

# Westerville Christian Church

## Missions Application Packet

This Missions Application Packet is designed to gather information needed for the Missions Ministry to consider any church member's desire to be a Missionary sent by the Church. Please read the *Westerville Christian Church - Mission Ministry Screening Process* document before starting on the Missions Application.

### Guidelines

- Participants must adhere to rules outlined in the Team Covenant. This Covenant is printed on the reverse side of this page. Please read it before applying.
- Your application will be reviewed by a committee, and a personal interview is required. Within one month of the interview, you will be notified by the Missions Ministry if you are approved as a Missionary, and what financial assistance you will receive, if any.
- Short-term mission trips can be rewarding and life-changing; however, they can also be stressful. Please consider factors in your personal life at this time that may distract and/or prohibit you from fully committing to the mission of the trip and adapting to unusual conditions.
- Once accepted, you are expected to attend all Team Meetings organized by the Trip Sponsor.
- Each Missionary is expected to attend the training session(s) required by either the Trip Sponsor or the Missions Ministry.
- All trip costs are the Missionary's responsibility, and will have to be submitted to the Trip Sponsor in advance of the trip (typically, one to two months in advance). You may not begin to raise financial support until you are notified of acceptance and informed of proper fund raising procedures.
- If you are unable to participate in your trip, the Missions Ministry and Trip Sponsor must be notified at least 60 days before the scheduled departure date, otherwise you will be responsible for all trip costs. Monies put towards mission trips are contributions, and the Internal Revenue Service prohibits the refund of contributions.
- If you have physical limitations, please apply for a trip in which you are physically able to participate. Some trips may be prohibitive for certain physical conditions.
- Team members will be given information regarding passports and vaccination requirements from the Department of Health. Passport and vaccination costs are not included in the trip costs and are the responsibility of the Missionary.
- For trips sponsored by Westerville Christian Church, additional information regarding the price and dates for the trip will be available from the Trip Sponsor and Missions Ministry. Team Meetings will review in-depth information to prepare you for the mission.
- The Missions Ministry accepts the responsibility for screening of candidates. The Trip Sponsor will be designated to oversee specific needs for successful completion of the trip.

## Team Covenant

As a member of this team, I agree to:

1. Remember that I am representing Westerville Christian Church, and, more importantly, Jesus Christ. I will model Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
2. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my hosts. I will remember the missionary's prayer, "Where you lead me, I will follow; what they feed me, I will swallow."
3. Remember that we have come to learn, as well as to teach. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I'll be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
4. Respect the host's view of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
5. Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
6. Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions.
7. Refrain from gossip.
8. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative and supportive.
9. Attend all team meetings before the trip, as well as any follow-up meetings.
10. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my boyfriend/girlfriend or spouse is on the team we will make every effort to interact with all members of the team. If I am attracted to a teammate, I will not attempt to pursue a relationship until after we return home.
11. Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest in a national or teammate.
12. I am not involved with illegal drugs and will abstain from consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco while on this trip.
13. Observe and practice the Statement of Faith included in this packet.
14. Refrain from the teaching or practice of any belief that would not be endorsed by Westerville Christian Church (e.g., speaking in tongues, infant baptism, etc.).
15. Remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this Covenant, or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team.

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

# Missions Application Form

## Trip Information:

Trip Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trip Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trip Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trip Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

*The information on this form will  
be kept confidential, and is for use  
only by the Westerville Christian  
Church Missions Ministry  
and the Trip Sponsor.*

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## Personal Data

Full legal name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Pager: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:        \_\_\_ Male                      Family Status: \_\_\_ Single   \_\_\_ Married  
                  \_\_\_ Female                      \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Widowed

Ages of children (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizenship/Immigration Status in US: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a criminal record? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (If yes, please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

If under the age of 21:

Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Their address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Their home and work phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Involvement at Westerville Christian Church

Do you regularly attend WCC Worship Services? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No    How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of WCC?                      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No    How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Use the following area to describe your involvement in the ministries of WCC, including

- (a) which ministries you worked with, (b) what capacities you served in, and
  - (c) how long you served in each area
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Which Youth or Adult Bible Fellowship classes or Small Groups do you regularly attend?

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If you have been at WCC for less than 2 years, where did you worship and serve before coming here? In what capacities did you serve there? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Education**

What is your educational background? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Occupation**

Please describe your employment over the past five years, including the company name(s), the name(s) and work phone number(s) of your immediate supervisor(s)/manager(s), and any pertinent information regarding work experience related to missions.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Is there any reason why we could/should not contact any of the companies/supervisors/managers you listed?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Language Fluency** (Other than English - Conversation: Fluent, Fair, Poor)

Language	Number of Years	Fluency

**Personality Profile, Spiritual Gifts, Talents, etc.**

1. Have you had a Personality Profile done (e.g., Myers-Briggs, Four Temperaments, etc.)? If so, please share the information you learned about your personality.

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2. Have you had a Spiritual Gifts Profile done? If so, please share the information you learned about your Spiritual Gifts. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What other experiences, training, talents or abilities do you have that could contribute to this Experience (e.g., musical abilities, hobbies, seminars)? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Character References

Letters of reference will be considered confidential, and will not be shared with anyone other than the Missions Ministry or the Trip Sponsor.

1. You will need to list at least 3 references (we have given you space for 4 references). If we can't contact them, your application could be delayed.
2. Please have at least one letter of reference sent to the Missions Ministry, at the church's address. This letter should arrive no later than the 7th day of the month in which your application will be considered.
3. \* If you are under the age of 21, you will need to submit a letter of reference from at least one parent/guardian, *in addition* to the references listed here.
4. References listed here should be friends, employers, co-workers, etc. *No more than one reference from relatives, please.*

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Name	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
	_____	_____
City,State,Zip	_____	_____
Phone	(    ) _____	(    ) _____
Email	_____	_____
Relationship	_____	_____

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Name	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
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City,State,Zip	_____	_____
Phone	(    ) _____	(    ) _____
Email	_____	_____
Relationship	_____	_____

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## Emergency Contact Information

	<i>Nearest Relative</i>	<i>Other person, not living with you</i>
Name	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
	_____	_____
City,State,Zip	_____	_____
Home Phone	(    ) _____	(    ) _____
Work Phone	(    ) _____	(    ) _____
Email	_____	_____
Cell/Pager	(    ) _____	(    ) _____
Relationship:	_____	_____

## Medical Information

1. Do you have any physical limitations that would hinder your ability to participate in vigorous activities? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Do you have any medical problems? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have any known allergies to any medication or food? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe your present physical fitness (i.e., for walking, manual labor, heavy lifting): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

# Mission Experience

Outline the mission trips you have taken. Include how long you were on each trip, where you went, and what impact each trip had on your life. Use a separate piece of paper, if you wish.

Trip Information	Your Experiences Lessons You Learned
Location	
Sponsor	
Dates	
Location	
Sponsor	
Dates	
Location	
Sponsor	
Dates	

## **My Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ, and My Mission Goals**

You are welcome to write these up on separate sheets of paper.

1. When did you become a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How did you decide to apply for this Experience? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why would you like to participate in this Experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What would make this Mission Experience a success for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What could make the Experience a failure for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Relationship of this Experience to WCC Mission Statement.

1. What is the WCC Mission Statement? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How does this Experience relate to the WCC Mission Statement? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How does your involvement in the Experience relate to the WCC Mission Statement? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Arrangements

1. What is the total planned cost of this Mission Experience? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How much financial assistance would you like from WCC? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What other sources of financial support do you anticipate? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How much of your own money are you planning to use? \_\_\_\_\_

## Candidate Agreement

I understand and agree to the following:

- Everything I have put in this application is correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge.
- Acceptance of your application by the Missions Ministry does not guarantee acceptance by the Trip Sponsor.
- I have read the Team Covenant, and I will adhere to it.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_