



Short-Term Missions Application

Please answer the following questions to help the River of Life Short-Term Missions Team evaluate and determine your participation in a mission trip. Prompt submission of your application is requested by the deadline date – all applications not received by that date will not qualify. Complete all sections to the best of your ability.

Please return your completed application to:

River of Life
 525 S. Boulevard
 Idaho Falls, ID 83401
office@riveroflifef.org

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION	
Trip for which you are applying:	
Date(s) of Intended Trip:	
Individual Participant Cost, if any:	

PERSONAL INFORMATION					
Name <i>(as it appears on passport):</i>					
Street Address				Unit #	
City		State		Zip	
Phone		E-mail Address			
Date of Birth		Citizenship			
Occupation					
The following is required if this trip is to another country:					
Passport#:		Expiration Date:			
If you are not a U.S. citizen, will the host country grant you a visa?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

- ***Please mark as appropriate:***

I am: a member of River of Life
 a regular attendee of River of Life. For _____ (month/years).
 a new attendee of River of Life
 a member/attendee of another church:

Name of church _____

Pastor: _____ Phone No. _____

- ***With what ministries at River of Life have you been involved?*** Please provide ministry contact person's name and info. (Or, if you are not involved with River of Life or an affiliate, please describe your present involvement with your home church.) The missions team will be following up with these contacts so please let your ministry leaders know ahead of time.

- ***Why do you want to be part of this particular mission trip?***

- ***Have you ever served as a missionary, either short-term or long-term?*** Yes No
If "yes", please describe your involvement.

- **Briefly explain your relationship with Jesus Christ and your spiritual journey.**

SKILLS & TALENTS

- **How might your skills, talents, training or gifts be useful on this particular trip?**

- **What are your expectations regarding this trip?**

- **Other than English, with what other languages are you familiar, and to what extent?**

COMMITMENT & FUNDING

- **A mission trip requires a major commitment. In addition to the trip itself, the team meets for training and preparation prior to the trip. After the trip, all projects require a debriefing meeting.**
 - Are you willing to commit to the necessary time requirements for this trip? Yes No
 - What possible time conflicts might you have during the preparation and debriefing periods?

 - Do you understand that flexibility is a must?

- **Relationship building is a challenging part of team experience. Please note that failure to comply respectfully with the Team Leader/Point Person or Mission Coordinator could result in you being removed from the team.**
 - Are you willing to respect & submit to the team? Yes No

 - In light of Matthew 18:15-18, when you are misunderstood or wronged, please describe how you respond.

- ***Do you have any health, medical, or dietary restrictions?*** Yes No
If yes, please explain.

- ***Is there anything else we should know that would potentially inhibit your attendance on a short-term mission trip?***

- ***If this trip has an individual participant cost you may need to raise all or part of your own support. Are you committed to this process, and also willing to trust God's direction through the results?*** Yes No
- ***Various cultures hold different attitudes toward certain behaviors. Do you pledge, for the sake of Christ's church worldwide, to follow the guidance of national Christian leaders (this guidance will be provided by the Team Leader/Point Person or Mission Coordinator) in matters such as appropriate attire, touching between the sexes, dancing, use of alcohol and tobacco, etc.?*** Yes No
- ***If there is anything else you would like to communicate regarding your application, please do so here:***

Please understand that by signing these documents you will be submitting to a code of conduct (separate document to be signed and turned in with this application) that befits a Christian representing River of Life and that behavior that is not respectful to the team leader and to authority or to team members will result in termination of your participation of this and future mission trips. The Missions team may request an interview.

Signature:

Date:

Medical Form

TRAVELER'S INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of Emergency Contact:

Relationship:

Address:

City/State/Zip

Emergency Phone Number or Cell:

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Health Conditions or Illnesses (diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, etc.):

Food allergies:

Allergies to medications:

1. Are you currently ill or undergoing medical treatment (including medications)? Yes No
If yes, explain.

2. Do you have any allergies (foods, medications, hay fever, etc.)? Yes No
If yes, explain.

3. Do you have any daily mandatory medical needs (including medications)? Yes No
If yes, explain.

4. Are you physically handicapped?
If yes, explain.

Yes No

5. Do you have any problems not already mentioned that might hinder your participation in this missions trip?
If yes, explain.

Yes No

6. Do you have any special dietary needs/requirements?
If yes, explain.

Yes No

7. What is your blood type?

8. Date of last tetanus shot?

9. Describe your current health insurance coverage. (Please provide a copy of your insurance card and driver's license.)

Our Statement of Faith

Please read and sign if you agree with our Statement of Faith:

There is one God,⁽¹⁾ who is infinitely perfect,⁽²⁾ existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.⁽³⁾

Jesus Christ is the true God and the true man.⁽⁴⁾ He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.⁽⁵⁾ He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust,⁽⁶⁾ as a substitutionary sacrifice,⁽⁷⁾ and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.⁽⁸⁾ He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures.⁽⁹⁾ He is now at the right hand of Majesty on high as our great High Priest.⁽¹⁰⁾ He will come again to establish His kingdom, righteousness and peace.⁽¹¹⁾

The Holy Spirit is a divine person,⁽¹²⁾ sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer,⁽¹³⁾ and convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.⁽¹⁴⁾

The *Old and New Testaments*, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.⁽¹⁵⁾

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God:⁽¹⁶⁾ he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature,⁽¹⁷⁾ are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.⁽¹⁸⁾ The portion of the unrepentant and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment;⁽¹⁹⁾ and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss.⁽²⁰⁾

Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.⁽²¹⁾

It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly,⁽²²⁾ being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service.⁽²³⁾ This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.⁽²⁴⁾

Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body.⁽²⁵⁾ Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are privileges for the Church in this present age.⁽²⁶⁾

The Church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the Church,⁽²⁷⁾ which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.⁽²⁸⁾ The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel, and observance of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.⁽²⁹⁾

There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life;⁽³⁰⁾ for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.⁽³¹⁾

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent⁽³²⁾ and will be personal, visible, and premillennial.⁽³³⁾ This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.⁽³⁴⁾

[1] Deuteronomy 6:4, [2] Matthew 5:48, [3] Matthew 28:19, [4] Philippians 2:6–11, [5] Luke 1:34–38, [6] 1 Peter 3:18, [7] Hebrews 2:9, [8] Romans 5:9, [9] Acts 2:23–24, [10] Hebrews 8:1, [11] Matthew 26:64, [12] John 14:15–18, [13] John 16:13; Acts 1:8, [14] John 16:7–11, [15] 2 Peter 1:20–21; 2 Timothy 3:15–16, [16] Genesis 1:27, [17] Romans 3:23, [18] 1 Corinthians 15:20–23, [19] Revelation 21:8, [20] Revelation 21:1–4, [21] Titus 3:4–7, [22] 1 Thessalonians 5:23, [23] Acts 1:8, [24] Romans 6:1–14, [25] Matthew 8:16–17, [26] James 5:13–16, [27] Ephesians 1:22–23, [28] Matthew 28:19–20, [29] Acts 2:41–47, [30] 1 Corinthians 15:20–23, [31] John 5:28–29, [32] Hebrews 10:37, [33] Luke 21:27, [34] Titus 2:11–14

Signature:

Date:

Background Check for Short-Term Missions Participants

Due to the fallen nature of the world in which we live, and our responsibility to evaluate each participant to the best of our ability, we ask that all potential participants working with minors sign the following. This is required by our insurance and needed in order to provide the maximum protection and safeguards for all involved.

Anyone who has a criminal background in child sexual abuse or has admitted guilt to child sexual abuse (including crimes committed against teenagers) will not be allowed to participate in any River of Life short-term mission trip involving minors, regardless of when the offense occurred. By signing this form you are stating that you do not have a criminal background in child sexual abuse or have not admitted guilt to child sexual abuse, including teenagers. We will also run a background check through an outside vendor.

Personal Data

(please print)

Date: _____

Full Legal Name: _____

If you have ever used other names, please provide complete names and date in use:

Name: _____ Date used: From _____ To _____

Name: _____ Date used: From _____ To _____

Name: _____ Date used: From _____ To _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Marital Status: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Present Address: _____
(street address) (city) (zip code)

Ministry Data

Please list the churches you have attended and the ministries (e.g., children's church, Jr. High youth worker, etc.) in which you have participated within the last five years.

Church Name: _____

Address: _____
(street address) (city) (zip code)

Ministry: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____
(street address) (city) (zip code)

Ministry: _____

Personal References

Please list at least two personal references. Please do not list relatives and list at least one person that is not affiliated with River of Life.

Name: _____

Address: _____
(street address) (city) (zip code)

Phone: (____) _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
(street address) (city) (zip code)

Phone: (____) _____ Relationship: _____

I hereby authorize River of Life to make inquiries concerning my background in connection with evaluating the information I have provided on this form, including conducting a check for any criminal records. I hereby authorize all persons associated with me, including churches, employers, law enforcement agencies, licensing and social service agencies to release any information contained in their files or records concerning me to River of Life and its representatives.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name _____
(please print)

Short-Term Missions: Release and Waiver of Liability

I, the undersigned, will be participating in a short-term mission trip to _____
(hereafter the "mission trip") on or about _____, 20____ to _____, 20_____.

I recognize that there are risks involved in participating in the mission trip and hereby assume all risk of injury, harm, damage, or death in connection with my participation in it. I understand and agree that neither **River of Life** nor its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives may be held liable in any way for any injury, harm, damage, or death that may occur to me as a result of my participation in this mission trip and hereby release **River of Life**, its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from any injury, harm, damage or death, which may occur while I am participating in the mission trip. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to save and hold harmless **River of Life**, its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from any claim by myself, my estate, heirs, successors, assigns or other persons arising out of my participation in the mission trip.

I authorize **River of Life** through its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives to render or obtain such emergency medical care or treatment for me as may be necessary should any injury, harm or accident occur to me while participating in the mission trip.

I understand and acknowledge that **River of Life** does not provide health or medical insurance in connection with the mission trip and I agree that I will be financially responsible for any bills incurred as a result of medical treatment, including emergency medical treatment and/or transportation to a medical facility, in connection with my participation in the mission trip.

Participant:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Witness: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian (if under 18):

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Witness: _____ Date _____