



Short-Term Mission Trip Application

Mission Trip/Project _____ Trip Date _____

Personal Information:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____ Marital Status _____

Occupation _____

1. Please Mark as Appropriate:

- I am a: _____ member of Parkway Baptist Church
- _____ regular attendee of Parkway Baptist Church for _____ months / years (circle)
- _____ new attendee of Parkway Baptist Church
- _____ member of another church _____ (list name of church)

2. Are you a member of a Sunday School or Small Group that meets regularly? _____yes _____no
If "yes", for how long? _____

If "no", what are the reasons?

3. With what ministries at Parkway Baptist have you been involved? Please provide a ministry contact person's name and info. If you are a member of another church, please describe your involvement there along with your ministry leaders' information. The missions team will be following up with these contacts so please let your ministry leaders know ahead of time.

4. Why do you want to take part in this particular mission trip

5. Please list any mission experience last few years.

Mission Trip (State or Country)	Dates	Ministry or Project
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6. If you are not a U.S. citizen, will the host country grant you a visa? Yes No
7. How might your skills, talents, training or gifts be useful on this particular project
8. What are your expectations regarding this project?

9. What language(s) do you speak fluently? _____

With what other languages are you familiar, and to what extent? _____

10. A mission trip requires a major time commitment. In addition to the trip itself, each team meets for training prior to leaving. This training could be up to two hours per week for at least 8 weeks prior to the trip. Meetings will be scheduled to accommodate the needs of the group. Typically, the informational meetings are held on Sunday afternoons immediately following the second service. These are necessary as information for the trip is obtained, including travel arrangements, itineraries, or other logistical issues. Additional meetings may be scheduled specifically for team fellowship and to engage in prayer in anticipation of ministry. Duration and frequency will vary in relation to the needs of each particular trip and its participants. The purpose is fellowship and growth together in grace, as well as education on the context of the trip within the host country. 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?

11. Relationship building is a challenging part of team experience. Please note that failure to comply respectfully with the Team Leader or Missions Team could result in termination.

- Please briefly describe how you intend to respond when conflict and tension occurs between participants on the trip.

12. Are you currently under counseling care? Yes No (An indicated "yes" will be discussed at the interview in a discrete manner.)

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

14. You will need to raise your own support for this project. We can provide information and ideas so you are equipped to raise your support. Are you committed to this process, and also willing to trust God's direction through the results? Yes No

How do you plan to pay for the trip?

___ I plan to pay my own way

___ I plan to raise my financial support

___ I need more information on raising financial support

Are you prepared to cover the balance if you cannot raise enough support to cover the cost of the trip?

Yes Not Sure Need to talk to Team Leader

If you raise more than the trip cost, excess funds will be distributed to other team members or materials for the trip.

If you commit to go on the trip and are unable to raise the remaining support, will you be able to pay for it with your own funds? Yes No

15. 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 in matters such as appropriate attire, touching between the sexes, dancing, use of alcohol and tobacco, etc.? Yes No
If you answered no, please briefly explain:

16. Please write a brief testimony describing how you became a Christian and your spiritual journey since. (You can include your testimony in a separate document.)

17. If there is anything else you would like to communicate regarding your application, please do so here:

18. How would you describe your present health? ___Excellent ___Good ___Average

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

- Please list any allergies you have (medication, food, etc.).

- Please state any major illness(es) you have had in the last few years we might need to be aware of.

- Do you have any problems or physical limitations that might hinder your participation in this trip? If so, please explain.

- Do you have any special dietary needs/requirements? Yes No. If so, please explain.

- Name of health insurance, name insurer and group #, and provide a copy of your card (US trips only)

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home # _____ Cell# _____

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Home # _____ Cell# _____

International Trip Information:

Passport Name _____ Passport # _____
(Exactly on passport)

Issue Date _____ Expiration Date _____

Are you willing to receive all vaccinations required for this trip? ___ Yes ___ No

Confirmation of Missions Calling

Parkway's church leadership and the Missions Committee seek to help you clarify whether or not this is the proper time for you to participate in a Short-Term Mission Project.

To help you clarify some important considerations, below are some points that we require for all missions participants. Please discuss any questions or concerns with the project's team leader or someone on the Missions Committee before making your final decision.

Please understand that church leadership may recommend that you cancel your mission trip if a problem arises in regards to the expectations noted below.

Providing Proper Documentation

- Missions application and referral forms submitted in a timely fashion by the deadline indicated.
- Active passport within one's possession. Your passport must be valid for *at least* six months after the date of travel and have at least one full blank page.
- Visa (if applicable).

Conduct: A Willing Attitude & Teachable Spirit

- To submit to the leadership of the trip (Missions Team, Team Leader(s), Team Member(s)).
- To respect, and cooperate with others.
- To serve others.
- To be culturally sensitive and follow the guidance of National Christian leaders with regards to dress and actions.
- To only miss preparation sessions when absolutely necessary.
- To be an active participant during team preparedness meetings and prayer meetings.

Raising Support

- 100% of a person's financial support must be raised prior to departure. As each trip incurs different deadlines, the speed at which funds must be raised differs. Team Leaders will convey this information as quickly as it is made available to ensure adequate time to raise support.

Cancellations

- Should you choose not to go on the trip for reasons deemed inappropriate, you are still fully responsible for all non-refundable costs incurred. Examples of non-refundable items include, but are not limited to airline tickets, hotel reservations, and other travel arrangements. The team leader and Missions Committee will make every effort to absorb those costs where possible and utilize resources so that you incur the minimum financial obligation.
- The church leadership, trip leader(s), and Missions Committee have the final say in who participates on trips. Someone might be asked to not participate on a trip even after completing the training due to personal issues that the leaders feel would hinder a trip. Note that if a determination such as this were made, it is done for the purpose of team cohesion, safety, and spiritual formation and well-being. If this were to occur, the participant would not be held financially liable.

If chosen for the Short-Term Mission team, I agree to abide by the expectations listed above.

Please understand that by signing these documents you are submitting to a code of conduct that befits a Christian representing Christ and Parkway Baptist Church. If your behavior is not respectful to other team members or team leadership, it will result in termination of your participation in this and future mission trips.

Signature

Date

Statement of Beliefs Affirmation

In an effort to protect the integrity of the ministry done by our short term mission teams, we ask each team member to affirm our basic Statement of Beliefs. The paragraphs below are taken from the Baptist Faith & Message 2000 and the format matches what is used by our Deacons when considering new deacons and Administrative Team nominees.

Please read the following paragraphs and indicate your agreement, disagreement, or qualifications in the spaces provided. (A qualification refers to any points of clarification related to an "Agree" response or any points of explanation related to a "Disagree" response.)

Scripture

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

Agree _____ Disagree _____
Qualification _____

God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Agree _____ Disagree _____
Qualification

Man

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Agree _____ Disagree _____
Qualification

Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

- Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.
- Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.
- Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.
- Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.
- Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

Agree _____ Disagree _____
Qualification

The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

Agree _____ Disagree _____
Qualification

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the Church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Agree _____ Disagree _____
Qualification

Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Agree _____ Disagree _____
Qualification

Waiver and Release of Liability

Medical Release:

I _____ hereby give Parkway Baptist Church or a representative permission to authorize whatever medical treatment may be necessary for me while on a mission trip with Parkway Baptist Church. If such treatment is recommended by a competent physician or surgeon and is performed by qualified medical personnel, I will not hold anyone connected with Parkway Baptist Church, its leaders or other members responsible in case of injury, sickness, treatment or death.

Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian

Date

Release of Liability:

In signing this form, _____, agree not to hold Parkway Baptist Church, its leaders, or other members liable for any injury, loss, damage, or accident that I might encounter while on one of their mission trips.

I realize and acknowledge that my participation on a mission trip in US or foreign country includes many risks which may expose me to accidents, disease, injury from construction projects, war, political unrest and other calamities.

I hereby assume any such risks that might result from my travel and I agree not to hold Parkway Baptist Church, its leaders or other members any blame for liability concerning my personal health and well being, or any liability for my personal property that might be lost, damaged, or stolen while on a mission trip.

I have carefully read this release of liability and I understand that my signature holds Parkway Baptist Church, its leaders and other members harmless for any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in schedule.

Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian

Date

Witness

Date

Permission to Obtain a Background Check

*(This form authorizes the church to obtain background information and must be completed by the applicant.
The church must keep this completed form on file for at least five years after requesting a background check.)*

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 needed in order to provide the maximum protection and safeguards for all involved. It is not used in order to discriminate, limit, or necessarily disqualify or exclude individuals from service.

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 Parkway Baptist Church short-term missions 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.

In the interest of safety and security I, the undersigned applicant (also known as "consumer"), authorize **Parkway Baptist Church** to procure background information (also known as a "consumer report and/or investigative consumer report") about me, prior to, and at any time during, my service to the organization. This report may include my driving history, including any traffic citations; a social security number verification; present and former addresses; criminal and civil history/records; and the state sex offender records.

I understand that I am entitled to a complete copy of any background information report of which I am the subject upon my request to **Parkway Baptist Church** if such is made within a reasonable time from the date it was produced. I also understand that I may receive a written summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Name (printed):

Name (signature):

Date:

Trip Destination and Dates:

Please return completed application to:
Parkway Baptist Church
2580 Springfield Road
Bardstown, KY 40004