

HEARTLAND CHURCH

Missions Trip FAQ's

How do I choose a trip?

There are a few ways to choose the right trip for you. We think people have the best outcomes serving when they are able to incorporate their talents, skills, and previous experiences. Some trips are geared toward people who are new to the mission field. You may consider a trip based on the best time of year for you or an area of the world where you feel connected. For example, is there a place you love to read about or study? Are you interested when a certain region is mentioned in the news? Ultimately, the best course of action is to pray and ask God for direction and confirmation as you consider this opportunity. You may see words too like, Action, Vision or Mini-Missions trips. Action Trips are where you "go and do", Vision Trips are where you "see and learn" and then we offer local Mini Missions where we have day trips that just last a few hours and help grow our stewardship.

What is the age requirement to participate on a short term trip?

We allow children ages 16 and up to go on trips. Exceptions are made for 14 and 15 year olds traveling with a parent. All minors must fill out an application to be considered for a trip. Additional exceptions are made, on a case by case basis, for mini-missions, which are day trips around our community.

How will I know when you receive my application?

You will receive a personal letter from someone on our team within 48 business hours. If you do not hear anything, please contact us at outreach@heartlandchurch.com

Who is selected for trips?

Each trip requires a different set of criteria for applicants. It is important that we place people on trips according to how they best fit the trips needs. This could include looking for people with specific skill sets or experiences.

By applying, am I committing to the trip? When am I officially committed?

No, you are not committing by submitting your application. After the teams are selected, a team leader will contact you and confirm that you have been selected. Once committed, you are responsible to pay for your plane ticket if for any reason you are unable to go on the trip.

Where do I get the money to go on a trip?

You and the rest of your team will gather support from others. We have found that many people do not have the time or availability to go on a short term mission trip but have the desire to be involved in some way. We ask, therefore, that every person going on a trip raise his/her funds by writing letters to friends and family, sharing the goal of the trip and financial requirements to make the trip happen. Each year,

trip goers raise thousands of dollars as their supporters generously join in the adventure of short term mission trips.

How do I donate to someone's trip?

If you have someone specific you would like to donate towards their trip fund, please give directly to them, to be turned in on their teams' payment schedule or you can find our Mission Trip Contribution Form online. For general donations, please contact us at outreach@heartlandchurch.com

What if I don't have a passport?

Apply now for a passport if you don't have one.

After you receive your new passport number, update your application with that information. You will also need to make a copy of your passport application and/or passport and give it to your team leader at your first team meeting. As per new rules for international airline travel, we are required to obtain and send the expiration date of your passport for booking travel, so we will need that information as soon as possible. If your passport expires in less than six months after your departure date, you will need to renew your passport as soon as possible. Additionally, if you have a non-U.S. passport, you are responsible for finding out if a visa is required for you to travel to a specific country.

Do I have to be a member of Heartland Church?

You do not have to be a church member to apply for a trip. However, members will have first priority if space is limited.

What happens to my application if I am not chosen?

If you are not chosen, your application goes into a waiting list. If a leader of another trip is still looking for people for his or her team, then he or she may contact you to see if you are interested.

Can I travel to another destination or stay longer at my destination?

No. It is imperative for team unity and liability reasons that all trip participants travel together.