



# **SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP**

## **TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION PACKET**

Thank you for your interest in a Faith Community Bible Church Short-Term Team!

In this application packet you will find:

- General Short-Term Information
- Short Term Team Member Application
- Medical Information Form
- Team Covenant and FCBC Statement of Faith
- Travel and Financial Policies
- Sample Prayer Support Letters

**It is very important that you read each document thoroughly and provide your signature in the areas noted.**

If you have any questions about these documents or the short term mission trip at FCBC, please contact Joshua Owens at 603-783-4045 or [josh.fcbc@gmail.com](mailto:josh.fcbc@gmail.com)

### **Global Gates Sifting Week**

- June 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> – Leave Sunday (June 22<sup>nd</sup> afternoon – can't check in until after 3.00pm); return Saturday (June 28<sup>th</sup> at our convenience)
- Staying at NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministry) in dormitory style housing. Breakfast is provided.

## General Short-Term Information

### **What is a Short-Term Mission with Global Gates?**

For five days, we are asking our volunteers to come and help us search out people of peace, and the only way to find people of peace is to try to share Christ with people. We will prayer-walk, and we will let you have a lot of freedom in how you can engage people (sports, going in shops, door to door with free materials, giving out things in the subway, getting henna for your hands, etc.). We will engage people, learn about them, offer to pray for them, and then seek to share the gospel with them. The goal is to find people that the Holy Spirit has been at work in, share Christ with them, and then ask them if you can meet together again with their family/friends to share more. We hope to form some groups of people studying about Jesus together as a result of our Sifting Weeks.

### **Where are we going?**

To New York City.

### **Why are we involved in this short term mission trip with Global Gates?**

Global Gates desire is to target the unreached people groups of the world that have made their way to NY. Our role in partnering with them is one of “sifting.” Sifting is the process where we engage the unreached people of NY and sift to see if anyone is interested in Jesus Christ. Upon finding a “man/woman of peace,” we use Global Gates network of trained, born-again locals to follow up with that contact for further ministry.

We believe at FCBC, Global Gates strategically engages two of our values in mission. First, Global Gates targets the unreached people groups living in NY. Second, Global Gates has a conviction that we are to make “disciples” by pairing people up with local born-again Christians to see those interested grow in Christ.

### **Who can go on this short term mission trip?**

- A born-again believer who can demonstrate an understanding of the gospel and share their personal conversion story.
- Flexible to serve rather than being served
- Willing to sacrifice personal comforts
- Willing to submit to leadership

### **How can we prepare for this trip?**

**Everyone** who participates in a Sifting Week project **MUST** complete the required pre-trip training modules. These are designed to be covered in 4 meetings, with times to practice what you are learning.

**Our tentative schedule is...**

### **On the Field Tentative Schedule**

Here is a tentative schedule of the week.

**Days 1, 2, & 4**

9:30-11:30 Training  
11:30-3:30 Sifting (prayer walking, meeting people, sharing Christ with them)  
3:30-5:30 Rest  
5:30-9:00 Sifting

**Day 3**

Free Day for sight-seeing or whatever you want to do

**Day 5**

9:30-3:30 Sifting and following up on contacts made  
4:00-5:30 Debrief  
5:30-9:00 Sifting/ saying good-bye to contacts made during the week

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print **FULL LEGAL NAME** legibly in black ink.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### RELATIONSHIP TO FAITH COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Check one and complete the requested information

Member since \_\_\_\_\_ (year) and have attended since \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

Regular attender and active in church since \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

List the Faith Community Bible Church ministries that you have been involved with, both past and present (include length of involvement for each ministry):

**PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

**Describe how you came to trust Christ as your Savior by answering the following questions:**

What was my life like before I asked Jesus to be my Savior and Lord? Young, old, how did I live, for self or wealth or pride?

Describe how you came to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior? Where were you? Who else was there? What was your attitude or feeling as it all took place?

Why did you find it important to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

What impact did your decision have on your life? How has Jesus changed your life?

Describe your current practice of devotions (Bible study and prayer) to continue your relationship with Christ:

Describe how you would explain the gospel to a non-believer (Please use Scripture references):

What do you feel are your spiritual gifts? (i.e. service, giving, teaching, exhortation, etc.)

What work experience or work skills do you have that would help with this mission trip?

**Your expectations greatly influence the success of a short-term missions trip. Please share your personal expectations and/or goals regarding this mission trip by answering the following questions:**

Why are you applying for this missions trip?

What impact are you anticipating that this trip will have on your relationship with God?

How do you think your involvement will strengthen the team? How do you see yourself contributing to the overall team on this missions trip?

Describe the type of relationships you hope to build with the people you will be ministering to:

**Name of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Your relationship to the applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

It is important that you be as candid as possible in your responses. If you need more space, please use a separate piece of paper and write the applicant's name at the top of that sheet. If you would like to discuss an issue that might relate to a particular question, please call Josh Owens. We are **not** looking for perfect people for our missions trip, but we do want to identify negative traits that may be a detriment to our team in a successful ministry situation. Answering any question negatively will not necessarily disqualify the applicant from the trip. It will show us the areas that may need help in preparation for the trip. Please do not answer questions simply "yes" or "no," but give further explanation that you might think might be helpful to us.

**Do you believe the applicant is ready for this trip (spiritually, emotionally, socially)?**

**Does the applicant respond positively to authority figures?**

**Does the applicant live the Christian life at home, work, and school? What evidence do you see?**

**How does the applicant respond when he/she doesn't get his/her way?**

**Does the applicant display servant-like characteristics at home or in your relationship?**

**Does the applicant have personal devotions on a regular basis?**

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Medical Information**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INSURANCE**

\_\_\_\_\_

Insured Name Membership Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Group Number Company Name Company Phone Number

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone

**ALTERNATE**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone

I(we), the parents/guardians of the aforementioned student, do hereby authorize Faith Community Bible Church (FCBC) as agents of the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by and is to be rendered under the general and specific supervision of any physician or licensed surgeon, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at office of said physician or hospital. I further agree to pay all charges for the medical or hospital care or treatment.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis treatment or hospital care being required by is given to provide authority and power on the part of aforesaid agents to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis or treatment deemed advisable. This authorization shall remain effective unless revoked by me.

I, the undersigned, being the parent/guardian of the aforementioned, have read and understand the above. I will keep you updated on any changes on child's release form. This medical release will be kept on file at Faith Community Bible Church to use for any future activities and/or trips.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

## TEAM COVENANT

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We, the members of Faith Community Bible Church Short-Term Missions Team, believing that God has called us together to serve, agree together concerning the following:

### I. Our Vision

We desire to be a team of people characterized by Christ like behavior exhibited through unconditional love; unselfish, joyful service, and unified teamwork. Our ultimate purpose as a team is to spread a passion for the make disciples of all nations for all people through Jesus Christ.

### II. Our Team Objectives

We believe that we can fulfill this vision through the following commitments:

- A. Glorifying God: We join God the Father in magnifying the the supremacy of His glory through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit by treasuring all that God is, loving all whom He loves, praying for all His purposes, meditating on all His Word, sustained by all His grace (Ps. 115:1-3; John 17:3, 17, 23).
- B. Our Teamwork: We commit ourselves to being a group of individuals who unite as one in purpose, striving to accomplish the same goal: to glorify Christ and increasing His Church (1 Cor. 12:12-31).
- C. Communication: We commit ourselves to resolve all inter-team conflicts according to biblical principles. This involves prayer as the first step, personal confrontation as the follow-up step and the counsel of a third party (namely, a leader) as a third and final resort (Matt. 18:15-20). In all issues of conflict, we commit ourselves to maintain a humble spirit of confidentiality, while seeking to affirm one another in love (Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:6).
- D. Forgiveness: We commit ourselves to the recognition of sin as our common enemy so that we each may be sensitive to our human failings and forgive each other (Eph. 6:12; Col. 3:12-13). we recognize that forgiveness is manifested through an understanding, forgetful attitude and the continuation of demonstrated love. In accordance with Hebrews 12:15, we commit ourselves to resolving any bitterness, because we realize that bitterness will drag the whole team down (Matt. 18:21-35).
- E. Spiritual Growth: We commit ourselves to personal worship and fellowship with God through obedience to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and an openness to learn from God's Spirit in all situations. We agree to have the same attitude of the Apostle Paul with the respect of failure (Philippians 3:12-14), and with respect to perseverance (1 Cor. 9:24-27); we will strive to put off the old self (Eph. 4:17-22) and put on the new self (Eph. 4:23-32).

III. Our Team Structure

We believe that the following structure elements will enable us to carry out our team objectives:

- A. Team Meetings: Before, during, and after the trip, our team meetings will be crucial for fulfilling the commitments mentioned above. These team meetings shall include team devotions, team prayer, time for communication of details and plans, and time for individual relational development (Heb. 10:24; Eph. 5:19-20).
- B. Personal Quiet Times: We will attempt to be faithful in our daily times with God because we believe that growing individually is essential to growing as a team (Heb. 10:22).
- C. Ministry Opportunities: we will seek to be a witness of the love of Jesus to the people we encounter throughout our trip.
- D. Work: We recognize that, if our objectives are to be completed, we must all commit ourselves to work to the best of his/her God-given ability every day of the project (1 Cor. 10:31).
- E. Prayer: We commit ourselves to daily prayer, every day up to and including our time on the field, for the individuals on our team, the Henderson Settlement para-church ministry.
- F. Leadership: In situations of team concerns, the team leader will be the guide. We also recognize that working with the team is an opportunity for us all to develop God-given leadership ability, and we commit ourselves to that end though the pursuing of individual growth opportunities that may arise (Eph. 5:21; Heb. 13:17).
- G. Lifestyle: We will strive (God helping us) to be imitators of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1), to walk as He would walk (1 Pet. 2:21), not causing our brother to stumble (1 Cor. 8:9-13), acting in a manner appropriate to the host, doing all for the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a member of a Faith Community Bible Church Short-Term Mission Team commit myself to abide by this covenant to the best of my God-given ability.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

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### Statement of Faith

We believe in God the Heavenly Father, who exists in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Ghost (John 14:16-17 and Matthew 28:19). We believe that all three had part in the Creation (Genesis 1:1-2 and John 1:1-5). We believe Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary, who conceived of the Holy Ghost, and that which was born of her was the Son of God, making Christ both God and man (Matthew 1:18-23).

We believe the Scriptures to be truly inspired of God, inerrant in the original writing, and the supreme and final authority in faith and life (II Peter 1:20-21 and II Timothy 3:16-17).

We believe that all who receive by faith Christ as Savior, are born again of the Holy Spirit, and therefore become the children of God (John 1:12 and Romans 8:9).

We believe in the baptism of believers by immersion (Mark 1:9-11), not unto salvation, but in obedience to and identification with Christ, manifesting a daily walk and growth in the Christian's life (Colossians 2:6-7 and I Peter 1:15-16).

We believe in partaking of the Lord's Supper as a loving memorial of the One who died and gave Himself for us. And as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, do it in remembrance of Him (I Corinthians 11:23-25).

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells the believer, and divides severally to whom He will the gifts of the Spirit, and that the believer is to bear the fruit of the Spirit (I Corinthians 3:16-17, 12:11, and Galatians 5:22-23).

We believe that Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, and risen again in bodily resurrection, ascended into Heaven, and is our High Priest and Advocate (I Corinthians 15:3-4 and Hebrews 4:14-16).

We believe in the bodily return of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:1-11 and I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

We believe in the resurrection of the saved to eternal life, and the unsaved to eternal punishment (Acts 24:15, Revelation 20:15, and Romans 6:23).

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a member of a Faith Community Bible Church Short-Term Mission Team agree to refrain from promoting, practicing in private or public, any doctrine, teaching, or gift that is contrary to the beliefs, standards, and practices of Faith Community Bible Church.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TRAVEL AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

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## DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Please include your deposit in the amount of \$60.00 with this application form no later than **March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Make check payable to Faith Community Bible Church.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

After the \$60.00 deposit is paid by each individual, the following payment plan will apply:  
50% of the balance due 60 days before the team leaves (**April 22, 2014**)  
100% of the balance due 22 days before the team leaves. (**June 1st 2014**)

**PLEASE HAND ALL CHECKS/MONEY TO WENDY HEATH OR JOSH OWENS**

## PRICE BREAKDOWN

	Total Cost	Number of People	Per Person Cost
Project Fee	\$100		\$100
Subway Pass	\$30-unlimited weekly		\$30
Lodging	\$210 = (\$35-per day)		\$210
Food	\$150 = (\$25-per day)		\$150
Food on Road	\$25		\$25
	\$110 per car		
Gas NH-NY	(536 miles plus tolls)		\$25 (with 5 per van)
Extras	\$50		\$50
Totals:			\$565
FCBC Fundraisers			
Totals:			

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST?

Personal Meals separate from the planned team extras

## HOW CRITICAL ARE THE FINANCIAL DEADLINES?

The deadlines are vital. The deadlines are determined based on a major payment for transportation, housing, and mission trip deposits. Therefore, every effort must be made to make payments on time.

**WHAT IF MORE MONEY COMES IN FOR ME THAN WHAT I NEED?**

Throughout this ministry you will function as part of a team. Your effectiveness is determined not just from an individual standpoint, but also a team. Also, each person's ability to raise funds varies depending on who they know, how many people they know, their ability to communicate effectively, etc. Therefore, since the goal is to fund the entire team, any monies given beyond what you will need will go to support other team members who are struggling with their funds.

**WHAT IF LESS MONEY COMES IN FOR ME?**

Our guideline is for you to have at least 50% of your support one month before departure. If this does not occur, please discuss this with mission project leaders, and you will be given the option of paying the difference or postponing your involvement.

**IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO PAY YOUR OWN WAY IF YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS?**

Every aspect of our short term mission trip is designed to encourage team members in their relationship with God and to give them practical experience in what it is like to be a missionary. This includes even how the project is funded! Even if team member(s) can afford to pay for the entire trip themselves, they should cover no more than 50% of their own support need and should send out prayer letters to raise the remaining 50%. If the other 50% needed does not come in by 1 month prior to departure, participants are welcome to pay the outstanding balance out of personal finances. However, we want to emphasize that one of the critical goals of these projects is to involve as many people as possible in missions and to help you understand what it is like to be a missionary. If you pay your own way, it eliminates 20-40 people from being involved in missions, and you have not experienced the pleasure and pain of humbly trusting God to provide beyond your ability to provide for yourself.

**WHAT IS THE PROPER WAY TO EXPLAIN TO PEOPLE HOW TO GIVE MONEY TO THE MISSION TRIP?**

The check can be made out to Faith Community Bible Church. Your name should NOT be noted on the check. In order to designate the money to you for the mission trip please ask the person to write "teen mission trip" in the note and have your name on the envelope in which the check is mailed.

## WRITING A PRAYER AND SUPPORT LETTER

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These are extremely important and effective means of informing family members and friends about your upcoming ministry. We have found that 99% of the time, that if prayer letters are sent out on schedule and at least 50 copies are mailed, all the funds will come in. Here are some guidelines for writing your letter:

- 1. Reach Out.** Please reach out to people outside of Faith Community Bible Church for your support. There will be fundraising for the mission trip that will ask members of FCBC to support the entire trip.
- 2. Be Personal.** Your friends are interested in YOU! In your opening paragraph, share briefly how you were led to participate in this ministry. Even though this will probably be a typed and copied letter, try to make it sound like you. Be friendly and personal.
- 3. Be brief, but informative.** In your second paragraph, include major details about the kind of ministry you will have. Explain what you will be doing as specifically as possible.

### **Work Camp Missions Trip Projects**

Couple 48, 42, daughter 16 and 8 years old

- Witnessing through open air campaigning with chalk-board messages
- Witnessing through repairing by building an addition for this family on their mobile home.
- Witnessing through building rafters on mobile home.

- 4. Present your need.** Most people will want to know what you will be doing and will help in whatever way they can. Many of your friends and relatives will not be able to personally participate in a short-term mission trip, so they will be excited to help support you. But they can't help if they don't know your needs.
  - share your need for prayer support.
  - Share your need for financial assistance. Explain that this is part of your experience as a short-term missionary, to trust God for your needs. Give the estimated total you will need. Explain that this amount will be used to cover your transportation, living expenses, and mission project for your trip.

**5. Be creative.** Use your imagination in writing and designing this letter. Art, pictures, quotes, borders, colored paper, creative writing, clip art, etc., all help make your letter more creative. Your letter should be neat, attractive, and printed clearly.

### **5. Possible wording for financial support:**

“Another way you can be involved is to help provide that financial support. Would you consider supporting me with a small donation? I have included a self-addressed envelope for you to use if you feel led to contribute. I will need to raise all my funds by (May 4th) in order to pay for the mission trip. Please make checks payable to Faith Community Bible Church and note “teen mission trip” on check as well. Whether you feel led to contribute financially, through prayer, or both, all of your support is appreciated.” Check out their website at [www.hendersonsettlement.org](http://www.hendersonsettlement.org)

- 6. Be on TIME! Have all letters mailed out by April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Self addressed letter:

ATTN: Teen Mission Trip

Your Name

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