

TPCC Mission Trip FAQ

Q: What happens after I apply?

A: The TPCC Outreach Team will review your application. If your application is approved, you will receive a welcome email. You must pay the non-refundable trip deposit within 10 days of acceptance for your spot to be confirmed.

Q: Are there any trip requirements?

A: Every participant over the age of 18 must have a current criminal background check, and every participant must sign and adhere to the Team Covenant at all times.

Q: How do I pay for the trip?

A: Trip participants are encouraged to invite friends and family to support their trip financially and through prayer. Raising support is an integral part of your short-term mission experience. God could be waiting for an opportunity to show you how big He is! Trip participants may begin support raising after acceptance to the trip. You will receive detailed fundraising information from the Outreach Team along with the fundraising deadlines. If full support is not raised, any balance is the participant's responsibility.

Q: What does the trip cost include?

A: The trip cost includes airfare to the destination, lodging, food, and transportation while on site, as well as emergency medical trip insurance and international visas. The trip cost does NOT include required or recommended immunizations/medications for travel, passport application or renewal fees, souvenirs, and airport food.

Q: Are there pre-trip meetings? Pre-trip preparation?

A: It is important that participants attend all pre-trip meetings to fully prepare individually and as a team. Dates for the meetings will be listed in the welcome email. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendar right away!

Q: Can I travel separate from my team?

A: No, all team members must travel from Indianapolis and return to Indianapolis together. If you live outside of Indiana, contact outreach@tpcc.org to find out if it's possible to join a trip.

Q: What if I am unable to participate in the trip for any reason after being accepted?

A: You must submit in writing that you need to cancel as soon as possible (to outreach@tpcc.org). Participants may be responsible for all trip costs. Monies paid towards mission trips are considered charitable contributions and are non-refundable. By completing the online application, you acknowledge that the church will apply your contribution designated for this trip to a future trip or other purposes, in the event the trip is cancelled for any reason or you withdraw from the trip.

Q: For international trips, what do I need to prepare (shots, passport, flight, etc.)?

A: All flight arrangements are made by the TPCC Outreach Team.

Please consult with your physician and/or the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for up-to-date information on immunizations at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel> . Please contact your physician for specific medical recommendations. Plan at least 4 – 8 weeks before your trip to allow time for shots to take effect.

Participants must have a current passport (**with an expiration date later than six months after the return date**). If you have a passport that has an expiration date sooner than this date, the passport will have to be renewed before the trip. If you need to apply or renew your passport, start the process as soon as possible, as processing times can take up to 3 months. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/where-to-apply.html>