



# BILTMORE MISSIONS

## Short-Term Trips | FAQ's

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### Why do we take short-term mission trips?

God is at work around the world and we want to send the people of Biltmore Church out to be a part of what He is doing. We take mission trips each year to **encourage our partners, engage in the work they're doing,** and **disciple our people to have a heart for the nations.** Whether through praying, giving, or going, we can all play a part in seeing the Gospel taken to the nations.

### How do I go on a mission trip?

After looking at the upcoming trips, the first step is to fill out the trip application. Once you complete it, a Missions staff member will review your application and reach out to you with your next steps.

### How will I pay for my trip?

Support Raising! More than just paying for your trip, we believe **support-raising is a discipleship opportunity** first and foremost. Even if you can pay for the trip yourself, we ask that team members raise individual funds by writing letters to friends and family, sharing the goal of the trip and the financial requirements to make the trip happen.

This isn't just a way for God to show you He will provide, it also invites others into your journey, stirring their hearts for the work God is doing here nationally and around the world. Once

approved, you'll have access to our Support-Raising Guide and will be coached by your trip leader through the support raising process.

### **How is the cost of a mission trip decided?**

The cost of a mission trip is determined by a combination of factors including the destination, length of stay, type of project, airfare (if necessary), accommodations, visas, meals, and any additional costs associated with a specific trip. The Missions team works with each field partner and a travel agency to help price trips.

### **What does my support-raising cover?**

Airfare (If Necessary), Lodging, Visas (requirements may vary based on trip location), Transportation & In-Country/State travel, Field Partner Blessing, Travel insurance, Translators (if necessary), Meals, a free day activity (planned with the team) and Background check (If 18 or older).

### **What does my support-raising not cover?**

Passport, Vaccines & Prescriptions (requirements vary based on trip location), personal spending money for gifts, souvenirs or snacks, clothing, gear, or suitcases.

### **Do I have to be a member to go on a trip?**

You do not have to be a member of Bltmore Church to go on a short-term mission trip with us but should be a regular attender.

### **What experience do I need to go on a trip?**

To go on a mission trip, all you need is a willing heart and servant's posture. While previous trip experience is helpful, it's not required. Based on the type of ministry a team engages in, you'll receive training to help prepare you.

### **What if I don't see a trip that works with my schedule this year?**

If you don't see a trip that works for you this year, please note that mission trips are planned and promoted on a bi-annual basis (January - Fall trips are released. August- spring trips are released). Keep checking the upcoming trips page for future options.

## **How will I prepare for my mission trip?**

Once you're approved to go on a mission trip, you'll meet three times with your team for team building, ministry training, and to go over travel logistics. The team leader and Missions staff will walk alongside you to help you prepare.

## **What is the minimum age for a short-term trip?**

You must be 18 years or older to go on an adult mission trip. For students, trips are planned through the Student ministry and are typically planned during the summer months. Please see a Student Pastor for more information on student trips.

## **What will I be doing on my trip?**

Based on the trip you go on, you could be working alongside a missionary, church planter, or mission partner doing prayer-walking, kids ministry, street evangelism, teaching/training believers with discipleship tools, building houses & churches, flyering, serving meals, helping with outreach events, or something in between. While we work hard to plan our trips with excellence, sometimes plans change. When we're on a trip, we're there to serve our partners and serve with them.

## **How can I donate to a trip participant?**

If you want to financially support someone going on a mission trip, you can do so by going to <https://biltmorechurch.com/upcoming-trips> and click on the 'Donate to a Participant' tab under each trip.