

Riverbend Short-Term Missions Application

Today's Date: _____

Personal Data

(please type or print legibly)

Name _____
Last First Middle (as appears on passport)

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Address

(if college student, please also include your home address)

Birth Date _____ Gender _____ Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Passport # _____

Children _____
(names and dates of birth)

Occupation/Area of Study/Grade _____

Languages (other than English) _____

Riverbend Involvement

Do you attend Riverbend Worship services regularly? Yes No

When did you start? _____

Are you a member of Riverbend? Yes No

Date (Year) of membership if known: _____

If not a member, where is your membership? _____

Have you served in a ministry at Riverbend? Yes No

Which ministries?

How long?

What ministries/organizations outside of Riverbend are you involved in?

Intended Ministry

Which Riverbend short-term missions team are you applying for?

Geographical location:

Ethnic/Religious Target Population:

Sponsoring organization (Mission Board or Organization):

Address:

Contact Person:

Total estimated cost of the trip:

Total funding received: \$ _____

Date of the trip:

My Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ & Mission Goals

How and when did you begin a relationship with Jesus?

Describe the state of your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

Why would you like to participate in this trip?

What would make this mission trip a success for you?

Have you spoken with your family regarding this trip? Yes No

How was their response to your decision to go on this trip? enthusiastic skeptical negative supportive

Other: _____

Your Gifting

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? ____ If yes, please list.

What are your 3 primary strengths? Do you struggle with any particular weaknesses?

What are your interests?

Your Training Experience

What is your educational background? (grade/year in school, area of study)

Have you ever been trained to lead someone to Christ? By whom?

Are you willing to share about your faith with others?

What cross cultural experiences have you had? (friendships with people from other countries, previous mission trips, international foods enjoyed, etc.)

Would you be available to participate in team building and training meetings prior to the actual trip?
What other commitments do you have during the time between now and the departure date for your trip? (Please include school/work commitments, extended times you will be out of town, dates/times you would be unavailable for team training)

List two references at Riverbend (with phone numbers and email addresses) who could give us a good picture of you and your character. One of these should be a pastor, small group leader, or ministry leader who knows you well.

In addition to this application we require the following:

- A signed Release Form (page 3) and Team Covenant (page 4).

RELEASE FORM

I, the undersigned, an applicant for volunteer short-term missionary work with RIVERBEND, do waive and release all claims against RIVERBEND and its agents, for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, or expense resulting from the use of any vehicle, any strikes, war, weather, sickness, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations or arising from any act or omission of any steamship, airline, railroad, bus company, taxi service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual. I also release RIVERBEND and its agents and agree to indemnify them, with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that I may personally incur or any damage or injury to the person or property of others that I may cause, while participating with RIVERBEND.

I understand that the air carriers' liability for loss or damage to baggage, or for death or injury to person or property, is limited by their tariffs and/or by the Warsaw Convention.

I hereby grant RIVERBEND and its agents full authority to take whatever actions they may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety, and I fully release each of them from any liability for such decisions or actions as may be taken in connection therewith. I authorize RIVERBEND and its agents, at their discretion, to place me, at my own (or my parents') expense for medical treatment. I understand that this is a supervised program and that group standards must be observed. I will at all times remain under the supervision of RIVERBEND and its agents and will comply with rules, standards and instructions for behavior. I hereby waive and release all claims against RIVERBEND and its agents arising out of my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards and instructions. I agree that RIVERBEND shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct and that it may at any time terminate my participation with this team for failure to maintain these standards or for any actions or conduct which RIVERBEND considers to be incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort and welfare of others. If my participation is terminated, I consent to being sent home at my own (or my parents') expense.

All references in the Release to "RIVERBEND" and "its agents" shall include all of its officers, directors, staff members, missionaries, group leaders, employees, agents and affiliated organizations. All references herein to the "parents" of the applicant shall include the legal guardian or other adult responsible for the applicant.

Please print your name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

It is important for ALL individuals going on short-term missions to be covered by health insurance.

Please give the name of your health insurance carrier: _____

Provider #: _____

Physician: _____

Phone: _____

If you desire additional insurance, please ask the missions team about other options.

To be signed by parents of applicants under the age 18:

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above applicant and that I have read the foregoing Agreement and Release (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility), and hereby relinquish any claim that I might have against RIVERBEND or its agents (as set forth above), both in my own behalf and in my capacity as legal representative of the applicant, including without limitation any claim arising as a result of the applicant's leaving the supervision of RIVERBEND or at a time when the applicant has left the supervision of RIVERBEND.

Signature of Parent or Gaurdian: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

Signature of Parent or Gaurdian: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

Team Covenant

As a member of this team, I agree to:

1. Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ as well as Riverbend Church. I will model Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
2. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my hosts. I will remember the missionary's prayer, "Where you lead me I will follow; what they feed me I will swallow."
3. Remember that we have come to learn, as well as to teach. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I'll be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
4. Respect the host's view of Christianity recognizing that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that a purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
5. Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
6. Respect and follow my team leader(s) and his or her decisions.
7. Refrain from gossip.
8. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative and supportive (Phil 2:14).
9. Attend all team meetings before, during and after the trip.
10. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships.
If my spouse is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all the members of the team. If I am attracted to a teammate, or my boyfriend/girlfriend is on the team, I will not attempt to pursue that relationship until after we return home.
11. Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest in a national or teammate.
12. Refrain from illegal drugs and abstain from consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco while on this trip.
13. Observe and practice the Statement of Faith that I signed when I applied to this team.
14. Refrain from the teaching or practice of any belief that would not be endorsed by Riverbend Church.
15. I agree to abide by the fund-raising procedures endorsed by Riverbend Church and will personally thank all financial donors that contribute to my trip.
16. Remember that I can be sent home at my own expense if I do not adhere to this Covenant or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Date App Rec'd: _____
Reply given: _____
Amt \$ promised: _____
Organization: _____
Account number: _____