



## STINT communication guide

*"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard." – Acts 4:20*

PCC believes that communicating well about mission trips is an important part of being involved in these opportunities. Few people will have the opportunities you'll have as an intern, so part of your privilege as a STINT participant is to become a storyteller of how you see God at work around you. Rather than using a support letter and trip blog to simply share information and facts, think about how you can invite people into the story *with* you to witness and be part of the incredible work God is doing to bring people from every tribe, tongue and nation to Himself (Revelation 7:9).

This guide is designed to help you compose your STINT support letter. Please use the headings and the notes below each heading to organize your letter. Each section only needs to be about 100-200 words long.

### **WHY I'M GOING**

*Backstory, past missions experience, why this place, why now*

### **WHAT I'LL BE DOING**

*General job description of projects/ministry areas/people with whom you'll be working (i.e. teaching English to elementary school kids, helping out at the coffee shop, spending time with students, etc.). The more specific you can be the better, but it's fine to keep it general if your responsibilities aren't confirmed at this point. The most important idea to communicate in this section is that you will be supporting the ongoing ministry of the missionaries with whom you are serving.*

### **WHY I'M EXCITED**

*Specific things you're looking forward to, what you hope to learn, how you desire to grow through this experience, how you're excited to learn more about people, culture, cross-cultural communication, etc.*

(Since you'll probably send letters to some people who might not be on the same page spiritually as you, consider adding in a sentence or two about how you're looking forward to the cross-cultural learning aspect of the internship. Most people are supportive of students going to other countries to volunteer or study!)

### **HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED**

*This is where you'll ask people to give financially and pray for you. Basically a brief call-to-action/invitation. The paragraph in quotations below will be incorporated in this section.*

### **FINANCIAL WORDING + GIVING INFO**

*This is the official PCC wording for STINT participants – use as is:*

I'm participating in STINT, a PCC short-term missions program that provides opportunities for young adults to volunteer internationally with long-term workers. I've been asked to raise [dollar amount determined by MMT] for this program. This amount will allow STINT to cover airfare, lodging, food, transportation and various in-country expenses for this and other similar volunteer positions in the future.

Contributions should be made payable to Peninsula Community Chapel and need to be received no later than [date determined by MMT]. All contributions are tax deductible. Please do not use the memo line of the check. The reply envelope with the correct address is enclosed for your convenience. In accordance with IRS regulations your cancelled check is your receipt for any contribution less than \$250. Contributions of \$250 or more will be receipted by the church with a year-end statement for use in preparing your tax return. As required by the IRS, that statement will be postmarked by January 31, 2015. In the event that the STINT program receives more funds than needed for this trip, excess funds will be used for similar mission efforts at the direction of the PCC Missions Ministry Team and elders.

To give online visit [www.pencomchap.com/#/welcome/giving](http://www.pencomchap.com/#/welcome/giving), click **GIVE ONLINE** and enter the amount in the STINT box under **Global Needs**.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Share a list of 3-5 prayer requests. Please be as specific as possible (not just "health" or "safety").*

### **EXTRAS**

- Brief bio of missionaries with whom you'll be working (see [www.pccmissions.com](http://www.pccmissions.com))
- A few facts about the country/region, needs of the church in that area, etc.
- 3-5 photos (at least one of yourself)
- Scripture verse(s) on your heart for this internship, people group, etc.
- Email address
- Facebook page (recommended)
- Blog address (if applicable)