

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

Frequently Asked Questions

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION?

Contact Bob and Donna Slingluff at 301-460-5909, or e-mail at Slingr@erols.com.

WHAT ARE IMMANUEL'S 2001 MISSION PRIORITIES?

- ❑ Missionary member care through the Barnabas Project mechanism and home group adoption; and, raising of funding of long term currently supported Missionaries who are working among unreached people groups.
- ❑ Sowing our people energies, intercession, and monetary resources into building a strong alliance (partnership) with the Nepali church in order to reach the remaining unreached Nepali and Tibetan Buddhist people groups.
- ❑ *Partial funding of Mission's Awareness Short Term trips (Barnabas Project Trips), in-house convocations, outside conferences, education and other mission-centered activities.*

WHEN DOES THE MISSION TASK FORCE MEET?

The Mission's Task Force meets the 3rd Monday of each month, except December. Check your bulletin carefully because sometimes meeting dates/times must change because of holidays, etc.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- ❑ Pick up an application from the Mission's table or e-mail Bob and Donna Slingluff for an electronic application in Microsoft Word. We prefer the electronic application as this allows us to distribute the application to the Mission's Task Force by e-mail.
- ❑ Call Bob and Donna to let them know of your plans, even before you fill out the application, so we can begin praying for you.
- ❑ Every IC-sponsored short term trip applicant must fill out an application at least two months in advance of his/her trip in order for the Mission's Short Term Committee to have adequate time for review and processing of application. For your planning purposes, it is preferable if you allow at least six months advance time, at a minimum, in order to obtain a passport and visa, get all necessary health-related immunizations, and raise your financial support.
- ❑ While Immanuel's wants to help support as many short term trips as possible, it is important that the short term applicant understand that part of the faith-building process includes raising one's own support. Immanuel's desires to bless and encourage every person to go on at least one short term trip and, therefore, desires to sow into each person's trip with a small gift of support. Immanuel's also wants to provide prayer covering for each short term.

WHAT TYPE OF SHORT TERM TRIPS ARE SPONSORED BY IMMANUELS?

Preference shall be given to:

- ❑ Those trips that contribute to the undergirding of a currently supported IC missionary. Many of our missionaries are asking for short term teams and individuals to assist with discipleship, church planting, computer help, community development, relief work, medical expertise, etc. Any gift you have can be used on the mission field! Our missionaries have asked for child care to give them a break, marriage ministry, evangelistic teams, seminars on raising children--the list is endless. The Lord will draw you to those people and places where you can be most useful! Pray and GO!
- ❑ Those trips that reach into an unreached people group
- ❑ Those trips directly related to exploration of career missionary involvement
- ❑ First-time "team" trips

WHAT TYPES OF FUNDING ARE AVAILABLE?

- ❑ Donated supplies, i.e., bibles, children's materials, audio/video (Jesus Film), and gifts to mission visited (Short termers is responsible for purchase of gifts/supplies and IC will reimburse any pre-approved purchase.)
- ❑ Helping short termers who come up short in funds for 10-40 window outreach (not to exceed 20% of total trip)
- ❑ Contingency-emergency fund for unexpected urgent needs (not to exceed 15% of total trip)
- ❑ Helping those who come up short in funds for non 10-40 window outreach including Samaria outreaches in the USA or just across the border

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria shall be considered in selecting candidates:

- ❑ Spiritual and emotional maturity
- ❑ Physical fitness (depending on the nature and location of the work)
- ❑ Ability to work well with others and handle conflict redemptively
- ❑ Proven responsibility and reliability in the Church
- ❑ A sincere interest in world missions as a possible career
- ❑ Participation in the missions program
- ❑ Commitment to raising financial support for the trip
- ❑ Participation in Immanuel's School of the Bible Missions track, when available
- ❑ Willingness to undergo training in preparation for the trip

It is vital that the short-term missionary understand that he/she is participating in someone else's long-term ministry and, therefore, needs to be humble and teachable so as to make the greatest contribution possible to an on-going work.

WHAT DO I DO AFTER RETURNING FROM MY SHORT TERM TRIP?

Requirement: In an effort to spread mission awareness, the Mission's Task Force asks that you connect with a home group before your short term trip to raise prayer support. Following your trip, we ask that you share your mission trip experience with the home group.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Revelations 5: 9b ...for Thou was slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.