

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS APPLICATION

BETHEL (BAPTIST) CHURCH

Name of STM Trip or Sending Organization: _____
Dates of Trip _____ Going to: _____

Email completed application to: bethelfairbanks@gmail.com
OR mail to Bethel Church, P.O. Box 83889, Fairbanks, AK 99708; Attn: Missions Board

Please type or print

Under 18 years old: **Y** **N**

1. Full Name _____ Sex _____
Preferred Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

2. Home Address _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

3. Marital status: _____ Single _____ Engaged _____ Married _____ Other (Explain)

4. Describe your spouse's (if married) or parents' (if under 18) attitude toward your potential involvement in this short-term ministry. _____

5. How do you rate your present health? _____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

Any known health problems? _____ (If so, explain on separate sheet of paper)

List any medications you now use and dosage: _____

List all Allergies to Food: _____

Medication: _____

Describe any special diet you are on: _____

6. **In Case of Emergency - Home contact:**

Name: _____ **Relationship to you:** _____

Home Phone () _____ **Work Phone ()** _____

7. Occupation: _____

8. Where do you work or attend school? _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

9. Level of education completed _____ Major _____

10. What language(s) do you speak other than English? _____

Degree of conversational proficiency: _____ Fluent _____ Moderate _____ Beginner

11. What skills, training, experience, talents or gifts for the work on this trip do you have? _____

12. What previous Christian Service have you done? _____

13. What ministries are you presently involved in? _____

14. Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ and when and how that began.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
15. Why are you applying for this trip and how do you sense God's leading for this missionary service?
- _____
- _____
16. What will be your tasks and responsibilities on this trip? _____
- _____
17. How do you deal with stress? _____
18. How do you relate to authority and to others in general? _____
- _____
19. If this trip includes overseas travel, describe any experience you have in that area. _____
- _____
20. What are your total financial needs for this trip/ministry? _____
 What are your remaining needs? _____
21. How would this ministry help accomplish your life goals for God's calling in your life? _____
- _____
22. References: Please list three people you have asked, have sent the reference form to, and who will serve as your references by completing the form and sending it to the Missions Board. They need to be non-relatives who know you well; one reference must be a pastor or a ministry supervisor; other references could be a work supervisor, roommate, teacher, co-worker, friend, etc.
- Name _____ Home Phone: _____
- Name _____ Home Phone: _____
- Name _____ Home Phone: _____
23. I affirm that the information provided in this application and in any attachments is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If accepted, I will be available to participate fully in 1) team training, preparation, and fund raising activities and 2) the short-term mission activity indicated at the top of the first page of this application as set forth by the team leadership. I am willing to submit to the authority of the short-term ministry team leadership. I will seek to be spiritually prepared for this short-term missions trip and I have read and agree to the "What We Believe (Bethel Church)" Doctrinal statement.
- Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____
24. For Parent/Guardian of any Applicant under 18 years old: MEDICAL RELEASE: In addition to the above, I understand that in case of an emergency on this trip, every effort will be made to contact me the parent/guardian, of the applicant. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the Team Leader, or Co-Leader to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child/dependent as signed above.
- Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Bethel Church STM Guidelines for Teams

Mark 16:15 : And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

This is a guideline for Short Term Mission trips with a duration of 10 days to 30 days with a destination outside of the USA.

Bethel Church STM program goals:

- Promote STM trips that will meet the needs of the target people and effectively utilize the gifts of each team member
- Increase interaction with missionaries
- See individual growth and the church grow in its commitment, understanding, and participation of missions
- STM trips to be strategic, with well-prepared people, who have a commitment to servicing others

Objectives for the Short Term Missionaries on the team:

- Deeper relationship with God, by preparing and serving as a STM
- To experience who God is, and how He works through us to spread the gospel
- Participating in a team training program that unifies the team, and strengthens their walk with the Lord
- Learn to share with others, what God is doing in your life both before, during and after the STM trip
- Offer assistance to full time missionaries, and church workers
- Effectively present the gospel to the target culture
- Observe first hand, missionary life
- Learn some of the target cultures language before you go

Objectives for Mission Board:

- Promote STM opportunities for the people of Bethel Church by providing information, organizing teams
- Provide guidance and encouragement in serving as missionaries
- Aid in financial assistance
- Assist and help to coordinate training
- Prayer support

Criteria for approving STM's:

- All STM must be consistent in spending time with the Lord in prayer and His word
- All STM must agree with the doctrinal statement of Bethel Church as presented in the “What We Believe” (attachment A)
- Show evidence of a relationship with Christ, a Godly lifestyle as determined from the pastoral staff and a heart for missions,

- Must be approved by the Mission Board through an application which includes references, and a personal interview with the Mission Board, and the team leader

Planning:

A trilogy of **Participants**:

2. **Senders** include the church, mission agency (when used), and also individuals who support those who go.
3. **Go-ers** (the Team) view themselves as servants to the host culture and the team's goals.
4. Normally, a destination has **Host Receivers**, either a missionary or a contact in a church at the destination, who is communicated with and consulted through the entire process for sensitive ministry, timing of the trip, and determining logistics.

A trilogy of **Process: Pre-field, On-field, Post-field**

Preparation and Timeline:

Minimum Time line before leaving

Before starting the application process, **Pray and Pray and Pray**, and seek God's direction and wisdom for a STM trip.

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| 6 months | Preliminary trip plan presented to the Mission Board with the following information in the proposal, followed by an interview with the team leader:
Destination?
Host Receivers and contacts?
Goals, Objectives and Expectations?
Trip length and expected Dates?
Team leaders and those responsible?
Proposed team members if known? |
| 5 months | Approval letter from the Mission Board for the trip plans, with consultation from the pastoral staff |
| 5 months | Applications and three References (of people not on the team), that can be contacted |
| 5 months | Liability Release Agreement signed |
| 5 months | Interviews; Any interview should occur within 2 weeks after the notifying the Missions Board that the applicant's completed application and reference forms have been turned into the church office. The Team Leader and at least 2 Missions Board Members will conduct the interviews, and they should have time beforehand to review copies of the completed application and reference forms. |
| 5 months | Approval letter from the Mission Board to the applicants after consultation with the pastoral staff and Team Leader. Approval letter will present guidance to applicants for needed work in strengthening areas of weaknesses and showing strengths, in serving in missions. |

Spiritual Growth/ Expectations:

4 to 1 month

- Spending time in God's Word and prayer on a consistent basis
- Each team member shall demonstrate the ability to share the gospel and give a personal testimony
- Share about the STM trip, during a Church service, Sunday school, cell group, or AWANA

- Gather prayer partners
- Identify God's hand in the individuals STM preparation
- Learning some basic language for the target culture
- Gaining financial support

Reading: As required by the team leader

Training required between 5 and 1 month before leaving:

Date	_____	Biblical basis for the mission
	_____	Project objectives
	_____	Biblical servanthood
	_____	Spiritual preparation, spiritual gifts
	_____	interpersonal team relationships, How do I act/react under stress
	_____	Expectations of the sponsor. What do they expect while I'm there?
	_____	Identify the STM's Goals and Expectations for the STM trip
	_____	Each team members roles and duties
	_____	Cultural sensitivity and appropriate conduct
	_____	Appropriate clothing
	_____	living conditions, and what to expect
	_____	medical facilities available – Assessment of what's available in the event its needed
	_____	Health insurance medical, evacuation
	_____	Other needs
	_____	Other training that is specific to the destination i.e.: puppets, song leading, teaching, 5 day club
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	Any needed special skills that team members needed
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Financing:

Submit plan to mission board 4 months before leaving.
 Develop budget and financial plan to fund the project
 How much is needed for each person? _____
 How will this money be raised? _____
 Fund raising? _____

Logistics:

4 months	Have you applied for a passport? Photos and paperwork
4 months	Medical shots. What do you need? Schedule appointments

- 3 months Malaria medication or preventative measures?
- 3 months Develop Emergency Medical Plan
- 3 months Insurance for travel and medical
- 3 months Make plane reservations?
- 2 months Develop Evacuation Plan
- 2 months Have you applied for a visa? Have passport in hand and fill out visa application

The Trip:

1 month

- Detailed daily schedule
- List of contacts and phone numbers or e-mail address
- Airplane schedules
- Copies of Medical Information
- Copy of Passport to each leader and co-leader

During trip

- Contact with support group at church every couple of days to keep the congregation updated, so they can know what is happening and lift you up in prayer
- Possibly keep diary
- Keep track of the ways you have seen God work.
- Have team time together to pray and discuss.

Re-entry:

2 weeks after returning

Debriefing

within 4 months after returning

Present to Congregation

4 months after returning

Follow-up debriefing

WHAT WE BELIEVE (attachment A)

Bethel Church

I. GOD

There is one God who is the Creator and Ruler of all creation who has eternally existed in three co-eternal, co-equal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each is distinct in person and function, but one in essence.

II. GOD THE FATHER

We believe in God the Father: one in essence with the Son and the Spirit. He is an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in all His attributes. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and sovereign Ruler of all things through His Son Jesus Christ.

III. JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is both the Son of God, equal with the Father, and the virgin-born Son of Man. He led a sinless life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins by dying upon a cross. He rose three days later to demonstrate His power over sin and death and as a declaration that He truly was the Son of God. He ascended to heaven's glory and will return again someday to Earth to establish His earthly kingdom and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is God, equal to the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is present in the world to make us aware of our need for Jesus Christ. He comes to live within those who have placed their trust in Jesus the moment they believe and seals their eternal destiny. He provides the Christian with power for daily living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He also gifts every believer for service within the Church. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

V. THE BIBLE

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, the 66 books of the Protestant Canon, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises.

VI. PEOPLE

People are the supreme object of God's creation created in the image of God. We were created to enjoy fellowship with God and fulfill God's will on earth. By an act of rebellion against the express will of God, the original pair became "infected" by sin, which resulted in all mankind inheriting a fallen nature. This inward inclination toward sin which always leads to acts of rebellion has alienated us from God, resulting in divine condemnation, spiritual death, and physical decay.

VII. SALVATION

Salvation is the gift of God given to those who have placed their trust in Christ. Salvation is a gift because there is nothing we can do to earn it. No religious effort or good work ever qualifies us to receive salvation. Due to our inward inclination and actual acts of rebellion, we are deserving of God's judgment. But God the Father, because of his grace and mercy, sent God the Son to be the sacrifice for our sins by suffering and dying in our place. Those who trust in Christ are declared "not guilty" because their penalty for sin has been paid, and they become children of God.

VIII. THE CHURCH

Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, His body, which is composed of all people who have placed their trust in Christ. We believe that this body expresses itself in local assemblies in which believers are in a covenant relationship. The Scriptures tell us to come together for edification, fellowship, worship, and prayer. The purpose of the Church is to make disciples of all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

IX. THE FUTURE

Jesus will someday return bodily, personally, and visibly to earth to establish his rule and reign, the time known only to the Father. At the end of Christ's 1,000 year reign, all those who have ever existed will be judged. Those who have placed their trust in Christ will spend eternity in the presence of God. Those who have rejected Christ's offer of forgiveness will suffer eternal conscious punishment.

MISSIONS REFERENCE

BETHEL CHURCH

Dear _____, **Name of applicant** _____ has submitted a mission application to Bethel Church. We are requesting your input regarding this applicant's qualifications. Your comments will be kept completely confidential. Please return to: Bethel Church, P.O. Box 83889, Fairbanks, AK 99708; Attn: Missions Board, on or before _____. Thank you for your assistance!

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity? _____
2. How well do you know the applicant? _____ Very well _____ Well _____ Average _____ Not very well
3. What would you say is the applicant's greatest strength? _____
4. What are possible areas that need growth and special attention? _____
5. Which, if any, of the above would hinder the applicant's ability to serve on a short-term missions team?

6. How does the applicant respond to difficult circumstances? _____

7. How would you describe the applicant's spiritual walk? _____

8. Please rate the applicant to the best of your ability in the following categories, using the scale below:
1=Unknown, 2=Inferior, 3=Below Average, 4=Average, 5=Above Average, 6=Superior

Quality	1	2	3	4	5	6	Quality	1	2	3	4	5	6
Compassion/Empathy							Common Sense						
Dependability							Personal Health						
Initiative							Trustworthiness						
Copes with Stress							Consistency of Testimony						
Team Player							Confidence						
Cooperation							Friendliness						
Attitude to Authority							Self-Image						
Spiritual Maturity							Creativity						
Emotional Stability							Social Poise						
Integrity							Public Speaking						
Self-Discipline							Tactfulness						
Problem Solving							Outgoing Personality						
Decision Making							Desire for Christian Growth						
Organizational Ability							Written Communication						
Teachability							Verbal Communication						
Perseverance/Endurance							Ability to Teach Others						

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thanks again! If you wish to add to, or make other comments, please use the back of this form.

Ver. February 10, 2014

LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT

for members of a Short Term Missions Team solely organized by
Bethel Baptist Church, Fairbanks, AK

The undersigned wishes to participate in a short-term mission trip (herein the "Activity") with *Bethel Church, Fairbanks, Alaska* who is providing assistance in arranging this trip.

Bethel Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska and the undersigned agree that the Activity poses risks including the following specific risks: sickness, crime, political instability, governmental opposition to missions activities, as well as similar and dissimilar risks (herein the "Risks").

For and in consideration of *Bethel Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska* assisting the participant in the Activity, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned for himself/herself and his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, distributees, guardians and next of kin (herein the "Releasors"), hereby irrevocably and unconditionally releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue *Bethel Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska* and its affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, members, directors, officers, employees and agents (herein the "Releasees"), for and from all claims of any nature now or hereafter existing whether known or unknown, including but not limited to, all liability to the Releasors, on account of injury to the undersigned or death to the undersigned or injury to the property of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise, while the undersigned is participating in the Activity.

The undersigned is fully aware of the Risks and other hazards inherent in the Activity, and voluntarily assumes the Risks and all other risks of loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by the undersigned while participating in the Activity.

The undersigned also agrees that he/she bears the sole responsibility for any and all medical expenses which he/she incurs while participating in the Activity, whether for injury or illness, and whether required as a result of the undersigned's participation in the Activity or not. The undersigned acknowledges Releasees are under no obligation to, and do not, provide medical insurance for the undersigned.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she bears the sole responsibility for any and all travel expense which he/she incurs in the event his/her team leader or other project leadership finds it necessary to send the participant home prior to the scheduled departure date, whether for health or physical limitations or inappropriate or immoral behavior, and whether required during the undersigned's participation in the Activity or not. The undersigned acknowledges Releasees are under no obligation to, and do not cover travel expenses for the undersigned.

Lastly, the undersigned agrees that he/she assumes responsibility for all loss and damage of his/her personal items during the Activity, and holds Bethel Baptist Church harmless for his/her injury or death, or for any hostage situation he/she is subject to, during the Activity.

The undersigned warrants that he or she has fully read and understands this Liability Release Agreement and voluntarily signs the same, and that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made to the undersigned.

CAUTION: READ BEFORE SIGNING

(Date)

(Please Print Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)

(Date)

(Please Print Name of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)