

Short Term Missions

FBC Enid utilizes short term mission trips as a means for the body of believers to engage in missions for a brief period of time.

Purpose of Short-Term Mission Trips

1. To lead people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
2. To grow disciples
3. To build up the church and local missionaries/workers/pastors
4. To assist FBC Enid in being obedient to the Great Commission
5. To provide humanitarian aid in appropriate settings

Requirements for Mission Team Participants

1. Faithful follower of Jesus Christ
2. Active member of FBC Enid or a church similar to the faith and beliefs of FBC Enid
(Statement of faith available at: @FBCEnid.com)
3. Great Commission minded
4. Willing to share the Gospel
5. Able to attend most team meetings and/or training sessions prior to departure, unless the team member lives out of town. In that case, he/she should communicate regularly with the team leader via e-mail and/or phone and be able to fulfill any requirements that are deemed necessary by the team leader.
6. Able to financially absorb the entire cost of the mission trip prior to departure. In the event there is an unpaid balance on a participant's account prior to departure, the team member will not be able to accompany the team on the trip. Each trip has a schedule for payments to help participants reach the total on time. It is important to meet the payments schedule. For further information, please see the 4.4 Financial Support for Volunteer Missionaries.
7. Team member must be 16 and over, unless otherwise indicated by the Team Leader. Team members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on the trip, unless it is a mission trip designated for students entering 6-12th grades. Parental or guardian permission is required for team members who are under 19 years of age.

Required Documentation

1. Application for Short-Term missions
2. Personal testimony form
3. Criminal Background Check (Background checks are completed annually and the cost is absorbed by the team participant. For updated cost, contact the appropriate team leader or the Missions Pastor. In the even that an individual has a history of criminal activities, the Missions Committee and the Missions Pastor will discuss the matter and will determine whether or not he/she will be allowed to participate in mission endeavors of FBC Enid.
4. List of 10 prayer partners
5. Copy of passport and/or visa for international trips
6. Notarized Waiver (Appendix 4)
7. Proof of overseas insurance

Requirements for Team Leaders

1. Faithful follower of Jesus Christ
2. Active member of FBC Enid
3. Great Commission minded
4. A servant leader who is willing to effectively lead his/her team into difficult and unknown situations
5. Shares the Gospel on a regular basis
6. Able to train team members in evangelism, culture, religious beliefs, language, etc.
7. Team leader must be 21 year of age or older

Policies for Team Behavior and Attitudes

Individuals participating on FBC sanctioned mission endeavors are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 5:20). As teams go on mission they not only represent Him, but FBC Enid, the United States, and the supporting mission agency (if applicable). For this reason, FBC Enid requests that each team member seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.

1. Team members must submit to the team leader's authority and leadership
2. Political uncertainty is always of great concern while a mission team of FBC is serving on the international mission field. Therefore, FBC requests that team members refrain from expressing political opinions and comments.
3. Refrain from profanity, alcohol, the use of tobacco products, illegal drugs, gambling, immorality and any other activities that do not align themselves with Scripture.
4. All team members must adhere to the behavioral guidelines for each specific team set by the team leader and the missionary agency with consideration towards the culture to which the team is going.
5. A team leader reserves the right to ask an individual whose behavior is unacceptable on the field to return home. Any cost incurred as a result of this action will solely be the responsibility of the team participant.

Insurance

All FBC Enid mission teams participating in international mission travel are required to have travel insurance. Travel insurance is usually purchased through Gallagher Charitable International Insurance Services (aaintl.com), and is included in the total trip cost for each team participant. The safety and health of each of our team members is important, not only to the team participant but also to his/her family and FBC Enid. In the even that there is a health emergency while on the field,

FBC wants to make certain that proper care and treatment can be administered immediately and without delay. Granted, anything can happen while serving on the mission field, but we must be proactive and have a plan of response in the even that an emergency occurs.