

## 2012 Mission Trip Application & Financial Information

*\* This application is for those who would like to participate in a short-term mission trip with The Cove Church.*

- Please complete the Mission Trip Application in its entirety before submitting.
- Please read and sign the following: Financial Memo of Understanding, Code of Conduct, and Liability Release Form and return with your application.
- Include a copy of your passport for International trips.
- Include your non-refundable deposit made out to The Cove Church. In the memo line please write the person's name going on the trip and trip name. Deposit amounts are as follows: regional trips \$25, international trips \$50.
- Drop in the offering boxes or mail the completed forms along with a copy of your passport (if applicable) and deposit to:

The Cove Church  
Attention: OutREACH Manager  
197 Langtree Road  
Mooresville NC 28117

\*Please note: This is a mission trip application form. Once your application has been reviewed, the mission trip leader or OutREACH staff person will contact you regarding your participation on the trip. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at [lwest@covechurch.org](mailto:lwest@covechurch.org).



2012 Basic Requirements that a short-term mission worker needs:

I understand and agree to the following principles:

1. Be at least 18 years of age. (Or, at least 16 years of age with a parent participating in the same trip.)  
Selected trips may have other trip-specific age requirements. Cove Student Ministry trips will have different age requirements.
2. Be actively involved in a Cove serving team and/or have a strong past history of serving and Life Group participation. In addition, OutREACH strongly encourages interested team members desiring to serve on an international mission trip to first attend a Cove regional mission trip.
3. Receive parental approval (for candidates under 18 years of age).
4. Attend all trip meetings. Absences must be cleared with the trip team leader.
5. Will adhere to all **deadlines, including financial deadlines**, regardless of whether I pay individually the cost of the mission trip or raise financial support to cover the cost. All participants must abide by the deadlines for application, deposits and payments. If you have any questions, please call the **The Cove Church** at 704.655.3000 and ask to speak to Lori West or e-mail Lori at [lwest@covechurch.org](mailto:lwest@covechurch.org).
6. Passport, vaccinations, and any medical prescription costs are incurred by the team member and are their financial responsibility. These costs are not calculated in the trip cost and are not the responsibility of The Cove Church.

I have read the above and agree to the above policies, rules, and terms.

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## God's Pattern of Provision: Financial Support for Your Trip

### **Understanding the Biblical Precedent for Support Development:**

So, you want to go on a mission trip, but you need to raise all or some of the money you need to be able to go? Rest assured that you are not the only one. You will also be in the good company of people like the Apostle Paul, who needed the support of the Church body to carry out his ministry.

**The Cove Church** believes general financial support for your mission trip should be sought from friends and family members who 1) are believers and 2) that you have a close relationship with. **The Cove Church** does not support group fundraising of any kind such as car washes, magazine or candy sales. Your trip leader will supply you with a "sample" support letter to get you started on raising the funds needed for your trip.

You may have many questions and even some fears, but we believe that as you read and follow the steps outlined below, and trust in the Holy Spirit to guide and help you, you will be greatly encouraged. The following paragraphs provide the biblical rationale behind the practice of raising support. Once you have an understanding of this, you'll be better able to raise support with boldness and confidence. It is our prayer that in this process you will see the faithfulness of God who provides for the work that He calls us to do.

### **Developing a Vision:**

Raising support is not about raising money; it's about sharing a vision. It is about sharing the excitement of God's call and the opportunity He has set before you, and it's about giving others a chance to participate in God's plan to reach the nations.

The basic principle you need to understand is people are giving to the Lord (His work) and not to you personally. You need to have a sense of purpose when you ask—and there is no greater purpose than God's will or His work. Do you have a vision or idea of how the Lord may use you? God desires for all to enter His Kingdom and for every person to have a chance to hear about His mercy and forgiveness. If you help lead one person one step closer to Christ on this trip, then you are doing the greatest work on earth.

### **Support Raising is Biblical:**

Throughout Scripture we find that God expects His people to support those involved in full-time service. He instituted a tithe as the means to support the Levites (Num. 18:24, Neh. 13:10-13 NIV). And throughout the history of Israel, God promised to bless those who invest in this work (Prov. 3:9-10, Mal. 3:10 NIV).

Paul said emphatically to the Corinthians, *"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel."* (1 Cor. 9:14 NIV) And John wrote to Gaius saying that it was a good thing to support missionaries because, *"It is for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans."* (3 John 1:7 NIV)

At times, especially at turning points in his ministry, Paul explicitly asked other Christians for financial support. *"When I go to Spain...I hope to have you assist me on my journey..."* (Rom. 15:24 NIV) The original language here confirms that Paul was asking for monetary assistance.

Jesus had financial supporters. As a carpenter, Jesus could have funded his ministry by building furniture or repairing carts and tables. But as far as we know, He didn't. As Jesus went out ministering, He relied on people such as Mary, Martha and Lazarus who helped *"...support Him out of their own means."* (Luke 8:3 NIV)

Jesus gave specific directions to His disciples which forced them to depend on others for their needs. They were to accept gifts from others, as Jesus said, *"...eating and drinking whatever they give to you; for the worker deserves his wages."* (Luke 10:4-7 NIV) A laborer in God's Kingdom is truly worthy of being paid for his service. The workers in the early church lived on a system of support similar to what God had established for the Levites.

In 1 Corinthians 9:14 (NIV), the Apostle Paul writes, *"In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel."* He explains that God set up a system of financial support for His workers. He also writes that even though he had the right to be supported by the Corinthians, he chose to make tents. This was an exception, however, to Paul's usual method of ministry.

#### **Including Others in the Mission:**

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV) speaks of the need for us to go and preach so that others might be saved. Verse 15 specifically asks, *"And how can they preach unless they are sent?"* Have you considered that your trip, and the act of praying for and supporting you financially, may be the way someone else can fulfill part of God's call on their lives? Your trip may be the only mission trip they ever "go on" personally. By including others in your mission, you are giving them the opportunity to prayerfully consider how God would have them follow Him. Sending you may be the way that someone else can be obedient to what God is asking them to do.

#### **Living by Faith Today:**

All Christians need to live by faith (2 Cor. 5:7, Heb. 11:6 NIV), regardless of how they receive their finances. The bottom line is that you need to be willing to do whatever it is the Lord asks you to do. Raising support is a matter of obedience to God's word and calling, not of following your feelings. If God calls you to **go on** this mission, then He will provide everything you need to fulfill your ministry, including emotional strength and perseverance (1 Thess. 5:24 NIV).

**FINANCIAL MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING:**

1. Financial donations made to **The Cove Church** mission team accounts are not mine—they belong to God and have been given to **The Cove Church** in order to accomplish the mission and work of the church.
2. If, for some reason, I do not ultimately participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I am responsible for any fees incurred as a result of my cancellation.
3. If I do not raise enough money to pay for my trip, I may not be able to go. Any money raised will be applied to the current trip or materials needed.
4. If I raise an amount of money that exceeds my needs, remaining money will be dispersed to other team members in need or used by The Cove Church for other financial needs associated with the mission.
5. If, for some reason, I do not participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I understand that the monies donated to my trip ***cannot be refunded to me or to the donors*** due to the non-profit status of **The Cove Church**. All materials, including airline and other travel tickets, that have been purchased with donated funds cannot be transferred outside of the trip.
6. In order to comply with the IRS, all checks for support of my trip must be made out to **The Cove Church**. Donors should ***write my name and the trip name in the memo*** line of their check.
7. If inappropriate behavior and/or the breaking of any team covenant or policies causes me to be sent home early from my mission trip as a disciplinary action, none of the money raised will be refunded to me or any donors.
8. If you are a minor and any inappropriate behavior and/or breaking of any team covenant policies occur, you will be sent home at your parent's and/or guardian's expense.
9. I will return any unused money from my on-field stipend (if given) to my team leader before leaving the airport upon my return.

I have read the above and agree to the above policies, rules, and terms.

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## 2012 Mission Trip Application for Participation

Please specify which trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to participate in a Cove Regional or International Mission Trip, you must attend the mandatory training sessions/team building. Are you willing to attend these meetings? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

### Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers – Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date/Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female  Single  Married: Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

### In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical History:

a. General Health: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Any history of the following: trick knee \_\_\_ weak ankles \_\_\_\_\_ bad back \_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

d. Are you subject to: diabetes \_\_\_ epilepsy \_\_\_ heart disease \_\_\_ hypertension \_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

e. Appendix removed? \_\_\_\_\_ f. Tetanus shot updated? \_\_\_\_\_

g. Medicines taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

h. Allergies (food, drugs, other): \_\_\_\_\_

Medications used to treat allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

i. Medical treatment received in the past year: \_\_\_\_\_

j. Have you had or been exposed to any contagious disease in the past six months? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Consent:**

I hereby give permission for my son / daughter / self (if over 18 years of age) to receive emergency medical attention from a physician in the event of illness or injury. (Please circle one.)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance:**

Insurance issued in the name of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Involvement:**

How long have you been attending The Cove? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Cove Church member?     Yes     No

Are you in a Life Group?     Yes     No    If Yes, who is your leader? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the ministries teams with which you have been involved at The Cove:

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Please indicate any special skills, talents, or Christian service experience that you feel may be helpful on this mission trip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any previous mission/OutREACH experience:

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**Testimony:**

Please share your testimony (use the additional space on the back if necessary):

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What do you believe is the most significant thing the Lord is doing in your life right now?  
What do you believe God is teaching you? Be as specific as possible.

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Briefly explain what you hope to see the Lord do in and through you on this mission trip.

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Please list two references. These people should be Christ-followers and Cove members, ministry leaders, OutREACH team leaders or others that have served with you in some capacity, even if that service was outside the ministries of The Cove Church.

Name:

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

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**2012 OutREACH Team Member "Code of Conduct" and Commitment**

I support the mission statement of The Cove: ... ***we will introduce our friends to Jesus...*** I appreciate that OutREACH events are an important part of how we accomplish that mission. I understand that all who participate in OutREACH events are expected to observe and adhere to the following standard of conduct during the entire duration of the event, including the travel time of a mission trip. As a participant in an upcoming OutREACH event, I understand and agree that:

1. I will pray for the team leaders and give them my undivided support. I will follow them without criticism or delay. A spirit of unity, care and concern for my teammates, and gentleness will guide my thoughts and actions throughout this event.
2. I will adhere to any dress code established for the event at all times. I understand that dress codes vary widely depending on the local culture and what is considered appropriate attire.
3. I will not leave the team or the vicinity of our work unless directed or allowed to do so by team leaders.
4. I agree that contact with members of the opposite sex should be limited and controlled, so that we reflect the light of God and avoid even the appearance of inappropriate behavior.
5. I will not participate in activities or visit any establishment or place which may be seen by others as inconsistent with a Christian lifestyle.
6. I will not use profanity at any time.
7. I understand that I cannot smoke or consume tobacco products at any time.
8. I will not possess or consume alcoholic beverages or assist others in doing so.
9. I will not possess, use, or distribute any drug or substance for which possession or distribution is unlawful either in North Carolina or at our destination.
10. I will abide by any additional guidelines which may be deemed necessary by the team leaders during the event.

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# 2012 The Cove Church – Liability Release Form

## Release of all Claims

In consideration for being accepted by The Cove Church for participation in OutREACH events from **January 2012 through December 2012**, I do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless The Cove Church and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above described trip or activity. Furthermore, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein. Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said church, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

***(If the participant has not attained the age of 18 years):***

We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our (my) permission for him/her to participate fully in said trip, and hereby give our (my) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, if any.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or print name of participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

(Only participant need sign if 18 years of age or older. If under 18, both parents must sign unless parents are separated or divorced in which case the custodial parent must sign.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Telephone)