SHORT TERM MISSIONS FAQ

Why are applications due so early?
There are team meetings prior to going on a trip, so the commitment for a mission trip starts in January with the first team meeting. We do our best to make sure the teams are finalized by mid-December so you can plan to be available for these important trainings.

I don't have any experience with the work we will be doing, can I still come?
Yes! We have 4-5 team meetings leading up to each trip to get to know each other, learn about the missions, and prepare for the work we will be doing. You don't need any experience to join any of our trips. Of course, our medical professionals on the medical trip need to have their medical license up to date to practice in country.

Is it safe?
Yes! Our ministry partners are well known and respected by the people in the areas we serve in, which creates a safe environment for us to serve in. They take all the precautions necessary to make sure teams are not found in compromising situations. They also provide safe water and food for Americans to eat. While traveling internationally always comes with a little bit of risk, we are well looked after and taken care of by our ministry partners.

Why is it so expensive?
The cost of the trip covers most of your expenses. This includes flights, travel insurance, lodging, transportation, food, ministry supplies, and support staff in country. You will be responsible for the cost of your passport, meals in the airports, and any souvenirs you wish to bring home. Oak Pointe Church does not profit on these trips. You are not expected to cover the cost yourself but are encouraged to fundraise.

How do I fundraise?
We will walk alongside you during this process. In the first team training we will talk about fundraising and equip you on how to write a letter asking people to partner with you in the. ministry God is calling you to on these trips. We will help you set up an online fundraiser page for people to use and give you instructions on other ways people can donate.

What are the accommodations like?
Accommodations are different based on location. You will either be staying in hotel rooms of bunk rooms depending on country. Wherever you stay will be safe and secure for yourself and your belongings while you are out doing ministry.



My teenager wants to go to Mexico, what kind of adult supervision is provided for the trip?
There are bunk rooms in Mexico, so we make sure that there are 1-2 adults sleeping in each room with the teenagers. There will also be multiple adult team members building at each house. Ideally these adults will include 707 staff who are familiar with our students. Due to how the schedule is made, there is very little opportunity for a high school student to be unsupervised while on this trip.

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