



**ORLAND EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH**

SHORT TERM MISSIONS INTRODUCTION

Short term missions' is an opportunity for our congregation to partner with missionaries in the field, to bring fresh hands to the work, enthusiasm for the ministry, and Christian fellowship to encourage the missionaries. Our desire is that a short term mission will impact those persons who go to gain a greater understanding of what is required to live and work in another culture to further the gospel. God may use a short-term mission to further the call of a person to long-term missions, a person's world view will be increased and the awareness of the need abroad will be conveyed upon their return home. The Missions Advisory Team will work with the short term missions' applicant throughout the entire process to ensure a trip that brings glory to God alone, is beneficial to those on the mission field, and is enjoyable for the short term missionary.

A. All short term mission opportunities sponsored or endorsed by the Missions Advisory Team will be considered based on the following priorities:

1. The short term mission brings glory to God alone.
2. The short term mission will be of direct benefit to the mission and/or the missionary we support in the field.
3. If not in direct support of our own missions, the short term mission must be presented to the Missions Advisory Team in a timely manner so that the following conditions can be met:
 - a. The sending organization and mission can be vetted by the OEFC Elder Board in conjunction with the Missions Advisory Team with regard to our Vision Statement of Missions and doctrinal alignment with OEFC Statement of Faith.
 - i. The sending organization shall provide a doctrinal statement to the Missions Advisory Team.
 - ii. The mission/ missionary supported shall provide a doctrinal statement to the Missions Advisory Team.
 - b. If the short term mission is evangelizing in nature it will be alongside ongoing missionaries so that follow-up can be ongoing after the short term mission ends.
4. Upon return from the short term mission the person will be willing to share about their trip with the congregation.

B. All short term missionaries sponsored or endorsed by the Missions Advisory Team will be considered based upon the following process:

1. Initial consideration:
 - a. Completed Short Term Missionary application ([download form only](#)) ([interactive form](#))
 - b. Two [OEFC Short Term Missions references](#).
 - c. An interview with the Missions Advisory Team.
2. If accepted for sponsorship or endorsement the following societal demands will need to be completed:
 - a. Missions waiver and release form.
 - b. Missions background check authorization (if not on file with OEFC) to be paid for from the missions budget.