

## **Liberia Mission Trip 2014 - Interior**

**When: February 6 - February 21, 2014**

**Where: Interior Liberia, West Africa**

Lodging will be at host homes in Nimba County and another location TBD. Team will sleep in villages with no running water or air-conditioning. Mattresses, mosquito nets and clean drinking water will be provided. You will have plenty of interaction with the local church members and community while you eat and live as rural Liberians do.

**Who: A Team of 4 - Leaders: Marlin & Karen Mueller**

Faith Community Lutheran Church members with a flexible humble servant-heart who have a passion for serving Christ, loving others and working together as the Body of Christ. You must be an adult in good health to serve on this mission due to the *isolated and extreme conditions* we will experience. There will be extensive, over 20 hours, travel on dusty dirt roads.

**Why: Share Jesus and Encourage Interior Churches through Global Vision Clinics**

Share the gift of physical vision through eye exams and eye glasses to impoverished people in two separate churches in rural Liberia. One church is Behwalay - the other is TBD. While conducting these clinics, we will be training local church leaders in each aspect of the vision clinic so they can continue to effectively reach out to their community with the Gospel.

The team will spend time visiting other churches, farms and communities to build and/or grow relationships in the interior. The team will be guided by an ELCL leader throughout the mission. There will be time for cultural immersion, sightseeing and other activities TBD.

**How much:**

Cost: \$2600pp - remaining costs are covered through church offerings and fundraising.

Deposit: \$800 due August 12<sup>th</sup> (Non-refundable)

2<sup>nd</sup> Installment: \$900 due October 14<sup>th</sup>

Final Installment: \$900 due December 2<sup>nd</sup>

*We can provide fundraising ideas in order to lower the cost of this mission trip.*

The attached application must be returned by August 1. There are 2 parts to the application. First section is to be filled out by the applicant; the second is to be filled out by a church ministry leader. Both sections must be filled out and returned by August 1st to be considered for this mission team. All applicants will be prayerfully considered and notified of final decision by August 5. Personal interviews may be necessary to determine God's will in team composition.

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Please contact mission trip leader if you have any questions.  
**Marlin & Karen Mueller 245-4083 or [mmueller@cox.net](mailto:mmueller@cox.net)**

**Deadline: Registration closes Thursday, August 1**

## Faith Community Lutheran Church & Schools "Inviting People to Know Jesus" Mission Trip Application

The first 3 pages of this application are to be filled out by applicant. These are the green pages.

The last 2 pages in brown should be filled out and returned by a church leader.

**\*\*\*Due date for all forms Thursday, August 1\*\*\***

### Applicant Information

*Legal Name* FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP APPLYING FOR \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: Please do not apply for passport or visa until you receive confirmation of acceptance.*

Please share how you came to faith in Christ?

How would you describe your relationship with the Lord currently? Please explain in detail

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Why do you desire to serve on this team?

What are your spiritual gifts and what are the primary strengths you would add to this team?

In what activities have you been involved in the past year that has helped you grow in Christ?

Have you participated on missions teams in the past? If yes, please give year or years, and destination(s) and describe what you did.

What influenced your desire to serve in missions?

Do you have any allergies, illnesses, or other health problems which could affect your performance on this team?  
If yes, what are they?

Is there anything else we should know about you which would help us decide whether or not you are a good fit for this particular mission's team?

## **Release of Rights**

We live in a world that is full of rights. Our particular culture is one where we take pride in our rights. The rights of individuals are constitutional; however, as we see the demands of individual rights increase, we see the moral fiber of our society decrease. Our Lord Jesus Christ laid down His rights to the heavens and all His glory to become a man and to serve, not to be served. (Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 10:45)

We will lay down our rights on this mission trip and entrust our circumstances to the Lord. These rights may seem reasonable, but could still cause dissension on a Short Term mission trip. Take time to search your heart and willingly surrender each of the following rights to the Lord.

### ***I give up my right to:***

*a comfortable bed  
three meals a day  
familiar food  
dressing fashionably  
seeing results  
control of myself  
control of others  
control of circumstances  
pleasant circumstances  
making decisions  
taking up offense  
being successful  
being understood  
being heard  
being right*

### ***I entrust to God:***

*my strength and endurance  
my health and strength  
my likes and dislikes of food  
my security in Him  
His purposes and fruit in His timing  
my need for His Spirit control  
His workmanship in others  
my circumstances to His purposes in  
making me Christ-like  
the privilege of suffering for Him  
His sovereign hand on my life  
my security in His love  
my reputation  
my need for recognition  
my need for righteousness*

### **I am willing to commit to:**

- **Making the pre-training meetings a priority**
- **Bible Study and Prayer prior to and during the trip**
- **Personal financial responsibility within due dates provided on this application**
- **Involvement in FCLCS Missions Benefit Events to raise awareness and funds for future mission trips.**
- **Follow all rules and behave in such a way as to glorify God in thought, word and deed while serving on this mission team.**
- **Participate in sharing my experiences with FCLCS upon my return**

**I give God permission to do anything He desires to me, with me, in me or through me in order to glorify Him. In return, I fully expect to take a significant step closer in the likeness of Jesus Christ.**

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Applicant Signature

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Date

## Applicant Reference **Due Date for Applications: August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Dear Church Leader,

\_\_\_\_\_ is being considered to participate in a FCLCS cross-cultural mission experience. We appreciate your willingness to help us understand this applicant and his/her strengths and weaknesses. It will help the applicant and FCLCS if you are completely open and unreserved with your responses. Please type or print.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR POSITION AT THE CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Email Address

### **Intelligence: choose one**

Dull  
Below average  
Average  
Superior  
Quite superior  
Do not know

### **Industry: choose one**

Needs constant prodding  
Needs occasional prodding  
Performs assigned tasks  
Goes beyond what is required  
Seeks additional work  
Do not know

### **Response 2 authority: choose one**

Openly rebellious  
Often questions authority  
Average response  
Usually responds well  
Submissive  
Do not know

### **Morals: choose one**

Harmful habits  
Occasional questionable behavior  
Normal behavior  
Excellent in most respects  
Exemplary Christian  
Do not know

### **Influence on others: choose one**

Detrimental influence  
Passive, no positive influence  
Varying influence  
Consistently good influence  
Unusually wholesome influence  
Do not know

### **Servanthood: choose one**

Self-centered  
Serves if encouraged  
Occasionally seeks to serve  
Serving others is a priority  
Selfless  
Do not know

### **Responsibility: choose one**

Irresponsible  
Shows some dependability  
Usually reliable  
Conscientiously reliable  
Capable of much responsibility  
Do not know

### **Leadership: choose one**

Always a follower  
Tries, but usually fails  
Assumes occasional leadership  
Good leadership  
Inspiring and successful leader  
Do not know

### **General attitude: choose one**

Positive  
Negative

