

Salem Heights Church Short-Term Missions Application

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2020 Trips

Ukiah - June 20-27, 2020

- Tier 1 / Families

Halfway - June 27-July 4, 2020

- Tier 1 / Families

Arizona - June 20-27, 2020

- Tier 2 / High School and older

Latvia - June 23-July 8, 2020

- Tier 2 / 17 and older

Philippines - June 30-July 11, 2020

- Tier 3 / 18 and older

India - November 2020

- Tier 3 / 18 and older

We are so thankful for your desire to serve on a short-term mission trip this year! We believe that short-term missions offer great spiritual growth opportunities for every team member. As a result, each trip requires a great amount of faithfulness, unity, endurance, and teamwork. The purpose of this application is to learn more about you and your motivation to serve on a short-term missions team. We want to make sure those who participate are qualified and prepared for ministry opportunities we experience. Thank you for taking the time to fill out and submit this

Tenets of Short Term Missions at Salem Heights

- Short term missions is the capstone of the personal discipleship process.
- The goal of short term missions is a spiritual transformation in an individual and/or family that leads them to participate in evangelism and discipleship when they return home.
- Our short term mission trips are committed to the work of evangelism and discipleship.
- Each short term mission trip is done in partnership with a local indigenous church to ensure continued evangelism in that part of the world when we

Mission Trip Tiers

TIER 1

These are introductory trips designed to expose the participant to missions work, working on a team, getting outside your comfort zone, and provide opportunities for evangelism and service. They usually take place within Oregon.

*Past trips: The Cause Student Mission Trip, Family Mission Trip, Agape Youth Camp

TIER 2

These trips are often difficult due to the amount of travel, in country accommodations, cultural, language and geographical difference. Many include traveling outside of Oregon or possibly outside the United States. International trips require a U.S. passport and possible travel immunizations.

*Past trips: Arizona, Mexico, Guatemala, Latvia, Haiti

TIER 3

These are the most difficult trips. They are in locations that are resistant or hostile towards the Gospel. They can also be difficult due to the amount of travel, in country accommodations, cultural, language and geographical differences. They often require a level of physical and spiritual fitness. International trips require a U.S. passport and possible travel immunizations.

*Past trips: India, East Asia

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Mission Trip Application – 2020

Preferred Application Deadline: March 1st

Name _____ Phone # _____

Family Members Participating (Names and Ages) _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Which trip(s) are you applying for? _____

Requirements for serving as an individual or family:

1. Personal faith in Jesus Christ
2. Demonstration of personal growth through time in the Word and participation in SHC worship services
3. Completion of the Fundamentals of the Faith class (Adults)
4. Attendance of training meetings and completion of family homework assignments

*Commitment to serving in a ministry at SHC prior and/or after a mission trip

*If you have elementary age children or younger, successful participation in a mission trip with SHC is encouraged before participating in an international trip with SHC. (This requirement can be further discussed with your trip leader as you consider your options.)

Please answer the following questions (Please use additional paper when needed):

Describe how and when you became saved.

Describe your personal walk with Christ as it is right now, including any trials, victories, and struggles that you are experiencing.

In what capacity are you currently serving at SHC? How have you grown as a result of serving in this way?

Have you participated in a SHC mission trip in the past? List trip, year and describe your experience.

Have you participated in any other type of missions or other camps in the past? List activity, year and describe your experience.

Please provide two references from someone you are in a discipleship situation with or an accountability partner. What would they say are your greatest weaknesses or blind spots in the Christian life? What strengths or gifts might they identify?

1)

2)

Have you received any counseling from Salem Heights Church Biblical counseling team, Salem Heights pastoral staff, licensed counselors and mental health professionals in the past year?
(Please answer “yes” or “no”)

If yes, please provide the name of your counselor:

Why do you desire to sacrifice part of your year to humbly serve children and families? What goals might you have for yourself or your family on this trip?

What aspect or part of a mission trip such as this makes you the most anxious?

When you are tired, uncomfortable, irritated, scared, homesick, flustered, angry, upset, overwhelmed, and/or impatient, how do you tend to respond?

Missions 201

All short-term mission participants are expected to attend the Missions 201 meeting each year. The meeting date for 2020 is February 5, 2020.

Do you plan to attend Missions 201? (Circle One)

YES NO

If not, please explain what would prevent you from attending and discuss this with your trip leader.

Children Participation

What goals might you have for them on this trip?

Have they participated in any type of mission trip in the past?

Financial Acknowledgement - Please read the following statements and sign below acknowledging your understanding of the financial expectations for those participating on a short-term mission trip:

- **Designated Fundraising Account:** Each participant will have a designated fundraising account set up through the church and is encouraged to deposit funds as soon as they are received.
- **Deposit:** Participants will pay a deposit upon their selection to a mission trip team. That deposit will be applied to their total trip cost.
- **Payments:** Trip costs may be broken into payments. Participants are expected to make trip payments on time and in full.
- **Airfare:** Participants must have 100% of the airfare ticket cost in their designated fundraising account at the time airfare is purchased for the team to secure their ticket. NOTE: These funds are often non-refundable once tickets are purchased.
- **Final Payments:** Participants must be fully funded before they depart on a mission trip. "Fully funded" means that the funds have been received and deposited into their designated fundraising account prior to their departure date.
- **Withdrawal from Team:** Participants may withdraw from participation on a mission trip at any point but may be subject to the loss of funds raised and deposited for the trip to prevent increased cost to the remaining team members. Any funds remaining at the conclusion of the trip will be deposited into the general mission fund.
- **Fundraising Overages:** In the event that a team member raises more funds than the cost of the trip, those funds will be used by the trip leader for incidentals and emergencies during the trip. Any funds remaining at the conclusion of the trip will be deposited into the general mission fund.
- **General Mission Funds:** General mission funds are a combination of monies donated to the mission program at Salem Heights or funds raised for a trip but not spent. These funds are used to support future mission trips and the missionaries we support.

Name _____ Date _____

General Acknowledgements: Please read the following statements and sign below acknowledging your agreement:

- I understand that my application does not guarantee that I will be selected for a trip.
- I understand that by desiring to be a participant on this trip I am inviting accountability and evaluation by trip leaders and the pastors of Salem Heights Church.
- I understand that our main purpose for going on a mission trip is to serve Christ through the proclamation of the Gospel and serving others.

Name _____ Date _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. Please return it to the church office or email it to Amanda Acker at amandaa@salemheightschurch.org