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MISSIONS & JUSTICE
MINISTRY

Frequently Asked Questions
Short-Term Serving

I'm interested in serving on a short term trip. What is the process?

1. Consider the dates, project and costs involved for the current available teams. Also, check with your regional campus, area pastor or ministry director to see if they have any upcoming serving trips planned.
2. Send an email to the contact listed with any questions or concerns you may have and/or ask to apply to be on the team.
3. All trips are led by qualified leaders who will contact you for an interview.

What else do I need to know about general requirements?

1. You must be an attender.
2. You must be at least 18 years of age. Exceptions are made on an individual basis usually with the involvement of a parent on the same trip, or when participating in a designated youth ministry team.
3. You must agree to participate in all the required team meetings as designated by the team leader.
4. You must agree to team financial policies established by Grace Family Church Missions & Justice. All participants are personally responsible to pay for, or arrange funding for, their portion of the team/trip costs.
5. You must be in good health.
6. All team participants are expected to travel with the team.
7. You must agree to the GFC Trip Code of Conduct and Indemnity/Hold Harmless Release policies that will be given to you by the team leader during the application process.
8. You must have or be able to obtain a passport with 6 months validity from return date.

Is a trip deposit required for a Grace Family Church short term serving team?

Yes. The deposit amount will be stated in the literature advertising the trip.You will also be responsible for any non-refundable costs (i.e., airline tickets, etc.) incurred by Grace Family Church if you were to withdraw from the trip, or if the entire trip is cancelled due to unforseen circumstances.

What does it cost to go on a Grace Family Church trip?

Prices vary due to trip locations. For example, in 2012, it is approximately R500 per person for local trips and approximately R10,500 to India. Estimated costs are noted in the trip description when known.

How old do children need to be to go on a trip?

The minimum age is 18 years of age without a parent. The minimum age for children accompanied by a parent is 14. There may be trips where minors are not eligible for participation.

What do I need to do to prepare for a trip?

Pre-trip preparation includes team orientation meetings and other activities as communicated by your team leader once accepted to the team.

Considerations for participation include:

- Applicant possesses the skills or gifts needed for the identified project, and expresses interest in the purpose of the particular short-term team.
- Applicant demonstrates a level of maturity and life experience to be able to fit well as a team player, and to respond to the leadership of another person.
- Applicant is known to possess characteristics that will enable effective work within a cross cultural environment.