

Open Door Presbyterian Church

2010 Summer Missions Team Application

Your answers to the following questions will help the Open Door Short-Term Missions Committee evaluate and determine your suitability for STM. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. Prompt submission of your application is requested. All applications must be received by **the deadline date for consideration for 2010 Summer Missions trips**. (Complete all sections and print clearly.)

Trip for which you are applying _____ Today's Date _____

Name (as it appears on passport) _____

Address _____ Tel.: (Home) _____

_____ (Work) _____

_____ (Cell) _____

Email Address: (Personal) _____

(Work) _____ (May we contact you at your work email address? O Yes O No)

Date of Birth _____ Citizenship: _____

Marital Status (check one): ___ Single ___ Married ___ Separated ___ Divorced

Dates of Intended Trip: _____ Total Cost (if known): _____

1. Are you a member of Open Door Presbyterian Church? Please mark as appropriate:

I am: ___ a member of ODPC ___ A non-member but a regular attendee for ___ months/years (circle)

___ a member of another church _____ (specify)

2. If you are a non-member of ODPC what are some of the reasons preventing you from becoming a member?

3. With what ministries at Open Door have you been involved in and how long? Please provide ministry contact person's name and info. (Or, if you are not involved with ODPC, please describe your present involvement with your home church.)

4. Have you ever been on a missions trip, either short-term or long-term? O Yes O No

4.1 If “yes,” please describe for each of the trips the following: country/place, date and duration of the trip and what you did on the mission trip.

5. Why do you want to be part of this missions trip?

5.1 In your own words, what is your view on short-term and long-term missions?

5.2 Do you feel that God may be calling you to long-term missions work? Why or why not?

6. How might your skills, talents, training or gifts be useful on this particular trip?

7. What are your expectations regarding this trip?

8. What languages do you speak fluently or familiar with?

9. **Missions require major time commitment.** In addition to the trip itself, time commitments include: **core training + team training, participation in all events / fundraisers, debriefing and the completion of an evaluation form.**

Jan 10 STM Application Deadline / \$250 Application Fee Due (Refundable)

Jan 31 Teams Finalized

---- Team Training Schedules to be determined by Team leaders and members at their first meeting ----

Feb 7 Core Training II * – **Spiritual Preparation / Fundraising** / Prayer Letters / 2nd Payment Due

Feb 28 Core Training II * – **Prayer Letters Due / Team Unity and Handling Conflict** / Passport Info Due / 3rd Payment Due

Mar 14 Core Training III * – **Prayer Warfare** / 4th Payment Due

Apr 17 KC MISSIONS BAZAAR

Apr 18 EC MISSIONS AUCTION

May 28 SEND OFF SERVICE

* Core Training Location and Time (Fellowship Hall on Sundays, 3pm – 5pm)

Out of State College Students: Must speak with Team Leader to go over training / meeting expectations before applying.

9.1 Are you willing to commit to the necessary time requirements for this trip? _____

9.2 What possible time conflicts might you have with the aforementioned preparation and debriefing time commitments?

10. **Relationship / Team building is a challenging yet integral part of the missions experience. Please note that failure to comply respectfully with the Team Leader / Missions Coordinator or Missions Pastor could result in termination.**

10.1 Are you willing to respect the team and especially its leaders O Yes O No

10.2 How do you deal with conflict resolution? Thinking of a past conflict, how did you deal with or respond to the situation or person?

11. Do you have any health, medical, or dietary restrictions? If so, please explain.

13. Various cultures hold different attitudes toward certain behaviors. Do you **hereby pledge**, for the sake of Christ's church worldwide, **to follow the guidance of national Christian leaders** in matters such as appropriate attire, touching between the sexes, dancing, use of alcohol and tobacco, etc.? O Yes O No

14. Please write a **brief testimony** (on separate sheet) describing how you became a Christian and your spiritual journey since.

15. Raising Support Policy

- 1/3: ODPC will cover up to 1/3 of the total cost of the trip for **ODPC members ONLY**. To qualify, a member must have been an active member for at least 1 year prior to the trip.
- 1/3: Mission team fundraisers (e.g., team support letters, fundraising events) will cover up to 1/3 of the total cost.
- 1/3: **Each team member will cover at least 1/3 of total cost. This is the minimum out-of-pocket cost for all members.**

Total cost includes round-trip airfare & ground transportation, housing, all meals, mission project supplies, vaccinations, training materials, ministry supplies, team building events, and team debrief. Each team member is strongly encouraged to work out a payment schedule with their team leader for their team member's contribution. **All team members' contributions must be collected three weeks prior to departure. In event that the member does not raise his/her portion of the total cost, he/she may not be able to participate in the missions trip.**

15.1 In reading the above, do you submit and commit ODPC's Raising Support policy and willing to trust God's direction through the results? O Yes O No

15.2 Do you have any concerns about raising your required portion (at least 1/3) of the total cost? O Yes O No
If yes, please elaborate.

16. Please read and sign the **Confirmation of Mission Calling** and return it with your application by the appropriate deadline of your short-term mission trip. Please read everything carefully.

Confirmation of Mission Calling

Please understand that by signing these documents you will be submitting to a code of conduct that befits a Christian representing Christ and Open Door and that behavior that is not respectful to the team leader and to authority or to team members will result in termination of your participation of this and future mission trips.

The Open Door EC Missions Committee ("EC MC") leadership seeks to help you clarify whether or not this is the proper time for you to participate in a Short-Term Missions Trip.

To help you clarify some important considerations, we have also listed below some points that we require for all missions participants. Please discuss any questions or concerns with your Team Leader before making your final decision.

Please understand that the EC Missions Committee may recommend that you cancel your Missions trip if a problem arises in regards to the expectations noted below.

Providing Proper Documentation

- STM application in a timely fashion by the deadline indicated
- Active passport within one's possession
- Visa (if applicable)

Conduct: A Willing Attitude & Teachable Spirit

- To submit to the leadership Missions Coordinator, Point Person, Team Leader
- To respect, and cooperate with others
- To serve others
- To be culturally sensitive with regards to dress and actions
- To abstain from alcohol or tobacco if requested by host missionary
- To miss only one training session for a reasonable excuse

Willingness to Cancel for well-being of the Team

- Health problem or sickness
- Unexpected crises that might hinder participation or create relationship problems

I, _____, if chosen for the Summer Missions team to _____, agree to abide by the expectations listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full and Final Release and Statement of Assumption of Risk

Know all men by these presents, that the undersigned, have released and discharged and do by my signature hereunto affixed forever release and discharge Open Door Presbyterian Church (ODPC), its pastors, its leaders, volunteer staffs and members, from all liability arising out of the undersigned's voluntary missions trip / field work in relation to the trip and service in China and other destinations not specifically enumerated herein.

I/We further agree to indemnify Open Door Presbyterian Church (ODPC), its pastors, its leaders, volunteer staffs and members from any and all claims we might have and this agreement is binding upon our heirs, executors, administrators, insurers, successors and assigns. This release is for any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, whatsoever, either in law or in equity which the undersigned, and his or her heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns can, or shall or may have by reason of or in any way incident to or resulting from any accident, calamity, insurrection, Act of God, disease, or any other incident of any and every nature that might take place, whether happening by accident, mere happening or intentionally by people of another country.

In settling this matter fully, I/We have represented the undersigned that there are always certain inherent risks that are associated with foreign travel and foreign missions work, whether it be war, insurrection, disease, police or political activity, accident, intentional violent act by a foreigner, and general accidents in nature and that I/we not only know of these risks but we assume same to be the fact and accept that possible fate free of any claims against Open Door Presbyterian Church (ODPC), its pastors, its leaders, volunteer staffs and members.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____