

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW CAN I OBTAIN A PASSPORT?

If you do not have a passport, please apply as soon as possible. You can visit [http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11\\_842.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html) to apply online.

## WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO APPLY FOR A MISSION TRIP?

Complete the God First Life classes, fill out the online mission's application. The trip leader will contact you for your next steps and give dates for team training meetings. Be ready to bring your non-refundable deposit of \$150 to the first team training to secure your spot. Teams generally start to meet 4-6 months prior to departure for team training sessions. *Please note some trips are ministry specific, therefore your Trip Leader will let you know of additional qualifications i.e. Serve in Sisterhood, Lead a Serving team, etc.*

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE?

The trip price includes: airfare, lodging, in-country meals, transportation, visa and entry fees, and training materials. It does not include spending money for souvenirs, passport fees, travel insurance, meals in transit to destination (i.e., airports) or immunizations.

## HOW WILL I BE PREPARED FOR THE TRIP?

Each team will meet together regularly for six mandatory team training sessions, that will include: team-building exercises, cross-cultural training, evangelism, prayer, team unity, and travel practical's. Your team leaders will communicate the date/times of your training sessions.

## WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE TO RAISE MONEY FOR MY TRIP?

There is a sample partnership newsletter in the missions' manual you will receive at your first team meeting. These you can send to your friends and family and we suggest sending a minimum of 25 letters. Many people receive over half of their trip money from these letters. Additionally, each team can choose to organize a fundraiser. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to raise the funds for your trip, but we want to give you every opportunity to succeed.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DECIDE NOT TO GO, CAN I GET A REFUND?

The accounting department at Celebration Church has a responsibility to maintain the integrity of the church and ensure that donors' money is being properly allocated where intended. Money that is turned in for the purpose of missions will be used for those mission's needs. Accounting also needs to ensure that trip costs are covered. Once team members begin paying for their trip, many expenses are paid and by returning money to a team member who may not be able to go could result in a team account deficit. Therefore, we cannot return any money once it is turned in.

Still have questions? Contact [missions@celebration.org](mailto:missions@celebration.org)