

Cherrydale Baptist Church

Summer Mission Trip Application

Focus for Guatemala
August 11 - 18, 2012

Application deadline: March 31, 2012

The completion of this application is required of all persons who wish to apply to the Cherrydale Missions Committee for a summer mission trip. Information collected will be used to determine eligibility for the trip as well as funding based on personal qualifications and trip objectives. The completion of this application does not assure support or acceptance into a Cherrydale-sponsored team. If a question does not apply to you, indicate by NA. *All information will be kept confidential.*

Personal Information

Name (as shown on passport): _____

Address : _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone (H): _____ **Phone(C):** _____ **Phone (W):** _____

Email: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No **Do you have a valid Passport?** Yes No

Circle to indicate health: Excellent Good Fair Poor **Any chronic ailment?** Yes No

If so, please describe: _____

Important Trip Information

- Medical care and facilities could be below US standards and not readily accessible.
- Prescription medications are sometimes not readily available in other countries. Some medications do not pass customs inspections.
- Some countries have poor climate conditions such as dust, heat, cold, humidity. Some countries have poor hygiene conditions such as water, food inspection, sanitation.
- Some cross-cultural travel can cause uncertainty and stress. Therapy or psychological treatment might not be readily available.
- Some insurance policies cease coverage outside of the DC area or the United States.
- Certain allergies and dietary problems might not be easily accommodated.

- While we take every precaution to comply with the US State Department alerts regarding safe travel, world events are changing rapidly and uprisings cannot always be predicted.

Please note: Cherrydale Baptist Church does provide insurance coverage for participants on mission trips overseas, but it is still recommend your coverage be used outside the DC area and outside the USA if applicable. You may be responsible for any medical expenses incurred on this trip or as a result of this trip.

Spiritual Readiness

Describe your devotional life:

Do you actively endeavor to share Christ with others?

Have you been trained on how to share your faith? If so, which training was it?

Personal Qualifications

Language	Proficiency (circle)		
Which foreign languages do you speak?	Excellent	Good	Poor
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Which foreign countries have you visited?

In which foreign countries have you lived and for how long?

What skills/gifts/abilities do you have that can add to the team?

Do you sense God may be leading you to a full-time mission vocation? Yes No Not sure

Explain your answer:

For parents of applicants aged 18 and under

Please note: Children aged 16 years and older may travel alone with parents' permission. Children between 13-15 years must travel with a parent.

List children (if any) and their ages who would go with you on this trip:

Is your son/s or daughter/s spiritually prepared to go on this trip?

What are his/her strengths and weaknesses?

Does the Student Ministry Pastor support his/her participation?

Church Background

Are you a member of Cherrydale? Yes No If not, where is your membership?

Whom may we contact in that church?

Phone:

Approximate date of church membership:

Do you agree with Cherrydale Baptist Church's doctrinal statement? Yes No Not Sure

Explain any exceptions or reservations:

Name of Cherrydale pastor/director most acquainted with you:

Which service/Sunday school class do you attend?

Which small group are you in?

Do they know you are applying for a summer missions trip?

Describe the ways in which you enjoy serving in church or other ministries:

Previous Experience

List all Previous Cherrydale (or other) sponsored missions trips in which you have participated:

Destination of Trip:

Dates:

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Trip requirements: If agree, please initial below

___ I will attend at all of the pre-trip training meetings for this summer missions trip (usually 4-6 meetings).

___ I will attend all of the post-trip debrief meetings for this summer missions trip (usually 1-2 meetings).

___ I agree to share my experience in whatever small groups and/or Sunday classes that are asked of me or the team as part of my involvement in this missions trip, understanding that an important part of a summer missions trip is passing on to others the lessons you have learned through this experience.

___ I agree to send support letters to my family and friends to secure at least 20 prayer partners and the rest of my financial need. (It's recommended you send more than 20!!)*

___ I understand that I am fully responsible for raising my financial support.**

*If fully funding self, letters are still required for prayer support.

**The church will provide some funds based upon membership and total cost of the trip.

Please note: Individuals are required to pay a \$100 registration/application fee (applied to the trip). Please make checks payable to CHERRYDALE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(If participant is a minor (under 18))

Date

Short essay questions

Please attach 1-2 page(s) explaining the following (please use a **blank sheet**):

1. Explain how you came to know Christ as your Lord and Savior (no longer than one-page)
2. Explain what sparked your interest in this trip, what you understand the purpose of the trip to be, personal development goals, and any other expectations and prayer requests you have for the trip.
3. Describe the Gospel as if you are sharing it with an unbeliever. Use Scripture where appropriate.

Recommendations

Please note: *If you have not been on a mission trip with Cherrydale before, one recommendation form is required. Ideally, it should be submitted by a leader/pastor at Cherrydale or your home church. Please contact the Missions & Outreach Intern to receive the form.*

Submitting your application

It is our desire that your exposure to the mission field will have a life-long impact upon you. In some cases the Lord may be leading you into a full-time mission vocation. In others, you may develop a World Christian mind set and a burden for the lost which could result in more fervent prayer or sacrificial financial support for those who can go. Others might be encouraged to a faithful ministry at home or within the local church. In whatever way the Lord seeks to use you, it is our prayer that this mission trip will be instrumental in helping you to discern His will for you.

We will follow up with you shortly regarding acceptance, service, and preparation. Thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

Please return application and application fee to:

Cherrydale Baptist Church
C/O Missions & Outreach Intern
910 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA 22207

Fax: 703/525-8254
Email: moi@cherrydale.org

Note: Please read FAQ's of Mission Trips BEFORE submitting your application.

1. What is Cherrydale's Missions emphasis?

CBC's missions emphasis is to bring glory to God by spreading the Gospel and making disciples of every tribe, tongue, and nation. CBC's summer missions trips are designed to mobilize Christians to discover God's purpose for the world and their strategic role in fulfilling God's global plan. Our primary focus areas:

- Unreached people groups; those living in the 10/40 window—this is the area of the world with the most people, but least evangelized. (Matt.28:18-20)
- Focus for Four: we are committed to reaching Azerbaijan for the next four years with the Gospel, by learning about the culture, praying for the people, sending teams and sending missionaries to reach those who haven't heard the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Provide support and encouragement to our missionaries and their ministry. To those whom it applies, sending one team to each missionary in the next 10 years. (Heb.3:13)
- To partner with other consortium churches on missions trips with whom missionaries are financially and prayerfully supported together.

2. How do I know if God is calling me to a Summer Missions Trip?

Talk to God about it! If you feel a missions trip is becoming more of a possibility, you should pray about it alone & with close friends (your small group or family). Share your fears and anxieties with those who have been on a short term trip or schedule a time to meet with the Mission Pastor. Invite a friend or family member to go with you. And step out in faith!

3. What kind of commitment is required?

Each team will have 4-6 meetings prior to the trip, at least one meeting after the trip and a follow-up meeting 2 months after a trip. The preparation required is spiritually, culturally and specific to the mission. Fundraising is part of the experience and it is recommend at least 20 letters be sent to family and friends for financial & prayer support. You are also expected to be at CBC for 6 months after the trip to share your insights/experience with the church and to serve either in the church or in the community.

4. May I drink alcohol or smoke on the trip?

No. Remember that you are going as a missionary & what you do and do not do counts as much as what you say. Most cultures do not expect Christians to drink alcohol or smoke.

5. Can my girlfriend/boyfriend come too?

Yes, you can come and serve together, it may deepen your relationship, but you will not be able to sleep in the same room & should not be spending time alone often. Most cultures are far less accepting of PDA, so you will need to keep this in mind. Most of the time, married couples will be paired up in ministry & accommodation.

6. Can I travel without my spouse?

Yes, but this may not be the best. The nature of as missions trips is such that we encourage all married couples to consider trips together. It is a disadvantage for one spouse not to experience the thrill and growth of a trip, so we encourage both to participate.

7. Is there anything that will “disqualify” me from applying?

If you have recently become a Christian, you should investigate carefully before committing yourself to a trip. Also, if you have major health problems, you should consult your doctor before applying. A servant spirit is needed for a successful trip and if you can't be flexible or teachable, then you won't enjoy the experience.

8. I want to go, but can't commit time for the preparation. What do I do? Can I still go?

The time for preparing is as important as the mission trip itself, and if your schedule will not allow you to join the meetings, you should wait a year until you can make room in your schedule for it. Most team leaders would allow for a member to miss one meeting but generally not more than that.

9. How are missions trips funded at CBC?

Individuals are expected to raise a majority of their financial support.

- 25% of an individual's total budgeted trip cost, up to a maximum of \$700, is available for CBC members and children who have been actively involved in CBC for six months prior to trip departure. This support will be provided prior to trip departure, if funds are needed.
- 15% of an individual's total budgeted trip cost is available for regular attendees (non-members who have been actively involved in CBC for six months prior to trip departure). This support will be provided prior to the trip, if funds are needed.
- If an individual, who is going on a CBC-sponsored trip, receives over 100% of his/her total budgeted cost, the surplus will be applied to his/her team's ministry.
- Individuals who do not attend CBC are eligible for trip participation, but are not eligible for CBC financial support.
- Remaining costs are the responsibility of participate.

Individuals are expected to pay a \$100 registration/application fee (applied to the trip) and then write a least 20 letters to family and friends to raise prayer & financial support.

10. Why should I raise support if I can self-fund it?

The Christian qualities of humility and allowing others to invest in your trip, trusting God to provide, are all ways you can grow. If you can self-fund, it is advisable that you also send 20 letters for prayer support and help other team members. Those who support you are most eager and excited to hear about your trip once you return. Also, when you let God provide for you, it is always faith building and amazing how He cares for you!

11. Can I participate on a non-Cherrydale sponsored Mission Trip?

Yes! We encourage involvement with other mission organizations and God honoring churches. Individuals going with another church, ministry or CBC Missionary, who are seeking financial support or commissioning as a church member, needs to: a) describe the purpose of the trip; b) explain whom they are working with and why; c) share their testimony and why they feel God is calling them to this trip; d) send prayer letters and raise support; e) meet with the Mission Pastor; e) disclose the total costs, and membership status; f) after returning, report to the church what you experienced.

12. Who should I contact for more information?

Missions & Outreach Intern: moi@cherrydale.org or (703) 525-8210

***“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth your salvation among all nations.”
(Psalm 67:1)***