



Thank you for your interest in short term missions!

As we begin this journey together, and as part of the application process, would you please indicate your understanding and acceptance of the statements below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 956-9377, ext. 5181.

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| 1. I understand that applying for this trip does not guarantee acceptance. | Yes | No |
| 2. I am willing to commit myself to the process of training and preparation for my team's mission trip, and to being a positive participant on this team. | Yes | No |
| 3. I have a passport*, or commit to applying for one upon acceptance to the team.
<i>*The expiration date on your passport must be at least six months later than the return date of the short-term trip you are applying for.</i> | Yes | No |
| 4. I understand the vaccination policy:
<i>Calvary Church abides by the recommendations of the US Public Health Service which determines immunizations that are recommended or required based on conditions in specific countries. Your team leadership will inform you of required immunizations. A tetanus/diphtheria (TD) booster is recommended if you have not had one within the past five years, or if you are not sure when you had the last one.</i> | Yes | No |
| 5. I understand the financial policy:
<i>Funding for STM trips comes through support raising. Calvary requires all team members to participate in support-raising by sending letters. Raising support is an exercise of active prayer, faith and team-building, and helps team members understand the process of a career missionary preparing for ministry in the field.</i> | Yes | No |
| 6. I understand that if I am accepted to the team, \$100 is due at the first team meeting that will be credited to my account. | Yes | No |

SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATION

Each applicant needs to submit a separate application. Students applying for a Student Missions Trip must fill out an application from the Student ministries office.

Please print neatly.

What STM trip are you applying for? _____

Date you are submitting this application:_____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name - *As it appears on your passport*:_____

Address:_____

Phone (Home):_____ (Work) _____

Age:_____ Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Fax:_____ Email: _____

Citizenship:_____

Passport #:_____ Expires on:_____

If you have children traveling with you, please list information below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Name of Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone number: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Do you have any health problems that might make a trip overseas difficult? _____

If yes, please explain:_____

Blood-type (if known): _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Name of home church:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ Member or Attendee (Circle one) Since _____

Please briefly describe your church activities/involvement:

EDUCATION/TRAINING/EXPERIENCE

Please list any education or training that could be useful for this trip:

Please list any natural talents/gifts you are aware of:

Besides church, list any other extracurricular activities/hobbies you participate in:

(For applicants who have attended a previous short-term trip) Please describe how you have applied this training/experience in local ministry:

What languages other than English, if any, do you speak/write? Share your ability in each language.

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

Explain how you came to know Christ as your Savior and Lord. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

REFERENCES

Please list 3 references who have known you at least one year. At least one should be a pastor/ministry leader.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____
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Applicant's Signature

Date

**Please return the completed application to the Missions & Outreach office.
Mail to: Calvary Church
Attn: Missions & Outreach
PO Box 1600
Grand Rapids, MI 49501**

What We Believe

Calvary Church | Grand Rapids Michigan | 2014

Revelation

We believe that in addition to his general revelation in nature, God has revealed himself in all the words of the Old and New Testaments. These well-preserved and infallible books contain no errors in the original writings and are our final authority in faith and life. These sacred texts lead us to Jesus Christ, the fullness of God's revelation, and enable us to rightly interpret God's active engagement in humanity, nature, and history (Romans 1:20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Matthew 5:18; 2 Peter 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13; 1 Corinthians 10:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 15:4).

God

We believe in one holy, sovereign, and all-knowing God who eternally exists in three coequal persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father directs and sustains all things through his Son and by his Spirit. The Son is the mediator through whom God creates, governs, and re- deems the world. The Spirit accomplishes the works of God, bringing honor to the Son who glorifies the Father, so that God is perfectly satisfied within himself. This triune God who from love and for his glory created all things out of nothing and pronounced them good will bring all things to perfection (Psalm 73:25-26; 1 John 4:7-8; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Psalm 99:9; Psalm 139:1-18; 1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:16-17; 2 Peter 3:9; James 1:17; Psalm 18:30).

Humanity

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in his image so that he might love them and they might love him and glorify him. However, our first parents lost their original righteousness when they fell for Satan's temptation and rebelled against God's revealed will. Now every human is born with Adam's sinful nature so that we are depraved, alienated from God, spiritually dead and physically dying. Our sin has corrupted God's good creation, bringing discord and disaster to society and nature. The world would immediately perish if not for God's common grace, which restrains sin and preserves creation so that God's special grace can save it (Genesis 1:26-31, 3:6, 3:17-19; Psalm 8:4-5, 51:5; Matthew 5:16; John 3:16-21; Romans 3:10, 5:12; Acts 17:27-28).

Jesus Christ

We believe that the Son of God became human to save the world. Our Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, one person in two natures, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus is the promised Messiah of Israel who obeyed God perfectly; atoned for our sins by shedding his blood in our place and on our behalf; arose bodily and triumphantly over Satan, sin, and death; and ascended to heaven where he reigns over all things at the Father's right hand, intercedes for his people, and sends his Spirit to gift, fill, and lead his church (Matthew 1:18; Luke 24:50-51; John 1:1; John 1:14; John 3:17; John 10:30-33; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 2:2; 1 Peter 2:24).

Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a fully divine person who is sent by the Father and the Son. He convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin, righteousness, and judgment; and persuades us through the proclamation of the gospel to confess Jesus as Lord and abides within us as our comforter, helper and guide. He is God's empowering presence with us and the down payment ensuring our future glory (Matthew 10:20; John 14:16-17; John 15:26; John 16:7-8; Acts 5:3; Romans 8:14; Romans 8:16; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Galatians 4:6; Titus 3:5).

Salvation

We believe all who repent of their sin and trust solely in Christ's finished work of atonement, salvation, and redemption are united with Christ, justified by his death and resurrection, reborn and adopted into the family of God, forgiven of all their sin, indwelt and illuminated by the Spirit, empowered for Christian service, kept and assured of their salvation, and added to the church (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:21-31; Ezekiel 11:19; John 6:44-45; John 10:27-29; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:37-38; Romans 8:9-11; Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:5; Ephesians 1:18-20; 2 Timothy 1:8-9).

The Church

We believe that the one, holy, and universal church is the body and bride of Christ. The Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost to establish the church. The true church consists of all New Testament believers in heaven and on earth who have been justified by grace through faith in Christ and is manifest in local churches that assemble in the name of the Lord. The local church gathers to worship God and experience his presence through the preaching of the word, prayer, fellowship, testimonies of grace, the public reading of Scripture, the exercise of spiritual gifts, and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper (Calvary Church practices believer's baptism). The church proclaims the gospel of Jesus' life, death and resurrection to a sinful world and is an agent of God's blessings to the world, which must hear the good news in order to be saved. The church makes disciples of Jesus who embody the kingdom values of loving neighbor, serving those in need, and caring for creation and so anticipate the final redemption of all things after Christ's return (Matthew 16:16-18, 28:19-20; Matthew 18:20; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 2:14-22, 4:10-13, 5:29; Colossians 1:18).

Angels and Demons

We believe that angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve and worship him. The righteous angels are God's messengers who promote his rule and protect his children by battling Satan and the fallen angels who joined his rebellion. Satan and his demons are the sworn enemies of God. They gained a foothold in this world when Eve, then Adam fell as a result of Satan's temptation, but they have been defeated by Christ and will be forever punished in the lake of fire (Isaiah 6:1-7, 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Romans 16:20; Hebrews 1:14; 2 Peter 2:11; Revelation 4-5, 20:10).

The Return of Christ

We believe in the personal, bodily and premillennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus will gloriously rapture his church at any moment. He will return to bring his kingdom to completion by delivering this world from Satan's power and handing it to the Father. He will raise the dead physically for final judgment; send the lost to everlasting, conscious punishment; and live forever with his redeemed people in the joys of the renewed creation (Daniel 7:15-28, 9:24-27; Matthew 24:4-29; Mark 13:32, 9:48; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, 15:42-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Titus 2:13; Revelation 20:7-10, 21:3-4).

Signed

Date