



A Message from David...

Dear Westminster,

I am excited to announce that this upcoming summer we are heading to Montevideo, Uruguay for a mission trip.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

When a loved one passes on from this world, their last words of wisdom are important and often cherished by us. In these verses, Jesus is about to ascend into heaven and gives his disciples these last words. These words are hugely important for His disciples. Jesus gives every believer a mission to share the gospel and make disciples of all nations, and He promises to be with us as we do it.

We have an exciting opportunity to “be doers of the Word and not hearers only.” God has called us to serve, love, and make disciples of the nations and I believe God is preparing the way for us to go on mission in Montevideo, Uruguay this summer.

I am excited that you are considering joining our mission team . Take time to pray and ask God if this is where He is leading you.

Your friend,

David Le Roy

Fact Sheet

About Our Trip

- Our trip is scheduled for June 16-23, 2018.
- We will be serving in the capital city of Uruguay, Montevideo, which has a population of around 1.4 million people. The official language of Uruguay is Spanish.
- The approximate cost is \$2,100-2,300. This covers plane tickets, housing, food, transportation, ministry funds as well as a group t-shirt.
- Dr. Henry Clary will be our lead on this trip. He is a former missionary to Uruguay, he is the chaplain at Bluefield college and also attends Westminster with his family.
- Uruguay is much like a European country in it's culture. It is largely atheistic and has a very small evangelical presence (less than 6%), however the churches are vibrant and we are excited to be partnering with local churches in Montevideo for outreach and ministry.



Fundraising Tips

We do not want cost to be a deciding factor in your consideration of this trip. Thankfully, we have several months to plan, prepare, train, and raise funds. If you are willing to work hard, be persistent, and stay ahead of the game, we feel confident that you will secure the necessary finances prior to the trip. Listed below are some fundraising requirements and suggestions. Feel free to be creative and come up with additional ideas.

Fundraising Requirements

- Several fundraising opportunities will be scheduled throughout the upcoming months and announced with plenty of time to prepare and coordinate schedules. As a member of the team, your participation is **expected** at fundraising events. Even if you have raised all of your financial support for the trip, you will still need to be involved in group fundraising efforts.
- Team members will be required to send out a letter requesting prayer and financial support. Even if you believe you can earn all of the money on your own, you will still need to send out a support letter. One of the reasons for this is that it gives fellow Christians the opportunity to be involved in what God is doing around the world through prayer and/or financial support. **You will need to turn in a copy of your support letter by Wednesday, December 6. Please turn this in to David Le Roy. You will be expected to send the letter to recipients of your choice (with parental permission) the following Monday (December 11).**
 - It will be very important to send your letters out on time.
 - You will need to **send the support letter to a minimum of 15-20 people**. The more letters that go out, the more support that you will receive. Try to make a goal of sending out letters to at least 25 people. The more the merrier.

Fundraising Suggestions

- Use social media to build awareness, create excitement, and request support. Facebook groups and/or event pages are a good option.
- Offer to work (babysit, cleaning, yard work, etc.) to earn money for the trip.
- Host a Uruguayan themed dinner for family and friends. Use the opportunity to share about the trip, and give attendees the chance to donate and/or pray for the team.
- Create and sell t-shirts promoting the trip. www.bonfire.com is a great option for this.
- Make sure to thank your donors and those who commit to praying for you. Handwritten thank you notes go a long way.
- Give people the option to support you in ways other than just financial contributions. Prayer support is essential.

Support Letters

Writing a support letter is an effective way to communicate the details of your trip and give others the opportunity to be involved through prayer and/or financial contributions. Your support letter is from you, so make it personal and feel free to express yourself in your own unique style. The following information needs to be included in your letter, but how you express it is up to you. **Remember to turn in a printed copy to Vicki Mahood (trip administrator) by Wednesday, December 6. You are expected to send the letter to recipients of your choice (with parental permission) the following Monday (December 11) If you need help working on your letter, contact David at david.leroy@wpcbluefield.com or reach him at 304-952-5321.**

Letter Writing Information

- **Country and Culture Information**
 - Location
 - Religion
 - Economic information
- **Church Information**
 - Traveling with students and adult leaders from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, West Virginia.
- **Description of Team Ministry**
 - Partnering with local churches for outreach, service projects and evangelism.
- **Request for Support**
 - Cost: \$2,100-2,300 cost will fluctuate depending on plane tickets and living cost
 - Ask for and affirm the need for both prayer and financial support.
 - For your information, here are some recommended giving amounts (based on the \$2,300 price):
 - 115 people to give \$20
 - 92 people to give \$25
 - 46 people to give \$50
 - 10 people to give \$100, 14 people to give \$50, 20 people to give \$20, and 20 people to give \$10
 - **Checks should be made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and should include the participant's name and "Uruguay" in the memo line.**

Application Checklist

In order to secure your spot for Uruguay 2018, ALL of the following items **must be submitted to David on or before Sunday, November 26, 2017**. Please submit all of the items at one time.

- Application**
- Parent Permission Form - If Under 18 Years of Age (notarized*)**
- Emergency/Medical Consent Form (notarized*)**
- Copy of Insurance Card (front and back on one page)**
- \$150 Non-Refundable Deposit**

**Notarization can be done at a local bank*

Packing lists, proposed itineraries, and more detailed information regarding the specifics of our trip will be provided closer to our departure. Questions can be directed to:

David Le Roy

Youth Minister

Westminster Presbyterian Church, EPC

(304) 952-5321

david.leroy@wpcbluefield.com

Uruguay 2018 Application

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Use the back of the page or attach additional sheets of paper if you need more space to answer the questions.

How and when did you come to know Jesus Christ as your Savior?

In what areas of your life have you seen spiritual growth over the past month? What about the past year?

How would you describe your current relationship with God?

Why do you want to go to Uruguay?

I understand that the \$150 deposit is non-refundable. Once the airline tickets are purchased, that money will also be non-refundable, and I will be responsible for the whole ticket price. I also understand that regular youth group attendance and participation in training and fundraising events are mandatory for all team members.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

URUGUAY 2018 – EMERGENCY/MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

Name:		Date:	
Address Line 1:			
Address Line 2:			
Address Line 3:			
Passport Number:		Issue Date:	Expiration Date:
Passport Issuing Country:			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Date of Birth:		Blood Type:	
Health Insurance Co.:		Policy Number:	

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Contact 1 - Name:	Contact 2 - Name:
Relationship to You:	Relationship to You:
Home Phone:	Home Phone:
Work Phone:	Work Phone:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:

Doctor's Name:	Phone Number:
City/State:	Country:

YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION: *(This information will be kept confidential)*

Please indicate any major surgeries you've had in the last 2 years:	
Medication currently taking (prescription and non-prescription):	
Please indicate any allergies to medicine or food:	
Please indicate any medical condition that your team leader should be aware of:	

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the term of my short term mission trip I authorize a team leader from Westminster to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.
2. Release the above provided information to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication and any treatment procedure deemed necessary by a physician or other qualified medical personal. This provision will only be invoked if the person(s) listed above is unable to be reached. I understand that I will be financially responsible for any medical aid/treatment given in the case of a medical emergency.

Please Print Your Name Here: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, a Notary Public for _____ County, _____ (state), do hereby certify that _____ personally appeared before me this day and acknowledge the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my/our hand and seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

X _____ My commission expires _____, 20____.

Notary Public

Notary stamp or seal is required.