

Short-Term Trips Statement Regarding the Coronavirus

While The Bridge Church strives to meet the needs of our missions partners and goes to great lengths to avoid trip cancellations, we also take the safety of our short-term trip members very seriously. Our aim is to be both servant-hearted towards those we serve on the field, while also being wise in avoiding unnecessary risks.

The senior leadership team of The Bridge Church has been in prayer and conversation throughout this week with our mobilization team, other churches, and mission organizations related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and related to short-term, international trips. We have also been following the CDC and their coverage of the virus and the impacts happening internationally. We recognize that all international countries are not currently impacted by COVID-19, but travel through international airports brings significant risks. Currently, the CDC is working hard to gain control of this virus, and they are asking travelers to avoid travel if possible.

At this moment, we are indefinitely suspending and rescheduling all short-term mission trips that are not “urgent” in nature. Examples of urgent short-term trips would be trips that are providing critical medical care, providing critical supplies, or providing critical kinds of work for the international ministry on the ground that require the physical hands and feet of the team on that specific travel date without the ability to postpone. We fully intend to reschedule the planned trips, and we understand this is disappointing to those who were planning to be involved in these trips. We truly are disappointed with you.

Additionally, this decision was made with prayer, counsel, and much consideration. Please know that the senior leadership team is not making this decision from a position of fear but a position of wisdom. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to to our Mobilization Team.

Sincerely,
The Senior Leadership Team of The Bridge Church