

Go Ministries, Inc.

# Mission Trip **Application Packet**

#### **Application Instructions:**

All participants must realize they are not only committing to the dates of the trip, but they are also required to participate in mandatory spiritual preparation sessions, skill training meetings, and other activities deemed necessary by the team leaders or directors. Therefore, please complete the following indicating that with the Lord's help, you have counted the cost and are willing to sacrifice your time and energy in preparation for the trip. Every form contained within the application packet must be received by the GMI office **BEFORE** the application is accepted and approved.

Return the Following to GM	II	:
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GMI Mission Trip Application
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- \$150.00 non-refundable deposit
- Scanned copy of passport photo & signature pages (needed for visa application) emailed to goministriesinc@gmail.com
- ☐ Passport photo scanned and emailed to goministriesinc@gmail.com or attach original photo (needed for visa application - photo requirements can be found at https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/photos.html)
- ☐ Confidential Screening Form
- ☐ Statement of Health & Medical Release Form (if needed)
- ☐ Mission Trip Consent & Release Form
- ☐ Character Reference Form (please provide your character reference with a stamped return envelope addressed to GMI)
- Trip payments (including airfare costs), any donations received directly, and misc. fees for optional purchases: tours/safari, etc.

Fill out and return with a legible copy of the photo page of your passport, along with a passport photo for your visa application. Anyone under the age of 18 at the time of travel must submit a Minor Travel Permission Form.

**Submit packet to:** Go Ministries, Inc., 221 Switch Road, Calhoun, Georgia 30701

YOUR NAME:	DATE:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:				
Deposit Received:		Check #:		
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment Received:		2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment Received:		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment Received:		Final Payment Received:		
Visa Received:	Character References Received:			

(Use additional pages if necessary. Remember to type or print clearly in ink!)

Participant Inform	ation (Legal Name as it appears of	n passport)		
_ast Name:	First Name:			Middle:
Date of application:	I prefer to be called:		Marital S	tatus:
Address:	City:	State	e:	Zip Code:
Home Phone: ()	Cell ()	E-ma	ail:	
Parent/Spouse's Name:	Cell ()	E-r	nail:	
·	Country of Citizenship:		-	
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Date of Birth:	Age: Place of Birth	n:		Gender:
-	ssport MUST be valid for at least have a passport, you need to apply			the trip. If you do NOT
Church Experience				
Church Name:		Are you a member?	s □ No A	Attend regularly?
Address:	City:	State	e:	Zip Code:
Pastor's Name:		Phone Number: _		
	ay School			
	ow for certain you would go to heaven? Yuld let you into His heaven, what would you say	•		
Briefly share your personal testimon	ny (use a separate piece of paper if necessary)	·		
Mission/Field Expe	rience			
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are you an ordained pastor or lay p				
would you be willing and able to:	share a devotion teach preach	speak (share testimony/Go	ospel, etc.	
Foreign language(s) I speak:		Proficiency:	Fluent	☐ Good ☐ Fair
Please share any special skills or a	bilities you would like to use during the campaig	gn: (e.g. teaching, evangelism	, singing, o	drama, guitar, medical, etc.)
	onal mission trip?	ere?		
n what type of ministry did you part	ticinate?			

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Why do you want to go on this mission trip?
What do you hope to see God accomplish in your life through this trip?
Do your friends and family endorse you going on a mission trip? If no, please explain briefly
Is there anything else we should know about you (special needs, phobias, allergies, etc)?
Character Reference
The following pages are to give to your Character References (2). Your reference should be someone that knows you well and can answer questions about your spiritual maturity – a pastor, small group leader, spiritual mentor, Bible Study leader, accountability partner, not a family member. Please fill in your name at the top of the form.
Reference's Name:Phone:
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\*\*\*Please provide your reference with a stamped return envelope addressed to:
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## **Mission Trip Character Reference Form**

The following individual is applying to go on an international mission trip with GMI. Thank you for agreeing to serve as a reference, your insight is very important to us. You should have received a stamped envelope to return this recommendation directly to our office. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and be as candid as possible in your responses. Please rest assured your responses will remain in the strictest confidence. Thank you for your time and may God bless you abundantly!

	If additional space is needed to respond, please use the back of form.
1.	How long have you known this person?
2.	How well do you know this person?  very well  fairly well  casually barely
3.	Does this person show evidence of a growing personal relationship with Christ?  yes no In what ways front, please explain.
1.	On a scale of 1-5 (5 = Excellent and 1 = Poor) How would you rate this person on the following:  5 4 3 2 1  Teachable spirit
5.	Are you aware of any addictions or bondages, such as tobacco, alcohol, drugs, pornography, food, etc. that the applicant may have in their life?   yes  no If so, please explain.
6.	What strengths have you observed in the applicant that will allow him/her to contribute positively to this trip?  Any weaknesses or concerns?
7.	Based on my knowledge of the Applicant and the information I have given, this Applicant is:  Recommended Recommended with reservation (as noted) Not recommended at this time
	Reference's Signature Date Phone Number
	Address r none remoer
	City State Zin Code



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	How long have you know this person?
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3.	Does this person show evidence of a growing personal relationship with Christ? In what ways? If not, please explain.
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	City State Zin Code

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#### **Confidential Health History**

(This information is for the purpose of evaluation the applicant's health so that Go Ministries, Inc. is prepared to assist you and medical personnel in the event of an emergency. This information will be held in the strictest confidence. Please submit this form with your packet. Thank you for your cooperation!)

Name				Birth Date				
In an emergency, contact				Phone ( )				
Relationship				2 <sup>nd</sup> Phone ( )				
Name of Primary Physician _				Phone ( )				
PERSONAL HISTORY: Plea	se answer all c	questions. Explain any "YES"	answers in the sp					
HAVE YOU EVER HAD, OR DO YOU	HAVE, ANY OF T	THE FOLLOWING?	No Yes	ARE YOU TAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?	No Yes			
Has your reaction ever require	g, Foods, Conta	act with substances, Animals,	Insect Bites/Sting	gs) and necessary treatment:				
Do you have any medical rest	Do you have any medical restrictions or handicaps for which we need to make provisions? If yes, explain							

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Do you have a h	nistory of counseli	ng or psychiatric treatment? _			If yes,	explain	
Would you rate	your current healt	h condition as:	Good	] Fair 🔲	Poor (explain)		
		*					
List <u>all</u> prescripti	on and non-preso	cription medications you are ta	iking:				
Have you ever h	nad any of the follo	owing COMMUNICABLE DIS	EASES?				
Chickenpox Measles Rubella Meningitis		When? Diphther Mumps Pertussis Scarlet F	ia [ ] S [ Fever [		When?	Tuberculosis Other Specify	No Yes When?
Diphtheria Hepatitis A Measles Hepatitis B Monkeypox Influenza (Flu) Yellow Fever	No Yes Whe		No Yes Wr	·	Tuberculd Typhoid I Poliomye Rubella ( Pertussis		No Yes When?
Any other specia	al medical informa	ation we should know:					
Sign and re	turn this for	m with the rest of you	r applicati	on paci	kage!		
Signature _						_Date	

If you are under a doctor's care for a serious condition, please talk to your doctor about your participation in a foreign mission trip and have him/her sign the following medical release statement and return to GMI.



## **Mission Trip**

#### STATEMENT OF HEALTH & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

l affiri	m that
(Physician's Name)	(Patient's Name)
is a patient of this practice	
	(Patient's Name)
medically, physically and mentally a	able to travel and participate in activities
of the	Short Term Mission Trip
scheduled for	•
	(Dates of Mission Trip)
Physician's Signature	
Date	

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#### **Mission Trip Policy Agreement**

Realizing the following elements are crucial to the effectiveness, quality and safety of our campaign together, as a member of the mission team, I agree to:

- 1. Attend all team preparation meetings as scheduled by my team leader.
- 2. Give my permission to Go Ministries Inc. to use any oral or written comments made by, and any photographs or videos taken of, the participant for promotional purposes.
- 3. I understand and authorize that my address and e-mail address can be added to GMI mailing and contact lists.
- 4. Be responsible for my own trip expenses, which include travel, room and board. I will adhere to payment schedule unless GMI grants an extension. I understand I am also responsible for all personal expenses, such as phone calls, excessive baggage charges, sightseeing excursions, souvenirs, etc.
- 5. I understand that certain expenses such as the cost of my airline tickets are not refundable. If I should cancel my participation in the trip after this purchase has been made, I will not be reimbursed and no moneys that have been receipted as tax exempt can be returned to me by the organization.
- 6. Give GMI authorization to purchase travel insurance on my behalf for this trip.
- 7. I understand that as a GMI participant that I am expected to travel internationally with the GMI Mission Team. By signing below I give my permission to GMI and their travel agent to make my domestic and international travel arrangements from my city of departure. I understand that I am responsible for payment of any travel arrangements made on my behalf by GMI and their travel agent.
- 8. Be responsible for my own belongings at all times and must account for checked baggage at all checkpoints and/or transfers. In addition, members may be required to check and transport team-related items. These items become the responsibility of members just as their own belongings.
- 9. Abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco or illegal drugs while on the trip.
- 10. Remember that I am a representative of GMI, my country, my church and the Lord Jesus Christ. I will avoid behavior that would draw attention to myself or reflect poorly on those I represent.
- 11. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of a local pastor or missionary. I will be polite and low-key, avoid loud conversations and arguments. I will never, NEVER laugh at the traditions of others or give the impression of making fun of them. If my hosts are offended by bare arms, shirtless backs, or exposed legs, I'll cover them. If they offer me goat stew, I'll try it! I'll remember the missionary's prayer: "Where you lead me I will follow, what you feed me I will swallow!"
- 12. Respect the host's view of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to witness and experience faith lived out in a new setting.
- 13. Remember that I have come to learn, not teach. I may run across procedures that I feel are inefficient, or attitudes that I find closed-minded. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about, "how I do things". I'll be open to learning other people's methods and ideas.
- 14. Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
- 15. Refrain from gossip, bad attitudes and backbiting. I will at all times, remember to be encouraging and positive in my conversations with others, even those I may find challenging to myself.
- 16. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, instead of whining and complaining, I'll try to be creative, cheerful, teachable and supportive. The popular saying on most mission trips is "hurry up and wait", be flexible; we are on THEIR time
- 17. Respect the work that is going on in the country with the particular church or person(s) we are working with. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but the local church/missionary is here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights and instructions.
- 18. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships and to refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest towards a fellow team member or a national. I realize certain activities that seem innocuous in our culture may seem inappropriate in others. Unmarried couples will refrain from all public displays of affection.
- Respect my team leader(s) and his/her decisions out of obedience to Christ. Refrain from criticizing the requests of leaders. If you have a complaint, bring it to the team leader in confidence.
- 20. Refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics.
- 21. Follow the code of conduct described in this document and other requirements set forth by GMI leadership. GMI reserves the right at all times to discipline, deny participation, or terminate participation in any trip or event when this agreement is not honored.

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#### **Team Member Commitment**

I understand that this faith endeavor will take a considerable amount of time and energy. I have prayerfully counted the cost, as much as I know my own heart, I am willing to make this sacrifice. I also understand that I will be required to submit to the team leadership as well as abide to all of the stipulations of the Mission Trip Policy Agreement. I am willing to do so out of reverence for Christ. I understand that this includes participation in required meetings and devoting myself to the preparation of this trip. I understand that refusing to submit to the authority of this team or honor my commitment could result in early termination of my participation and I will be sent home at my own expense.

Pari	ticipant Signature		D	ate	
		Sign in the presence of Notary Public			
Pa	arental Consent				
I/wc	e hereby state that I/we,	am	yare the lawful custor	dial parent(s) or legal	guardian(s) of
1/ ٧٧ €	stilled by State that I/we,				
in					
	. Passport Number:				
I he	reby grant permission for said child to travel to	(country)	on		(dates of trip)
My	child will be accompanied by (legal name):				
U.S	. or foreign passport number	Date and Place of issu	Jance:		
Dur	ing that period,	(Child's Name) will be residing at			
	eet address:	City, State/Province,	Country:		
Tele	ephone and fax numbers (work, cell phone and resi	dence)			
enc rais	ve discussed this application with my son/daughter ouraging my child's participation in all required mee e the necessary funds or to attend the required mee ume the financial burdens associated with a pre-ma	etings and to meet his/her financial obligations etings, my child will be unable to participate in	s of the trip. I also ur	nderstand that if my ch	nild fails to
Par	ent/Guardian Signature	Sign in the presence of Notary Public	D	ate	
		Sign in the presence of Notary Public			
Pa	articipant Liability Release a	and Medical Consent			
l		Language of an dispusa that			
in c	onsideration of my participation on this mission trip	, i represent and agree that:			
1.	I am prepared physically, emotionally, mentally a adverse to me. I will be flexible and have a serva	nd spiritually for this trip. The scheduling, envirt attitude.	vironment, foreign co	untry and travel condi	tions are not
2.	I grant to any of the Go Ministries, Inc. leaders or the trip. I will follow the suggestions made on my		sions relating to my v	welfare or the group w	elfare during
3.	Whereas (I/my child),	dental care and treatment, and further recogent at the time of required treatment or care for hereby give my permission, consent and au	eas unforeseen circul gnizing that I, the und for my child or myself	mstances and situatio ersigned parent or gu fas may be determine	ns may occur ardian, may d by medical
4.	I understand that this short-term trip entails a risk physical labor and exposure to potentially danger work.				

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- 5. I understand that I am engaging in this GMI Short-term trip at my own risk. I am aware of the hazards and risks to myself and property associated with this. I have read the U.S. State Department's Travel Advisory (if any) for this country found at www.travel.state.gov. These risks include, but are not limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, terrorist acts, weather conditions, and inadequate medical services and supplies. I accept these conditions with full awareness and I assume all risks of death, injury, illness, terrorist assaults and personal property loss or damage, which I may sustain while involved in this project, and related medical costs and expenses.
- 6. In the event that GMI arranges accommodations, I understand that they are not responsible or liable for my personal effects and property and that they will not provide lock up or security for any items. I will hold them harmless in the event of theft or loss resulting from any source or cause. I further understand that I am to abide by whatever rules and regulations may be in effect for accommodations at that time.
- 7. I hereby give my permission to use any oral or written comments made by, and any photographs or videos taken of, (myself/my child) for GMI promotional purposes in printed form, social media or on the GMI website.
- 8. By my signature, for myself, my estate and my heirs, I release, discharge, indemnify and forever hold Go Ministries, Inc., together with their board members, trip leaders, agents, or volunteer, harmless from any and all causes of action arising from my participation in this mission trip for any reason including but not limited to any negligent act or acts of GMI., their board members, trip leaders, agents or volunteers which may in any way cause death, injury, illness, inconvenience or property damage or loss to me. I have read this release in its entirety, understand its contents and agree to them of my own free will.

Participant's Signature Sign in the presence of Notary Public					
Parent/Guardian Signature Sign in the presence of		ublic	<u> </u>		
Parent/Guardian Signature	Sign in the presence of Notary P	ublic			
NOTARY PUBLIC					
State of			_		
County of			_		
The following named person(s),		Legibly print name of	f each person signing this document		, personally
appeared before me and is/are p	personally known by me or	proved on the ba	sis of satisfactory evidence of	of identification to be the pers	son(s) whose name(s
is/are signed on this document i	n my presence on this	day of	(month)	, (year)	
Given as witness by my hand ar	nd official seal:				
			(Seal)		
Notary Public Signature					
Mv Commission expires					