



MISSION TRIP APPLICATION FOR ADULTS

Dear Missionary,

We are excited that you are starting the process of joining a mission team with Great Rock Church! It is our prayer that you will hear God's calling for you to "GO" into the world and take the Gospel to Haiti and beyond. In the book of Isaiah, the Lord said to Isaiah, "*Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?*" And Isaiah responded, "*Here I am. Send me!*" We pray that you will be able to respond like Isaiah, "Here I am. Send me!"

Participating in a mission trip will have a profound impact on your life, whether this is your first or one of many that you have done in the past. God will grow you and transform you in a special way through your mission experience.

The attached paperwork is an essential part of the trip process. After you select the trip in which you will participate, the Team Leader will provide you with more detailed information. Please read the contents of this packet and be prepared to return the paperwork according to your specific team deadlines.

Thank you for your interest in joining a Great Rock Church team on mission for Jesus! We pray that God will bless you as you are obedient to His call.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

1. PRAY

The Holy Spirit will lead you in this process. He may reveal only one step at a time, but God will be faithful to lead you.

2. FILL OUT THE MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

We want you to succeed and the trip to be effective. Your application will provide key information that will allow your Team Leader to get to know you and better understand the dynamics of the team.

3. GET YOUR PASSPORT

Start on the process now. Even if you are unsure of which trip in which to participate, get your passport.

4. GET INFORMATION

Attend an information meeting or call the Team Leader for the trip in which you are interested. Team Leaders are Great Rock Church staff members or trained volunteer leaders. The Team Leader will give you the details of dates, costs, and the trip project.

5. INTERVIEW

The Team Leader will interview you to review your application and hear your testimony and reasons for participating in the mission trip. Any concerns that you or the Team Leader may have will be addressed at this time. The Team Leader reserves the right to either accept or deny your participation in the team based on whether you are determined to be a good fit for the particular team for which you applied. Unfortunately, some health conditions cannot be accommodated on trips. All decisions will be made with prayer and wise counsel.

6. ATTEND TEAM MEETINGS

Team meetings will be scheduled for each team. Make it a priority to attend each meeting.

7. GO COME BACK SHARE

Your stories and enthusiasm will be the instrument God uses to encourage another to GO! Send a follow-up report to all those whom you asked for prayer and financial support.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

Great Rock Church

- Great Rock Church uses this application for all mission trips. Once it is completed, it is maintained on file at Great Rock Church. If this is your first trip, the entire application will need to be completed. If you have already completed an application, please speak with the Team Leader to determine what forms require completion. **Please communicate changes in your information such as a name change, passport renewal, address change, etc.**
- Please fill out each page completely and neatly.
- Do not omit any pages from the information packet.
- Be sure to include a copy of your health insurance card, complete the medical information section, and sign the release to be treated.
- If you already have an application on file, please provide updated medical information if there have been any changes.
- Please provide two copies of the photo page of your passport that are clear and legible. This information is used when purchasing plane tickets. We also keep a copy on file for identification should problems arise in a foreign country or if you lose your passport. **The picture must, therefore, be clear enough to identify you.**
- Make sure your passport is signed and that the expiration date is more than six (6) months subsequent to the trip dates.
- Provide copies of any travel visas that are required for your trip.
- On international mission trips, always put a copy of the photo page of your passport in every piece of luggage that you take.
- Make sure the liability forms are signed and notarized.

MISSION TRIP PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Great Rock Church

PERSONAL INFORMATION—*please print clearly*

Name as it appears on Passport: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____ Gender: Male () Female ()

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Missions Experience: _____

How would you describe your present health? Excellent () Good () Average () Poor ()

Are you currently under the care of a physician for a medical condition? Yes () No ()

If yes, describe the condition: _____

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

Mission Trip Destination: _____ Date of Trip: _____

Team Leader: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Beneficiary Information for Travel Insurance:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, the Team Member understands that any required deposit is non-refundable and he/she will be responsible for airline tickets purchased in his/her names upon cancellation. The training meetings for this mission project are critical for the spiritual unity and physical preparation of the entire team. The Team Member commits to faithfully attend all meetings at the scheduled times.

Team Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

INVOLVEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Great Rock Church

Church Membership: () Great Rock Church () Other Church: _____

How long have you been a member? _____

List the ministries in which you have been involved at your church, including time of involvement and any leadership positions held: .

List the ministries in which you have been involved outside of your church, including time of involvement and any leadership positions held:

How would you describe your daily relationship with Jesus Christ?

What are your spiritual gifts? _____

Have you had training in personal evangelism? _____ Please explain: _____

Have you been on a short-term or long-term missions trip before? _____

Describe your experience: _____

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Great Rock Church

What was your life like before coming to Jesus? What got you interested in God?

How and when did you come to know Jesus as your Savior?

How is your life now that you know Him?

Briefly describe how you see God calling you to participate on this trip.

What are your talents and how do you see them being used on this trip?

LIABILITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Great Rock Church

I, _____, in consideration of my acceptance as a Team
(Team Member)
Member in a short-term or long-term mission trip sponsored by Great Rock Church to
_____ represent that:
(Destination of Trip)

1. I am aware of the potential hazards and risks to my person and property associated with serving in a missions capacity, such hazards and risks including, but not being limited to, injury or death by accident or intent, disease, war, terrorist acts, weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies, and criminal activity and acts. I choose to go on this trip with full awareness of these risks and I will rely upon my personal insurance coverage for anything the travel insurance does not cover. I accept these risks, recognizing that Great Rock Church would not be able to offer the opportunity for missions service without a release such as this. With respect to Great Rock Church and its agents, officers, volunteers, directors, and employees, I voluntarily assume all risks of death, injury, illness or loss associated with such risks, and any damage to my personal property, and I release Great Rock Church and its agents, officers, directors, and employees from any liability that I may suffer or claims I may have as a result of participation in the missions project even if resulting from the negligence of Great Rock Church, its agents, officers, volunteers, directors, and employees. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service. (2 Corinthians 11:23-28)
2. I attest and certify that I have no medical conditions that would prevent me from performing my duties.
3. I give permission to be photographed, and/or recorded, with video and/or sound, for promoting Great Rock Church and its activities, and/or for creating an audio or video product of the trip for sale.
4. I understand that travel insurance may or may not be provided for the trip in which I am participating, and it is my responsibility to determine if travel insurance is provided.
5. I expressly agree that this Liability Acknowledgement is intended to be as broad and as inclusive as permitted by law. I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing and understand its contents, and I voluntarily sign this Liability Acknowledgement as my own free act. I also understand that this is a legal document and I have the right to consult with an attorney before signing it.

Team Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

State of _____, County of _____. Sworn to and subscribed to me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public signature: _____ My commission expires: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

Great Rock Church

Name: _____ Emergency Contact: _____
Relationship: _____ Phone(s): _____

Medical Insurance Information

Company: _____ Policy type: _____
Phone: _____ Policy No.: _____

Medical Information

List all prescription medications(s) you will bring on the project: _____

For what condition(s)? _____

Date of last tetanus shot (this must be within ten years): _____

Date of Hepatitis A inoculation (this is not required, but recommended): _____

List any physical disabilities or limitations: _____

List any known allergies and reactions: _____

List any major illnesses in the past year: _____

Have you fainted or passed out? _____ When? _____ Why? _____

Do you have any eating disorders? _____ If yes, have you received counseling? _____

For Completion by Physician

If you are under the care of a physician for any condition or medication, have him/her complete the following:

I have examined _____ and find him/her to be in good general health and physically able to take part in the mission project to _____ on (date) _____ to _____.

Physician's signature: _____ Date: _____

Release

In an emergency, illness, injury, or accident which requires medical attention, I give my permission to Great Rock Church, its representatives and all attending health care professional (defined as including, but not limited to, registered nurses, licensed practicing nurses, physician's assistants, doctors, and paramedics) to provide medical treatment, including but not limited to, hospitalize, anesthetize, or surgery. I, _____, the undersigned, do release, acquit, discharge and covenant to hold harmless Great Rock Church and its representatives from all actions, damages or liabilities arising out of the treatment of any illness, injury, or accident incurred during my participation in the trip. It is the intention of this release that Great Rock Church and its representatives incur no liability whatsoever while attempting to meet all medical needs that I may require during the short-term or long-term missions trip.

Team Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

State of _____, County of _____. Swore to and subscribed to me this

_____ Day of _____, 20_____.

Notary public signature: _____ My commission expires: _____

SHORT-TERM & LONG-TERM MISSION PROJECTS POLICIES

Great Rock Church

Financial Policy for Team Members:

- Team Members are expected to raise 100% of the financial support for the trip. Funding will be completed by the due date set by the Team Leader. No tickets will be purchased until the required funds have been received.
- Support shall be raised by the Team Member following the guidelines presented in writing by the Team Leader.
- If the Team Member raises more than the required support or for any reason cannot participate in the trip, Great Rock Church will reallocate the funds within the team account. Any extra funds will be transferred to the Great Rock Church Missions Fund. However, if a Team Member raises support and is not able to participate in the trip for any reason, the support raised may be carried forward for only one year to be used on another trip. Any exception to this policy is at the discretion of the Lead Pastor.
- Team Members may submit financial support to Great Rock Church with their name and trip location printed in the memo field of the check or indicated on the envelope. A monthly financial report will be provided for each Team Member and weekly updates will be provided to the Team Leader. **Due to IRS restrictions, refunds are not provided.**

Policies for Team Member Behavior and Attitude:

- Team Members are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). As Team Members travel overseas, they not only represent Christ but also Great Rock Church, our Pastor, the United States and the mission agency or church we are assisting. This is a tremendous responsibility. For this reason, Great Rock Church asks that each Team Member seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.
- Team Members must submit to the Team Leader's authority.
- Due to the political instability and anti-American sentiment in various countries around the world, Great Rock Church asks that Team Members refrain from expressing political opinions while overseas.
- All Team Members must abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or any use of tobacco or illegal drugs.
- Each Team Member must adhere to the behavioral guidelines for the team set by the Team Leader and /or the missionary agency church we are assisting with a mind toward the culture of the country to which the team is going. This will require a servant attitude toward all nationals and other Team Members, as well as the willingness to learn from the host culture (1 Corinthians 9:19- 23a)
- The Team Leader reserves the right to ask a Team Member to return home if that Team Member's behavior is disruptive/destructive to the team, the ministry, or the host community. Any additional cost incurred as a result of this action will be at the Team Member's expense.

I have read and understand the policies outlined above, and I agree to abide by these policies.

Team Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

RAISING SUPPORT FOR SHORT-TERM & LONG-TERM MISSIONS

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The Team Building Approach

Building a Support Team

Each Team Member will be responsible for developing his or her own support team. The support team consist of:

- Prayer Supporters
- Encouragers
- Financial Contributors

The concept is to develop a team, not just to raise funds. The most important need for the Team Member is for people to pray for him or her, before and during the trip.

The Team

The idea of the team is to involve as many people in the mission experience as possible.

The team:

- Is a means by which others can share in the blessings of the mission (Philippians 4:17)
- Is a Biblical approach (2 Corinthians 8:4)
- Is a means by which others become World Christians through giving and praying

You should seek people that you want on your team, not those who you think will give money. Remember, if the prayer support is in place, everything else will fall into place.

Raising Support

If a Team Member cannot pay for the trip, the most effective proven method to raise individual support is to write a letter for distribution to friends, co-workers and church members you have a personal relationship with. Potential contributors are happy to have the opportunity to invest in someone they know personally or an endeavor they care about. God's Word promises us that He will supply our every need for the task He has called us to.

Prepare the Team List

Usually between 50-100 names is a good goal, with not all being Great Rock Church members (50% outside our church). Your team list should include friends, relatives, Christian contacts, and non-Christian contacts for whom God may open a door for an opportunity to share your faith through this process.

Write the Letter

You are asking people to support the ministry of Great Rock Church. If you are asking for financial support, you are asking your team to help with the cost that you will incur by participating in the ministry (transportation, meals while in the field, in-country housing, visa, travel insurance, etc.) A common testimony of Team Members is that while they were initially put off by the idea of sending support letters, the experience turned out to be a highlight of the entire trip.

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The following guidelines will help you in writing your support letter:

There are three types of letters:

1. A letter sent asking for prayer support (if you are paying your own way)
2. A letter sent asking for prayer and financial support
3. A letter sent asking for project support (if you are raising funds for a project)

Compose your own letter. It is unwise to copy from a sample letter. The last thing a donor wants to receive is four copies of the same letter with four different signatures. People prefer to read a personal letter.

Include the following information in the letter:

1. Information about the country/culture to which you are going
2. Information about Great Rock Church and the hosting organization (the mission agency or national church with which your team will be working)
3. Description of what the team will be doing and why (what need is being met)
4. The cost of the trip (the same for each Team Member)
5. You may want to recommend a giving amount (\$25, \$50, \$100)
6. Why you want to be involved in the trip (reasons for going about which you feel the strongest)
7. How God called you to go on this trip
8. How you would like the reader to be involved (prayer, financial, both)
9. All checks must be payable to "Great Rock Church", with your name and trip location in the memo field
10. The deadline for receiving the funds
11. Keep the letter brief (no more than one page)

Send the Letter:

Mail the letter and a self-addressed envelope to the list of potential supporters well in advance of your trip. Great Rock Church does not supply postage, envelopes, or copies of letters.

Follow-up:

It is the Team Member's and Team Leader's responsibility to keep accurate records of who has supported them. Send all of your supporters a personal card or note, thanking them for their support through prayer or funding (or both).

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER FOR SHORT-TERM & LONG- TERM MISSION TRIP

Great Rock Church

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Dear _____,

An incredible opportunity to serve in Haiti at the Great Rock Church School of Theology and Ministry (or some of our other ministries there) has opened up for me. There is an immediate need in Haiti. The Missions Department has a camp and retreat area to be used for Christian ministry. They desire to begin a summer camp for children in July. There are many structural problems, plumbing problems and unsafe conditions. For the first time in my life I have been called to provide a service for God's Kingdom. Only our Father in heaven knows how many hearts and souls will be changed because of this ministry. I am honored to be asked to provide a small contribution to this ministry. Please join me and watch what God will do.

We will leave on Friday, July 6th if reservations permit and will return approximately 10 days later. The cost of the trip is \$1,500, which includes airfare, ground transportation, meals, lodging, insurance, and departure taxes.

I ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of this team through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Whatever amount God leads you to give, it will be a great blessing to me and the people I minister to while in Haiti. Our money is due in by June 6th. Please make your check payable to Great Rock Church and fill in the memo line with "Haiti - (your first and last name)". You may return the check using the envelope provided.

I am excited to see what God has in store for me personally as well as the ways that God will use each of you who join the team to spread the message of salvation to Haiti. I pray that I will grow stronger in seeking God's will for my life and that I will return changed forever to better serve.

Yours in Christ,

[sign your name]

(please cut this slip and return in the envelope provided-Thank you!)

[your name here]

_____ I will pray for you

_____ I will financially support you with a gift of \$_____. Checks payable to Great Rock Church with "Haiti-(your first and last name)" in the memo line.

[you should include a self-addressed and stamped envelope in each support letter you send]

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORIZATION

Great Rock Church

I understand that Great Rock Church reserves the right to conduct background investigations concerning applicants, employees, and volunteers. I further understand such background investigations may be updated periodically if I am employed by Great Rock Church. I understand background investigations on me may include gathering information through driver's license searches, national criminal history checks, and/or national sexual predator checks, or through contacting my personal references. These investigations may include information relating to my criminal history, general reputation and personal characteristics, as permitted by law.

I understand that I may request the name and address of the reporting agency furnishing such a report obtained through this background investigation; however, I also understand that Great Rock Church is not responsible by law nor is it obligated in any way to provide me with a copy of any report or to disclose to me the content of any report it receives from any reporting agency obtained through this background investigation. If I desire a copy of any such report, it is my responsibility to obtain a copy at my expense from the reporting agency.

I do hereby expressly release Great Rock Church and its employees and any person, association, firm or corporation furnishing Great Rock Church with any information concerning me or my affairs from any claims, cause of action or damages that may have or purport to have arisen by reason of having disclosed or furnished any information concerning me or my affairs, the provision of any law to the contrary being hereby expressly waived.

Acknowledged and agreed to this _____ day of _____, _____.
(month) (year)

Volunteer Signature

Date of Birth

Sex

Race

Printed Full Name

Home Address

Social Security Number

OR

City/State/Zip

Driver's License Number and State