



## FBCPS Missions Ministry

### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES for SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAMS**

#### **Purpose of Short-Term Missions**

To assist members of First Baptist Church Powder Springs in their efforts to:

- Touch the world with the Word of God motivated by a passion for God and a compassion for people.
- Lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

#### **Objective of Short-Term Missions**

To support members of FBCPS in their efforts to be used by the Lord to:

- Bring people to a saving faith in Christ.
- Teach people the Word of God.
- Equip people for and involve people in service.
- Help people develop a sense of belonging through healthy personal relationships.
- To develop world Christians through Cross-Cultural exposure and Missionary lifestyle experience.

### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Short-term Missionary Selection Criteria

- All candidates must have a testimony of salvation and be able to clearly verbally express this conversion experience.
- All candidates must be FBCPS members
- All candidates must complete a short-term mission application.
- All candidates must contact the team leader.
- All participants must attend all team meetings and meet all requirements as set by the team leader.

#### **Short-term Missionary Financial Support**

- Candidates are expected to raise 100% of their financial support through support letters and meet the deadlines as established by the team leader. Candidates will be required to complete their funding prior to departure.
- Contributions made payable to First Baptist Powder Springs and must be designated with the candidate's team name and the candidate's name to receive credit for the contribution. **PLEASE DO NOT RECORD CANDIDATE'S NAME OR CANDIDATE'S TEAM NAME ON THE CHECK ITSELF.** Include a separate notation with this information with the check.
- If contributions are being made through FBCPS, the candidate must allow at least one week to process out-going checks. A receipt must accompany any expenditure for which he/she expects to be reimbursed.

- If a candidate raises more than the required support or for any reason cannot participate on the shortterm trip, it is the preference of the Missions Ministry to reallocate his/her funds to his/her team fund or the Harold and Laverne Wilcox Missions Fund. It is the candidate's responsibility to inform supporters of his/her inability to participate on a short-term trip.
- Candidates are required to notify potential supporters that any support exceeding the amount needed will be allocated to the short-term team's needs or the Mission Fund.
- Contribution reports will be made available once a week through the team leader.

#### **Short-term Missionary Field Behavior**

- Candidates participating on FBCPS sponsored short-term trips are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As candidates go overseas they not only represent Him, but the United States, FBCPS and/or the supporting mission agency. This is a tremendous responsibility. For this reason, the Missions Ministry asks that each candidate seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.
- Candidates must submit to the team leader's authority.
- Candidates must refrain from abusive language, drinking alcoholic beverages, taking illegal narcotics, smoking, etc.
- If at any time a candidate's behavior constitutes a problem, the team leader has the authority to ask that candidate to return home. Any additional costs incurred as a result of this action will be at the candidate's expense.

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