

Rochester Christian Church

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

2023

RCC's Vision: A loving and authentic Christ-centered family bringing hope, freedom, and purpose to our local and global community (Isaiah 61:1&2).

If you are interested in participating in a short-term mission trip with Rochester Christian Church, please read the following:

- To be considered for a mission trip, **you must submit this completed application, RCC Release Form, a non-refundable \$100.00 deposit, and, if you are 18 years of age or older, successfully pass RCC's online background check.** The online form can be found at rochesterchristian.com/shorttermtrips/, then click on "Background Check Form" at the bottom of the page. The \$100.00 check will be deposited in the bank once approved. The check will be returned if you are not approved for the mission trip.
- Participants must adhere to rules outlined in the team covenant printed on the last page of this application. Please read it before applying.
- Your application will be reviewed and a personal interview may be requested.
- All trip costs are the team member's responsibility and are due two weeks before departure. **If complete payment is not received by the specified date, you will not be allowed to participate on the trip.** Any funds submitted towards the trip will be used to cover team expenses, and any excess funds will be given to the host missionary for needs of the mission or people in the community.
- In addition, **in order to book your flights, the Team Leader MUST have received your payment in full for the cost of the flights.** Your flights will not be booked until full payment has been received. If the cost of airfare has increased during that time, you will be responsible for paying the difference. If there is a delay in booking your flight, it is possible there may no longer be seats available on your team's flight. In that instance, you will be booked the next best option, at the Team Leader's discretion.
- If you are unable to participate in your trip, the Team Leader must receive cancellation notice 90 days before the departure date. Otherwise, you will be responsible for all trip costs.
- Additional information regarding the price and dates for each mission trip is available from the Team Leader. Once accepted, team members are expected to attend all team meetings. Team meetings will review in-depth information to prepare you for the mission.
- If you have a physical limitation, please apply for a trip in which you are physically able to participate. Some trips may be prohibitive for certain physical conditions.
- Team members will be given information regarding passports and vaccination recommendations from the Center for Disease Control. Passport and vaccination costs are not included in the trip costs and are the responsibility of the team member.
- As you consider going on a mission trip, begin to pray now for God to prepare your heart, your team members' hearts, and the hearts of the people you will be ministering to and alongside.

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Name as it appears on Passport _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Ph # _____ Work Ph # _____ Cell Ph # _____

Email Address _____

Preferred Contact (circle one) Home Ph Work Ph Cell Ph/Text Email

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Male Female

Passport # (if applicable) _____

Passport Issue Date _____ Passport Expiration Date _____

Trip you are applying for _____ Date of Trip _____

All mission trip participants 18 years of age or older must pass RCC's online background check. The online form can be found at rochesterchristian.com/shorttermtrips/, then click on "Background Check Form" at the bottom of the page. Background checks need to be completed every 24 months. If you are unsure if RCC has a current background check on file for you, please contact RCC's Missions Director at 217.498.9264.

Do you have a criminal record?

Yes No If yes, please explain _____

If under 18 years of age - Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Home Ph _____ Work Ph _____

Cell Ph _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Relationship to you _____

Home Ph _____ Work Ph _____ Cell Ph _____

Insurance Company Name _____

Insurance Address _____

Policy # _____ Group # _____

LANGUAGE FLUENCY

(Other than English—Conversation: Fluent, Fair, Poor)

Language	Number of Years	Conversational Fluency

SKILLS & TALENTS

Please write the appropriate Code next to the skills/talents that you possess)

Codes: AVG = Average Good = Better than average PROF = Professional

RCC mission trips are focused on **strengthening relationships with and encouraging our missionary partners**. Our goal for every mission trip is for the team to come home with a better understanding of how God is at work in the host partner's ministry and how to better pray for & advocate for that partner. Occasionally a host partner may ask a team for help on a specific project. It is for this reason that we ask you to identify your skills & talents.

I. CONSTRUCTION

- _____ A. Carpentry
- _____ B. Painting
- _____ C. Masonry
- _____ D. Roofing
- _____ E. Electrical
- _____ F. Plumbing
- _____ G. Other _____

II. BUSINESS

- _____ A. Computers
- _____ B. Accounting
- _____ C. Other _____

III. SPORTS

- _____ A. Basketball
- _____ B. Baseball
- _____ C. Soccer
- _____ D. Volleyball
- _____ E. Other _____

IV. MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- _____ A. Teaching Ages _____
- _____ B. V.B.S.
- _____ C. Crafts
- _____ D. Street Evangelism
- _____ E. Drama
- _____ F. Other _____
- _____ G. Spiritual Gift _____

V. MEDICAL

- _____ A. Nursing
- _____ B. Physician
- _____ C. Dental
- _____ D. E.M.T.
- _____ E. C.P.R.
- _____ F. Therapy (PT, OT, other)
- _____ G. Other _____

VI. MUSIC

- _____ A. Instrument _____
- _____ B. Vocal _____
- _____ C. Other _____

VII. OTHER PERFORMANCE

- _____ A. Juggling
- _____ B. Clowning
- _____ C. Puppetry
- _____ D. Other _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

1. Do you have any physical limitations that would hinder your ability to participate in vigorous activities? If so, please explain.

2. Do you have any medical problems? If so, please explain.

3. Are you allergic to any medication or food? If so, please explain.

4. Describe your present physical fitness (ability to walk long distances, heavy lifting, etc).

PERSONALITY PROFILE

1. Describe how OTHERS view your personality:

2. Describe your personal STRENGTHS:

3. Describe your personal WEAKNESSES:

MISSION EXPERIENCE

Outline the mission trips you have taken. Include how long you were on each trip, where you went and what impact each trip had on your life. This includes U.S. & international trips.

Trip Name, Place, Work Etc.	Trip Date	Lessons Learned

MY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST & MISSION GOALS

1. When did you become a Christian?

2. Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

3. Why would you like to participate in this trip?

4. What would make this mission trip a success for you?

CHARACTER REFERENCES

Please include friends, co-workers, etc. No relatives please.

Name	Address	Email	Phone	Relationship

I Understand And Agree To The Following Policies:

1. My \$100.00 non-refundable deposit, RCC Release Form, and, if I am 18 years of age or older, completion of RCC's online background check form are due with this application.
2. If I cancel, I must do so 90 days before the team leaves. After 90 days, I am responsible for full payment of the trip.
3. All trip costs are my responsibility and are due two weeks before departure. **If complete payment is not received by the specified date, I will not be allowed to participate on the trip.** Any funds submitted towards the trip will be used to cover team expenses, and any excess funds will be given to the host missionary for needs of the mission or people in the community.
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5. I have read and signed the team covenant. If I am accepted as a member of a short-term mission team, I will adhere to the team covenant. I understand that if I do not adhere to the covenant on the trip, the Team Leader has the right to send me home at my own expense.

Signature _____ Date _____
 (The information on this form will be kept confidential and is for use by the Rochester Christian Church Missions Department only.)

Office Use Only:	
Date App Rec'd :	_____
Background Check	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed	And <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
<input type="checkbox"/> Under Age 18	
Accepted Date:	_____
Dep. Fee Pd: \$	_____
Check # _____	Or <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Trip:	_____

TEAM COVENANT

As a member of this team, I agree to:

1. Remember that I am representing Rochester Christian Church, and, more importantly, Jesus Christ. I will model Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
2. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my host. I will remember the missionary's prayer, "Where you lead me I will follow, what they feed me I will swallow."
3. Remember that we have come to learn. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I'll be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
4. Respect the host's view of Christianity recognizing that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that the purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
5. Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward all nationals, my teammates, and toward God at all times.
6. Respect my team leader at all times in all decisions.
7. Refrain from gossip. I will use words to encourage others, not to tear them down.
8. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative.
9. Attend all team meetings before the trip as well as any follow-up meetings.
10. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my boyfriend/girlfriend or spouse is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all the members of the team. If I am attracted to a teammate, I will not attempt to pursue a relationship until after we return home. I will refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest in a national.
12. I am not involved with illegal drugs and will abstain from consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco while on this trip.
13. Remember that I can be sent home, at my own expense, if I do not adhere to this covenant or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team.
14. Participate in individual and team times of worship and devotions. I will be faithful to pray for my Team Leader, my teammates, our hosts, and the nationals.
15. Focus on our purpose and use common sense at all times. I will radically love God and be irrationally devoted to others.
16. Ensure the trip is communicated to the RCC church family shortly after returning from the mission field. This may include a video testimony to be shown during services, a written testimony to be sent to supporters, and/or a personal testimony to the RCC Missions Committee.

Signed _____ *Date* _____