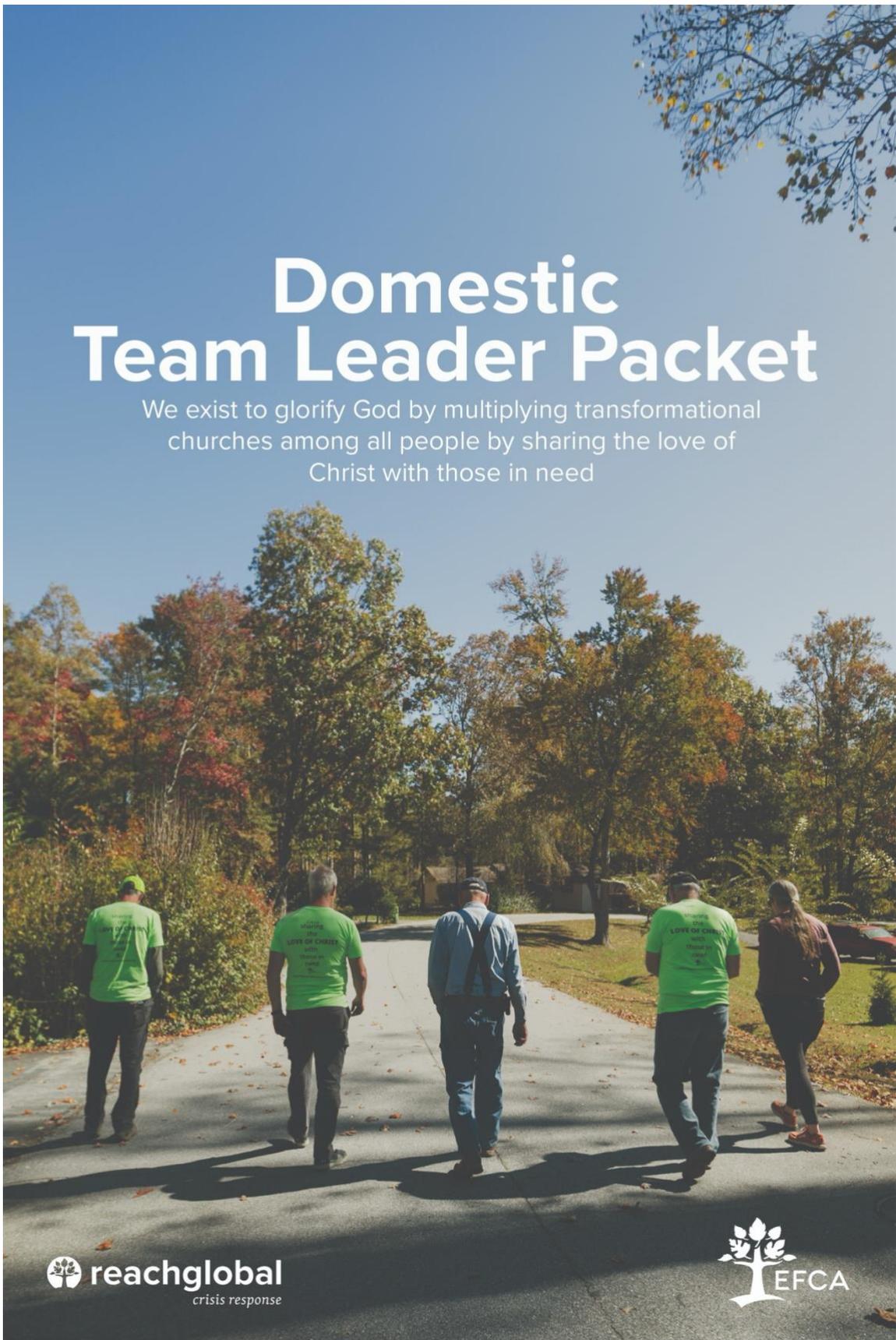


Domestic Team Leader Packet

We exist to glorify God by multiplying transformational churches among all people by sharing the love of Christ with those in need



Thank you for your willingness to serve with ReachGlobal Crisis Response. God sends us into areas affected by crisis to build relationships and share the love of Christ with those we meet. These relationships create the opportunity to make disciples for the Kingdom and to multiply transformational churches.

God creates a Mission Field after every crisis...

Crisis is any event that disrupts the normalcy of life and deeply impacts people. Crisis brings pain, hurt, fear, anger, loss of hope and despair, and an open door for the Gospel. As we experience pain, we are confronted by difficult, sometimes seemingly unanswerable questions. Why me? Why this? Why God? Is there a god? But amidst the uncertainties of life, there is the redemptive power of Christ and the Hope that comes from knowing Him. And this is why we believe that there is a mission field in the wake of every crisis.

Hands and Feet – living your faith

Coming to serve on a team is an opportunity to live out your faith by working at the intersection of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Plan to serve as God leads. Be open to ministering to the spiritual, emotional, relational, intellectual, and physical needs of those affected. Focus on letting the light of **Jesus shine** through you in all the details and plans and He will be glorified, and you will receive maximum joy. Waiting becomes a quiet time. Serving the needs of others reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice for us. We hope you leave as a conduit for Christ in your home context!

All the People of the World – it's about the people

We serve all God's people: rich, poor, every ethnicity, shape, and size. We are positioned to be Christ-like servants by loving refugees, church members and others that we meet. We have a unique chance to be Jesus in the flesh to someone who perhaps has never met Him...or to provide comfort to Christians and non-Christians who are experiencing terrible trauma. ***We are about the people, not the projects.***

You are the Shepherd – your role has impact

Your team is looking to you to provide leadership and guidance. Each person on the team is being called by God to serve. A key role is to spiritually guide your teammates on how their actions before, during and after their mission trip is meant to glorify God (Colossians 3:23). Another key role is to keep your team informed. Communicate expectations early and often, including submitting the information needed to participate.

"That's Just the Way I Like It!" – God is in control

Flexibility is crucial for all short-term missionaries – your role on this trip. Be open to what God will bring your way or ask you to do. Be ready for the unexpected by eliminating preconceived expectations. In this ministry, when things don't go according to schedule or in the way that we think things should go, our adopted slogan is, "That's just the way I like it!" It reminds us that God is in control and any of our plans are quite subpar to His. Your ***success*** in this ministry is truly measured by your ***obedience*** to God. A willing spirit

and open mind will enable wonderful engagements between you, your team members, refugees, and church members. Use the "Release of Rights" contract with your team to prepare for your short-term mission!

Join the Revival – make it part of your DNA

Our prayer is that after you return home, you will keep this experience in the forefront of your mind and bring home the idea that serving God and people can happen right in your own back yard! While here, we hope God will ignite new ideas and passions in your heart and you and the members of your team will return home with a desire to serve the Lord in new and meaningful ways!

Serving Him in constant awe,

Mark Lewis, Director

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Check availability

(First come first serve)

Email respond@efca.org with your preferred date and site. We will check availability.



Confirmation

You will receive a confirmation email confirming the date and site.

The confirmation email will contain a link to begin your registration.



Registration Process

- Group and Leader Registration with deposit (at least 4 months prior)
- Individual registrations (registration will close 1 month prior)



Child Safety Tasks

Once registration is closed the information gathered will be used to initiate these tasks through MInistrySafe

- Child Safety Training
- Background check

Team member will have 2 weeks to complete these tasks

Team Leader Registration Responsibilities

- Group Registration
- Leader Registration
- Send registration link to team members
- Monitor the progress of your team in completing the registration and Liability Waiver and Code of Conduct forms.
- Pay balance before registration closes
- Distribute and review the "Release of Rights" form (found in the resources tab in EFCA forms) This form is not to be returned to ReachGlobal but is a tool to encourage your team to release their rights and step into the mission field allowing God to push them outside their comfort zone for His glory.
- Distribute the "Packing List" (found in the resources tab in EFCA forms)

Individual Registration Responsibilities

- Follow link to complete online registration
- Complete the age-appropriate Waiver – links will provided upon completion of the online registration
- Child Protection Training – unique links will be sent to individuals after registration closes
- Background Check – unique links will be sent to individuals after registration closes

PREPARING FOR YOUR MISSION TRIP

PRAYER:

As the team leader we strongly encourage you to be praying for your trip.

- Ask God to guide your team onto the mission field.
- Pray that God brings the right people into your team to serve in the mission field following crisis.
- Pray for your team's willingness to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

CALCULATE THE COST OF THE TRIP:

Consider anything that could add to the costs of your trip. Here are some of the common factors in team cost.

- Our fee - \$395 per person including a nonrefundable and nontransferable \$50 deposit per person
- Meals – Breakfast is provided Monday through Friday and dinner Monday through Thursday. All other meals are not included; therefore, include the cost of other meals in your budget.
- Travel – Include rental vehicle, gas, and hotels if applicable. If you are flying, include the cost of flights and the cost of renting vehicles while serving.
- Spending Money - Individuals may want to bring spending money for snacks and other personal expenses. Sometimes the team arranges to go out the last night of the mission trip to share a meal, to sightsee, or to purchase souvenirs to bring home.

TEAM MEETINGS:

Since the focus of our ministry is people, we ask that you, as part of your team building and trip preparation, engage in at least three (3) team meetings. There are resources to help facilitate these meetings in the resource tab of your registration.

- to pray for the trip
- to study God's Word in relation to compassion, service and sharing the Gospel
- to build team relationships
- to coordinate logistics for the trip
- to raise support – fundraising events can help build relationships within your team as well as helping financially
- optional skills training – Since many job sites are in varying stages of completion. Is there a contractor who attends your church that may be willing

to teach a training class on basic construction skills: painting, drywalling, tiling, etc. Some local hardware stores will also schedule these types of classes upon request. This could also be a great team building activity.

TRACK YOUR REGISTRATION PROCESS

You have access to track who has completed the steps in the registration process.

- You will complete group registration and leader registration
- Send individual registration link to each member of the team
- Track completion of tasks
 - Registration
 - Waivers

CHURCH ENGAGEMENT

Here are some ways your church may choose to be involved in supporting and sending your team into the field.

- prayer
- send off
 - bring team on stage for corporate prayer
 - reminder for prayer in bulletin/prayer list
- adopt a team member
- report
 - host luncheon to share stories
 - recap video during service

MAILING ADDRESS

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does a typical week look like?

- **When should you arrive/depart?**
 - Arrive together at the site between 5 pm - 6 pm
 - If you are flying and need an alternate arrival time, please request approval via respond@efca.org before you make reservations
 - You are responsible for transportation of your team to the site and to and from job sites through the week
 - Before departure, please conduct a deep cleaning of areas where the team stayed, including bathrooms, showers, and shared spaces to prepare for church activities
 - Departure on Friday after lunch
 - For Saturday departure request approval via respond@efca.org
- **What are the accommodations like?**
 - Depending on the site you may be sleeping on a combination of bunkbeds, air mattresses, and/or cots
 - Reference the packing list found in the resource tab of your registration for bedding information
- **What are meals like?**
 - Breakfast is provided Monday through Friday and dinner Monday through Thursday
 - You are responsible for packing lunches for each workday
 - Dietary Restrictions – Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate special diets, nor can we guarantee an allergy free environment. You are welcome to bring your own food to ensure that you have no issues.
- **Daily schedule (may vary by site)**
 - Breakfast
 - Devotions
 - Job assignments
 - Prayer walks at jobsites
 - Lunch at jobsites
 - Dinner
 - After dinner programming
- **What kind of work will we be doing?**
 - Relational Ministry
 - Prayer
 - Construction
 - Help support our Church Planter partners in a variety of ways
 - Community Ministry (VBS, sports, music, etc.)
 - Other needs as determined

- Thank you in advance for your flexibility as job sites and tasks can change regularly

What are the age restrictions?

- We recommend that children be 14 years of age or older.
- For children under 14, please request approval via respond@efca.org
- For youth groups, we ask for a 1 to 5 ratio of student to adults. All students must have parent/leader of the same gender in the bunkroom.
- Men and women are in separate bunkrooms.

Can we bring donation items?

- Please do not bring any items without approval from respond@efca.org
- We often have difficulty distributing well-intentioned donations

Are there any medical requirement/restriction?

- We strongly recommend that all team members have a current tetanus shot (within 10 years)
- Please let on-site staff know in advance if there are any physical limitations among your team. This will help us plan appropriate jobsite assignments.

What does the fee cover?

- Operations
- Ministry Vehicles
- Insurance
- Administrative Costs
- Food
- Utilities/building usage

What are the Child Protection requirements?

The EFCA, our parent organization, requires that all volunteers over the age of 18 complete an online child protection training and background check. Our desire is to do our part to keep children and vulnerable populations safe.

- Child Protection Training – EFCA requires that child protection training be completed through MinistrySafe. If your church uses MinistrySafe training, you may submit certificates of completion in lieu of completing the training again. Training must have been completed within three years of the last day of your mission trip. No other training will be accepted.
- Background Checks – Background checks must be run on a county, state, and national level to be considered for approval and must be run within three years of the last day of your mission trip. If you are submitting your church's documentation, you must submit the full report for review.