

CCH Mission Manual

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Mt. 28:19,20

Dear Missionary,

You are about to begin an amazing journey of preparing for and participating on a cross cultural mission trip that will impact your life and the lives of those you come in contact with. It was a short term mission trip to Haiti that changed my life and my life direction. Since 1991 I have participated on short term mission trips all around the world. I have seen God show up in incredible ways.

I know your interest in a CCH short term mission trip is not an accident. God has a plan for you!

Throughout preparation time we will be meeting for prayer, group building, trip preparation, cross cultural ministry education. In addition to Team meetings you will choose a local ministry to serve at on a monthly basis. Be ready to invest some time!

Take time to read through this manual. If after doing so you feel led to apply for a trip fill out the Application and turn it into me with a \$50 deposit.

After that, pay close attention to deadlines and the forms that need to be filled out, signed and returned to me. Included is a sample fundraising letter, you may use it as is or edit it as you see fit. More information will be given to you in the next month regarding destination and ministry information as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

Time with God is essential to your daily walk and mission journey preparation. Commit yourself to daily time in the word as well as daily time in prayer. The spiritual aspect of preparation is far more important than the financial or physical aspects of the trip.

For the sake of the call!

Bob Gailey

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is for your benefit. It can help you have a safe, fun and fruitful trip. Please take time to familiarize yourself with it:

1. Pay close attention to your adult leadership. Your parents have entrusted you to them so they care for your safety. They also are in constant communication with the missionaries so the most current cultural information, work details or ministry needs will be coming to you through them.
2. Your conduct at all times around the group, the missionaries and the people you are working with or ministering to should reflect Christ living in you.
3. Participation in all activities is expected unless physically unable to.
4. Due to cultural considerations as well as team harmony and unity, practical jokes are not permitted.
5. You are expected to acclimate to the culture which means you may have to eat food or participate in cultural activities that you are unfamiliar with.
6. Separation from the group is never allowed unless you are with a group and have received the okay from your adult leadership.
7. It is of utmost importance that you dress in a neat, clean and modest fashion. You are an ambassador of Christ as well as the missionaries you are working with.
8. Pairing off during the trip is discouraged. It tends to distract from the real purpose of the trip.
9. No smoking or tobacco of any form, drugs, or alcohol is permitted.

Conduct Agreement

I confirm that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct. Furthermore I agree to adhere fully to the Code of Conduct so that Christ will be exalted and glorified in my life and through our group.

Participant's Signature _____

Date _____

Witness _____

SAMPLE MISSION LETTER – EDIT AS IT FITS YOU.

Date

Dear

I hope this letter finds you doing well and gearing up for an exciting holiday season. As the fall semester draws to a close I am busy finishing up classes, preparing for next semester and getting ready to participate on a UF Christian Campus House short term mission trip.

(Insert information re: “your” Short Term Mission Trip)

We will be ministering with Gary and Judy Woods of Christian Missionary Fellowship in Tanzania, Africa. We will be ministering to kids in the schools and neighborhoods, serving at Feeding Centers, sharing the love of God with people in the park and helping to construct a home for a needy family.

One aspect of missionary work is raising funds. Another is raising up prayer partners. I ask that you prayerfully consider both.

The total cost of my trip is \$1,700.00 This includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging, food and ministry supplies.

Enclosed is an envelope and reply card. On the reply card you can express your desire to support me financially *(all donations to UFCCH are tax deductible)* and prayerfully.

Please make the check out to: **UF Christian Campus House**
and return it with the reply card in the envelope. **ON YOUR CHECK PLEASE LEAVE THE MEMO LINE BLANK, IT IS AN IRS THING. THANKS!**

I chose to send this letter to you because I know of your love for God and excitement for Global Evangelism. I thank you for your consideration to partner with me in this exciting missionary opportunity.

For the sake of the call,

MONEY MATTERS

Trip Payment Schedule

Deposit—\$50—Due with your Mission Application.

1st Payment—Airfare—To be determined for each trip.

2nd Payment—Balance—Due 2 weeks before departure (for trips \$1500 or more the balance will be divided in two so there will be a 3rd payment)

NOTE: Fundraising is done first on an individual basis and second as a part of a team. Know that you are raising funds for you and for the Team that you are a part of. Any extra money raised will be used to help others on the team and bless the missionaries.

Passport

If a Passport is needed for your trip **GET IT NOW!** The sooner the better. This will eliminate undue stress as your trip draws near.

Extra Expenses Not Included

1. Meals along the way as you travel to your destination and return home.
2. Passport expense .
3. Vaccination/medicine expenses
4. Personal items.
5. Spending money.

Spending Money

This is at your discretion. You know how much you like to snack and/or shop for souvenirs. A conservative estimate is \$50 per week. Do your homework! Before arriving at a decision make sure you check out the cost of things where you are going.

Offering

Make sure to look at your itinerary closely so that you will know how many Sunday services you will be attending. You will want to give an offering as an act of worship as well as act of support for that congregation. Most likely you will also want to leave an offering with the missionaries/missions you work with.

Gifts

Before our departure I will provide you with information re: the missionaries we will be serving. This will allow you to purchase a small gift to present to them during our stay.

Regarding gifts for kids, we have to be careful not to single out any specific child (unless a child is sponsored by a Team Member or former Team Member). Our missionary will guide us in the appropriate way(s) to distribute candy, craft supplies, sports equipment....