



# Mission Application



**North Hills**  
Community Church

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Short-Term Missions Application**

Your answers to the following questions will help the North Hills Short-Term Missions Committee 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: Allan Sherer, North Hills Community Church, 4952

Trip for which you are applying:

Today's Date:

Name (as it appears on passport):

Parent's Name if you are under 18:

Address:

Telephone :(Home):

(Work):

(Cell)

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Citizenship:

Marital Status:

Passport Number:

Passport Expiration Date:

1. Please mark as appropriate:

I am:  a member of North Hills Community

a regular attendee of North Hills Community for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years (circle)

a new attendee of: North Hills Community

a member of another church by the name of \_\_\_\_\_

non-member

other

2. Are you a member of a North Hills Shepherding Group? Yes No

If "yes," for how long? Please provide leader's name and contact information.

If "no," what are the reasons?

3. With what ministries at North Hills have you been involved? Please provide ministry contact person's name and info. (Or, if you are not involved with NHCC, please describe your present involvement with your home church.)

4. Why do you want to be part of this particular mission trip?
5. Have you ever served as a missionary, either short-term or long-term? Yes No  
If “yes,” please describe your involvement.
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’s trip requires a major time commitment.** In addition to the trip itself, the team meets for training. This training could be up to two hours per week for 8 weeks prior to the trip. After the trip, all projects require a debriefing meeting and the completion of an evaluation form.
- 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 /Point Person or Missions Director could result in termination.**
- Are you willing to respect & submit to the team Yes No
  - When you are misunderstood or wronged, please describe how you respond.
12. Do you have any health, medical, or dietary restrictions? Yes No  
If yes, please explain.
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 (see the note below). Are you committed to this process, and also willing to trust God's direction through the results? Yes No

*Please work through your personal budget to plan how you can save as much of your needed support as possible. We believe that as you work hard to save all you can, God will also bless you with friends and family who will want to partner with you financially as you go to spread the gospel. We do not permit the NHCC Church Directory or any other church list to solicit funds on a wide scale basis. We ask that you only contact people who know you well and whom you believe would possibly be interested in contributing toward your trip.*

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

16. Please write a brief testimony describing how you became a Christian and your spiritual journey since.

**You don't need to be a perfect person to be a blessing to others on a mission trip. People who are living a double life or hiding behind a shell of hypocrisy will hinder the fruitfulness of the team.**

17. Are you seeking to grow in your relationship with the Lord through prayer and interaction with the Word? Yes No

18. Are you struggling with or in bondage to any sin issues that would keep you from being effective in ministering to others at this time? (i.e. lying, pornography, bitterness, etc.) Please explain.

19. Have you ever been accused or convicted of child physical abuse or child sexual misconduct? Yes No

20. Please attach two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes. One must be from your Shepherding Group leader and should include how long he has known you, how long you have been a part of his Shepherding Group, why he thinks you would be a good fit with this short-term missions opportunity, and any other information he would like to share. The other should be from a non-family member who knows you well and/or has observed you in ministry.

Please understand that by signing these documents you will be submitting to a code of conduct that befits a Christian representing Christ and North Hills Community Church 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.

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

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

## Confirmation of Mission Calling

North Hills' mission committee seeks 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, we have listed some points that we require for all mission participants. Please discuss any questions or concerns with your Team Leader or someone on the missions committee before making your final decision.

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

### Providing Proper Documentation

- STM application and referral forms 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 Director, Team leader(s)).
- To respect, and cooperate with others.
- To serve others.
- To be culturally sensitive with regards to dress and actions.
- To abstain from alcohol or tobacco if requested by host missionary .
- To miss only one training session for a reasonable excuse.

### Raising Support

- 90% of a person's financial support must be raised 10 business days prior to departure. 100% of a person's financial support must be raised within 10 business days of the conclusion of the trip. Like similar fund raising opportunities with various churches, mission organizations and non-profits, if this amount is not raised, the participant will be required to pay the difference using their personal money. You will be required to sign a financial support agreement at the second training session.

### Cancellations

- Should you choose not to go on the trip, you are still fully responsible for all non-refundable costs incurred. Examples of non-refundable items include, but are not limited to airline tickets.<sup>1</sup>
- The mission coordinator, 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. 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.*

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> A medical note from a licensed physician or the death of an immediate family member are the only reasons someone can legitimately not attend a trip and not be held financially liable for non-refundable expenses that have already been incurred. See the missions director, Allan Sherer, for any additional explanation that may be needed.

## Medical Form

### In Case of Emergency Please Notify:

Name:

Relationship:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone or Cell:

Work Phone:

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? Yes No  
If yes, explain:
5. Do you have any problems not already mentioned that might hinder your participation in this mission trip? Yes No  
If yes, explain:
6. Do you have any special dietary needs/requirements? Yes No  
If yes, explain:
7. What is your blood type?
8. Date of last tetanus shot:

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## Statement of Faith

*We believe:*

We believe that the Godhead exists eternally in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and that these three are one God (Matt. 28:19).

We believe that the Father sent His Son into the world to be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), to live a sinless life (Heb. 4:15), to perform mighty signs (Acts 2:22), and to be crucified and rise bodily from the grave on the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-4). We believe that He ascended to the Father's right hand to be the Head of the church and to intercede for all believers (Eph. 1:20-23) and that He is coming again to this earth, personally and bodily, to set up His millennial kingdom (Rev. 20:1-4).

We believe that man is born into sin (Rom. 5:12) and that his only hope of salvation is through the redemption provided by Jesus Christ. Man must receive this gift by grace alone, apart from good works, believing on the finished work of Christ on the cross (Eph. 2:8-9). We know the believer is eternally secure (Rom. 8:38-39) and that his faith will be evidenced by his works (James 2:14).

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person (John 14:16) Who indwells – baptizes and seals – all believers at the time of salvation, and fills them as they yield to His desires (Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 5:18; Rom. 8:16-17).

We believe that the church is an organism – a local group of baptized believers (Acts 2:41, 47; Eph. 4:11-13) with a diversity of gifts, yet singleness of purpose – seeking the following:

1. To glorify God through personal and public worship (Rom. 15:6)
2. To edify believers through service, fellowship and teaching (Eph 4:12)
3. To evangelize the world through organized and spontaneous witness (Matt. 28)

To keep our lives pure (Eph. 5:26-27; James 1:27b) through personal examination (1 Cor. 11:28-31) and public accountability (1 Cor. 5:6,7,13)

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

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

**North Hills Community Church**  
**Short-Term Mission Trip**  
**Liability Form**

In signing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree not to hold North Hills Community Church, its officers, employees, or other agents liable for injury, loss, damage, or accident arising out of the church's negligence or that negligence of its officers, employees or other agents that I might encounter while on one of its mission trips to \_\_\_\_\_(Location of Trip) from \_\_\_\_\_(date) to \_\_\_\_\_(date).

I realize and acknowledge that my participation on a mission trip to a foreign country includes many risks and possible dangers. I am well aware that my travel to a foreign country exposes me to such risks as accidents, disease, war, political unrest, injury from construction projects, and other calamities.

I hereby assume risks that might result from my travel to a foreign country, and I agree to hold North Hills Community Church, its officers, employees, or other agents blameless for liability concerning my personal health and well-being arising out of North Hills Community Church's negligence, and liability for my personal property that might be lost, damaged, or stolen while on a mission trip arising out of North Hills Community Church's negligence.

I have carefully read the foregoing and I understand that my signature herein holds North Hills Community Church, its officers, employees, or other agents harmless for liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity in schedule arising out of the church's negligence or the negligence of its officers, employees, or other agent.

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

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