



## **2018 Global Missions Trip Province of Matanzas, Cuba**

### **OVERVIEW:**

Savanna Church believes that starting and growing churches is the most effective means of reaching people for Christ all around the world. Because of this belief we must look beyond ourselves and support other servant leaders to the work of starting and continuing the growth of churches. We believe we must give generously to this work through partnering with church leaders around the world by giving of our time, knowledge, resources, people, and money.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this trip is to deepen the relationship between Savanna Church and the Church body in Cuba. This is done by building relationships with, investing in, and learning from one another.

The November mission team will have the opportunity to attend multiple church services across the Province of Matanzas and surrounding areas. Relationships will be built through worshipping together, sharing faith stories, and engaging in preaching and teaching. The team will also partner specifically with Pastor Yuniel Marrero and House of Judah Church in order to brainstorm resources and techniques for developing better systems of financial stability.

In addition, the team will also assist congregations and new church plants in facilitating places of worship by aiding in the conversion of houses into more appropriate worship spaces.

### **BASIC INFORMATION:**

Date: November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Location: Province of Matanzas, Cuba  
Cost: \$1125 (Covers Travel, Lodging, Food, and Insurance)  
Leader(s): Joe Jackson (email: [savannachurch2013@gmail.com](mailto:savannachurch2013@gmail.com))  
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## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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| March 18, 2018     | Informational Meeting: 1:00pm-1:30pm; After the service in the meeting room at the Florida District office across the street   |
| May 09, 2018       | Application Deadline + \$100 Deposit   |
| May 12, 2018       | Team Members Selected and Notified; Begin to gather prayer and financial support. Checks should be payable to "Savanna Church" (memo: Cuba Trip). Please include your name with the check, cash, or money order. |
| May 25, 2018       | Deadline to Order Passport   |
| May 27, 2018       | TEAM TRAINING #1: 1:00pm-2:00pm at Savanna Church. Light lunch provided.   |
| May 27, 2018       | First Installment Due (\$100)  |
| June 24, 2018      | TEAM TRAINING #2: 1:00pm-2:00pm at Savanna Church. Light lunch provided.   |
| June 24, 2018      | Second Installment Due (\$200)   |
| June 24, 2018      | Turn in \$25 for Visa Application  |
| July 15, 2018      | Visa Application Due   |
| July 29, 2018      | TEAM TRAINING #3: 1:00pm-2:00pm at Savanna Church. Light lunch provided.   |
| July 29, 2018      | Third Installment Due (\$300)  |
| August 26, 2018    | TEAM TRAINING #4: 1:00pm-2:00pm at Savanna Church. Light lunch provided.   |
| September 23, 2018 | TEAM TRAINING #5: 1:00pm-2:00pm at Savanna Church. Light lunch provided.   |
| October 28, 2018   | TEAM TRAINING #6: 1:00pm-2:00pm at Savanna Church. Light lunch provided.   |
| November 1, 2018   | Travel to Miami to Leave the Next Day  |

\*\*Fundraiser Dates TBA

# Travel Information

Taken from the CDC Website (Please visit <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/cuba> for more information about safe travel in Cuba)

## Zika virus is a risk in Cuba.

- Pregnant women should not travel to Cuba because Zika infection during pregnancy can cause serious birth defects.
- Partners of pregnant women and couples planning pregnancy should know [possible risks to pregnancy and take preventive steps](#). Before travel, those planning pregnancy should talk to their doctor or other healthcare provider.
- All travelers should follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during *and* after their trip. Travelers should also use condoms during *and* after their trip to prevent sexual transmission of Zika. This will protect against getting Zika while traveling and stop its spread to others back home.
- See [Zika Travel Notice for Cuba](#).



## Vaccines and Medicines

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Check the vaccines and medicines list and visit your doctor (ideally, 4-6 weeks) before your trip to get vaccines or medicines you may need.

Find Out Why

Protect Yourself

### All travelers

You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Some vaccines may also be required for travel.

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| <a href="#">Routine vaccines</a> | Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. |  |
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### Most travelers

Get travel vaccines and medicines because there is a risk of these diseases in the country you are visiting.

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| <a href="#">Typhoid</a>     | You can get typhoid through contaminated food or water in Cuba. CDC recommends this vaccine for most travelers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater. |  |
| <a href="#">Hepatitis A</a> | CDC recommends this vaccine because you can get hepatitis A through contaminated food or water in Cuba, regardless of where you are eating or staying.   |  |

## Fundraising Tips

1. Pray and ask the Lord to help provide the resources needed.
2. Make a list of all potential supporters and begin to contact them in order of priority. Ways that you may contact them include (in order of effectiveness):
  - a. Face to Face Conversation
  - b. Phone Conversation
  - c. Letter or Email
3. When you receive money, keep a personal record of the following:
  - a. Donor's Name/Address
  - b. Amount Received
  - c. Type: Cash or Check
  - d. Remaining Amount Needed
4. After you have received support funding and have made a record of the above information, turn the funds into Savanna Church either by mailing it in to the church or dropping it off at the church. When turning in funding, please include the following information in a note inside the envelope:
  - a. FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) on the Cuba Mission Team
  - b. Please also include the information from 3a-3d listed above, if applicable
5. Funding details:
  - a. If you raise more than the total individual support needed, any additional funding will go toward helping other team members in their goal. After that, it will go into the contingency fund for the trip.
  - b. All donations are non-refundable, even if you are later not able to participate on the trip, so make sure that all donations are final before turning them in. Team leaders reserve the right to dismiss any team member from the team upon their discretion without refund.
6. Payment Information:
  - a. Make checks payable to: Savanna Church (memo: Cuba Trip)
  - b. Cash: include a note in the envelope that gives the information above in 4a.

## Sample Support Letter

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am a part of a church that believes in the importance of making disciples of all nations and lending support to fellow servant-leaders who are also doing the same. We are currently building relationships with various churches in Cuba that are fervently living out the call to be disciple-makers.

If God provides the resources, I am planning to be a part of a team that will go to Cuba for a week in November. During this trip, we will have the opportunity to attend multiple church services across the Province of Matanzas and surrounding areas. Relationships will be built through worshiping together, sharing faith stories, and engaging in preaching and teaching. We will also be partnering with one particular church in order to brainstorm resources and techniques for building better financial stability so that they can eventually buy their own church building. We are also going to be helping house churches in converting their homes to be more appropriate places of worship.

I'm really excited about this trip because \_\_\_\_\_  
and I believe that God will do \_\_\_\_\_.

In order to go, each team member needs to gather prayer partners and raise \$1,125.

Would you consider helping me a part of this team?

If you'd like to, here is how to do it:

1. Email, call, or write me to let me know that you'll be one of my prayer partners. Then just pray for me and the rest of the team as God brings it to mind.
2. Invest money into this mission trip by making a check payable to "Savanna Church" (memo: Cuba Trip). Mail checks directly to *(your address here)*.

Remember: because of you, we can help bring life transformation to others!

Thank you and God bless you and your entire families as you partake in His mission.

Sincerely,  
(Name, address, email, phone here)

**\*\*\*NOTE: Consider including a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the letter recommended.**

**\*\*\*Send "thank you" cards to those who donate or commit to prayer.**



## International Short-Term Mission Team Application

**Destination of Trip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Trip:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information

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

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

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

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Gender (circle one):    Male    Female

### Passport Information

Name (*\*exactly as it appears on your passport*):

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Passport Number / Expiration Date:

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### Health

Please list any current medical problems that you have: \_\_\_\_\_

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What prescription medications (if any) are you currently on? \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain any limiting physical conditions (back problems, poor eyesight, etc.) that could affect your ability to serve on this team: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mission Trip Information

Have you ever traveled abroad or participated in any other mission trips? If yes, please briefly describe when, where, and what you did: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to participate in this mission trip? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your expectations for this trip? \_\_\_\_\_

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What skills, abilities, and expertise can you bring to this team? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Consent**

I hereby understand that I am responsible for paying all expenses by the deadlines set by the team leader(s). Donations are non-refundable; Savanna Church has complete discretion over all donated funds. I acknowledge that I may or may not be selected to participate on this team based on my application form. If I am not selected, my \$100 deposit will be refunded in full. I am in adequate physical and mental condition for this trip and agree to bring all of my prescribed medications with me on this trip. I understand that I am responsible for having an updated passport and that I am also responsible for having my up-to-date vaccinations for my destination country. I will ensure that I have met those requirements before leaving for the destination country. During this trip, I will conduct myself in a manner that is consistent with Christian character and that I will follow the guidance and authority of my team leaders.

I recognize that the conditions in some of the places to which I will travel are not of the same standard as the conditions to which I am accustomed. I realize that there are certain health risks, as well as other risks, which could affect me personally or to my property, and I enter into participation in this trip and agree to the participation with knowledge of those risks. I will not hold Savanna Church and any of their departments, segments, officers, agents, and employees responsible for any accident, injury, or illness resulting from my visit to the field nor for the loss of or damage to personal property while on this assignment, and will indemnify and hold harmless Savanna Church from and against any and all liability occasioned by my service.

I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older.

**Print Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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