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Short-Term Missions Trip Application

Application Guidelines:

1. To begin the process, please contact our Short-Term Missions Trip Coordinator (name and e-mail address available at 408-269-4782) to discuss your possible future trip.
2. Hillside Church encourages short-term cross cultural experiences and will allocate a portion of its annual budget to facilitate this. Hillside members or their children, not yet members, are urged to apply for financial support at least two months prior to their short term trip so that the GO team has ample time to pray and respond to their request. Accepted applicants of Hillside sponsored teams will be required to submit a non-refundable deposit of \$100 (which will be counted toward team expenses). Applicants of NON-Hillside sponsored teams will not be required to submit a deposit.
3. For applicants of Hillside sponsored teams, the GO team may allocate up to 50% of one-time costs. For applicants of NON-Hillside sponsored team, the GO team may allocate up to 33% of one-time costs. Amounts allocated will be based upon available budgeted resources.
4. Exceptions to the above policy may be made for Hillside paid staff and for applicants who are applying for extended (more than 3 months long) short-term ministry experiences.

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Basic Requirements:

The short-term mission worker needs to:

1. Have a saving faith whereby they are enabled to believe in the salvation of their souls via the work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.
2. Maintain an active and obvious commitment to Jesus Christ.
3. Be active at Hillside at least one year prior to the date of departure.
4. Be at least 16 years of age and/or meet other age requirements.
5. Possess the ability and desire to share Christ with others.
6. Demonstrate maturity and proven dependability, which is seen by peers and church leaders in his/her area of ministry.
7. Participate in required training by Hillside Church and/or mission agency.
8. Receive parental approval (for candidates under 18 years of age).
9. If applicable, receive approval from sponsoring agency.
10. Attend all trip meetings. Absences must be cleared with the Trip Team Leader.
11. If you will be serving through a mission agency, it is your responsibility to communicate personally with them to find out the proper procedures required of you.

Support Guidelines:

1. Typically, if a candidate is a part of a Hillside Church sponsored mission team, the Hillside Global Outreach Team may cover up to 50% of the mission trip budget. If a candidate is being sent via a separate mission agency, the Hillside Global Outreach Team may cover up to 33% of the mission trip. Candidates are encouraged to sacrificially pay what they can and obtain the balance of the budget by requesting support from friends and family.
2. All letters for support must be approved by the Global Outreach Team. Please schedule time well in advance to review the letter.
3. In general, solicitation for support is to be sought from friends and family members of the candidate. Candidates **may not** make requests to the general Hillside Church membership, nor solicit Hillside Church functions such as Sunday schools classes, Bible studies, and so forth. Candidates should solicit funds solely from individuals with whom relationships have been established.

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Instructions:

1. Please type or print clearly. Use one application per person. For essay questions, please write answers on separate sheet and attach to application if necessary.
2. Return this form to the Short-Term Missions Trip Coordinator at least four months before planned departure date.

Personal Information:

Last Name First Name Middle Name Date of Application

Street Address City State Zip Yes No
Have Passport? Number and Expiration Date

Phone Number (home) Alternate Phone Number E-mail

Occupation If student, which school do you attend and what is your year and / major? Citizenship

Birthdate: _____ Gender: Male Female _____
Languages spoken other than English

Marital History: Single Engaged Married Separated Divorced Widowed Remarried

Parent(s) name(s) if under 18 Parent signature of approval for this trip (if under 18)

Date of your conversion: _____ Are you a member of Hillside Church? Yes No

If yes, how long? _____ If no, what is the name of your home church? _____

What is your practice in personal prayer, Bible study, accountability, etc?

Have you ever been personally discipled? Yes No If yes, please explain the circumstance.

What spiritual gifts do you feel God has given you for building the Body of Christ?

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Explain your experience working in ministry with groups or teams, if any:

Briefly explain your personal testimony and key ministry experience/fruit:

Details of your Mission:

Dates of Trip: _____ Mission Location(s): _____

Name of Mission Agency: _____

Is Mission Sponsor US based? Yes No If foreign based, Name of Affiliate: _____

Mission Agency Address: _____

Mission Agency Contact Name: _____ Phone # _____

Team Leader's Name: _____ Phone # _____

Team Leader's E-mail: _____

What are the goals and key activities of this Short-Term Mission?

Why do you wish to participate, and what is your specific role(s)?

Finances related to the Mission:

If the mission agency is US-based:

Do the funds raised go directly to Mission Agency? Yes No

Are expenses reported back to Agency? Yes No

If the mission agency is foreign-based:

Do the funds raised go directly to US Mission Affiliate? Yes No

Are expenses reported back to Agency? Yes No

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Budget:

What is your total mission trip budget? _____

Explain what this budget includes: _____

Of your total budget, how much are you requesting from Hillside? _____

How will you fund the balance? _____

If there are extra funds that are collected, would you prefer they go to future Hillside trips or to the Mission Agency? _____

Briefly explain how your Mission Agency requires you to process your funding?

Cross-Cultural Experience:

Countries in which you have visited or resided

Dates

Purpose

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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Describe briefly any cross-cultural experiences you have had in North America: _____

Future Application:

Are you willing to write an article about your experience or be interviewed before our congregation? Yes No

If not, please explain: _____

What are your future plans and/or desires regarding missions?

Health:

How is your health? (Please check) Poor Fair Good Excellent

List any treatments or medications you are currently receiving: _____

Describe any physical/emotional disabilities or limitations: _____

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Is there anything else we should know about you or your mission trip? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Commitment:

- Are you willing to accept the culture of the host country in which you and your team will serve, and refrain from criticism (in word, deed, or by implication) of national custom and practice? Yes No
- Are you willing to work under the direction of the team leader, host missionaries and national pastors, and to accept and perform any and all assignments cheerfully? Yes No
- Are you willing to joyfully affirm and embrace the standards of the national Christians, even if they are more strict, or are different from your own? Yes No

References:

List the names and phones numbers of two leaders at Hillside who can recommend you.

Reference #1: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Reference #2: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

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EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM

Hillside Church Short-Term Teams and their appointed team leaders have my permission to authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary for me or my child by the aforementioned and the attending physician, including administration of medication, anesthesia, emergency surgery, or hospitalization. I agree to assume complete financial responsibility for all medical bills incurred by me or my child.

I agree to assume total financial responsibility to travel home immediately if it is necessary for medical or any other emergency reasons.

Signature of Team Member *(or parent/guardian if under 18)*

Date

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MEDICAL FORM

YOUR NAME: _____

I. PHYSICIAN'S INFORMATION:

Please give the name, address and contact information for your doctor and/or medical group. This information is only for an emergency situation where we would want to contact your personal doctor if deemed necessary or useful by medical personnel.

Physician's Name

Street

City

State

Zip

(_____) _____
Telephone Number

(_____) _____
Alternate Telephone Number

Date of last check-up or office visit

Any known allergies: _____

Are you currently taking any medications? _____

Any known medical conditions: _____

Completed Vaccinations:

I have health insurance that will cover me while outside the US? Yes No

Name of Company: _____ Group or ID#: _____

II. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name

Name

Address

Address

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

Home Phone

Work Phone

Home Phone

Work Phone

Relationship to Applicant

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I give my permission for my team leader or team medic to be given a copy of this form for overseas emergency use only.

Signed _____ Date _____

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Any short-term missions program that is supported by Hillside Church is committed to upholding the Evangelical Free Church doctrine and furthering the purposes of the mission. Therefore, every applicant is required to be in agreement with the following statements. Please read the following carefully and sign at the bottom if in agreement. If there is any area that you have difficulty agreeing with, please indicate on the reverse of this form.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following twelve items constitute the statement of faith of this church.

God

1. We believe in one god, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having a limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Bible

2. We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, 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.

The Human Condition

3. We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

Jesus Christ

4. We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus – Israel's promised Messiah – was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

The Work of Christ

5. We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

The Holy Spirit

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

The Church

7. We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head. The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers. The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism

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and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

Christian Living

8. We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to love out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Christ's Return

9. We believe in the personal, bodily and pre-millennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Response and Eternal Destiny

10. We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

STATEMENT OF MISSION PURPOSE

ReachGlobal is the international mission of the Evangelical Free Church of America and exists to glorify God by multiplying healthy churches among all people. ReachGlobal's daily ministry focus is to develop, empower and release healthy national leaders to reach their own people.

I have read the above STATEMENTS OF FAITH AND PURPOSE and am in agreement with both.

Signature

Date