



Missions Door Short Term Missions

Missions Door short-term missions program is designed to support our indigenous missionaries in the field. In all fields our biggest focus is church planting so short-term mission teams are sent to assist and support the local church planter. All teams follow the guidance and direction of the indigenous missionary. The local missionary will direct the outreach and any work related projects. The Missions Door team leader is in communication with the indigenous missionary and will serve as the connection point. The Missions Door team leader will communicate the needed outreach desired by the indigenous missionary and then train and prepare the team with all relevant ministry and cultural information.

The emphasis in training and on the trips itself will be relationships. The team is going to share their lives and learn from the host church in a cultural and spiritual exchange. Although the planned ministry will be carried out it will always be secondary to forming new relationships.

The in-country cost is usually \$100 per person per day. This includes all meals, in-country transportation, sleeping accommodations, and emergency travelers insurance. The total cost of the trip varies depending on location and ministry. An airline ticket to Asia costs two to three times more than a ticket to Central America. A church construction project costs much more than a sports outreach. The Missions Door team leader will set the final price after getting a quote for airline tickets and determining ministry costs.

In most locations the team will stay in an inexpensive hotel or dormitory. In some locations accommodations may be on a church floor or even in a hammock in jungle areas. In most locations the local church will prepare the meals and they will be eaten together with the local church members. In some locations meals may be at a local restaurant.

Our trips are designed to accommodate all levels of short-term experience unless otherwise noted.

Navajo Nation

We partner with four Navajo churches; Shonto Bible Church, Ts'ah Biikin Community Church, and Mesa View Bible Church in the northern part of the Reservation, and Tse Bii Otseel Community Church in the southern part. We offer two types of trips. A large group event for multiple church groups designed for high school groups and the second is a single-church trip that is designed to meet the discipleship needs of your church. The high school students stay in the dormitories at Shonto Prep School in Shonto, AZ and the event takes place during the last full week of June. The single-church trips may be scheduled from April to October and the teams stay in a church at the location of the project. Our projects usually consist of home repairs for the elderly, handicapped, and the poorest of the community who need



help making their homes healthier and safer places to live. Since Christianity hasn't enjoyed a very good reputation among many of the Navajo, our main concern is to win a good name for Christ among the people we serve. This is a very good trip for first-timers.

Bahamas

We partner with Karazim ministries on Grand Bahama Island. Raoul and Karen Armbrister are missionaries with Missions Door and are natives to the Island. They have a great holistic ministry that includes an organic garden, tilapia farm (in process), a feeding program for the poorest of the island, and several economic projects where they help the locals start and run small business. The team will stay on the ministry base and a local cook will prepare meals. The requested ministry varies from home repair, to work on the tilapia ponds and organic garden. Also included in the request are specialty crafts for the women. The trip will include some beach time and a day at sea for fishing and conch diving. Trips can be scheduled year around but July through Oct is hurricane season although hurricanes rarely hit Grand Bahama Island. English is the language, and the base is very safe making this is a very good trip for first timers.

El Salvador

We partner with El Salvadorian native and Missions Door Missionary Nelson Juarez. Nelson oversees ministry throughout El Salvador, and is responsible for church planting and leadership development. The STM team will stay at the ministry center and a local church team will prepare meals. The requested ministry includes, but is not limited to, church construction and vacation Bible school. The trip will include a day or two at a seaside resort for some rest and reflection time. Trips can be scheduled year around. While Spanish is the primary language in El Salvador, Nelson and his team also speak English so don't let your lack of Spanish skills stand in your way.

Honduras (Western)-

We partner with native Hondurans and Missions Door missionaries Victor Almendarez, his wife Virgillia. Victor supervises the ongoing work of the church association, oversees pastors' extension training, and is starting chains of new churches in mountain communities. They also train new church pastors to plant churches in communities with no evangelical work, and to organize new church associations. The STM team will stay in the mountain area and a local team will prepare meals. The requested ministry is that of church construction and Vacation Bible School. Trips can be scheduled year round for groups of 10-25.

Honduras (Lencas)-

We partner with Missions Door Missionaries Erick and Yoamy Sanchez. Erick and Yoamy are both native Hondurans and their primary area of concern is the Lenca people group, focusing on evangelism, discipleship and church planting. Erick directs and teaches in the leadership training program, which prepares local leaders for church planting in Lenca villages. He also oversees the new association of churches. He and Yoamy are burdened to reach mountain villages throughout the department of Intibucá that have been untouched by the Gospel. The team will stay among the Lenca people they are serving and a local team will prepare meals. The requested ministry is that of church



construction and Vacation Bible School. Trips can be scheduled year round for 7-10 days and groups of 10-25.

Panama –

Our missionary in Panama is Luis Matute, assisted by his wife Azucena. The language of Panama is Spanish, however, Luis, and especially Azucena, can speak English. The focus of work in Panama is on Church Planting and Leadership Development. Pastor Luis Matute's current need is with the purchase of land in several different cities for the purpose of building churches and pastoral training centers. The team will stay in a hotel and travel to and from the location of ministry. Focus can include, but is not limited to, ministry with children (VBS-style), women, and men; construction; pastoral training. Typically breakfast is eaten at the hotel, with lunch eaten on location, cooked by the women of the host church. Dinner is either on location, or at a restaurant. The trip usually includes a day of tourism/rest at the end. Trips can be scheduled year round.

Costa Rica-

Luis Matute oversees ministry in Costa Rica, living on the border in Panama. Pastor Marvin Cabrera lives in the south of Costa Rica and is assisted by his wife Vielka. The language of Costa Rica is Spanish, however, Luis, and especially Azucena, can speak English. The focus of work in Costa Rica is on Church Planting and Leadership Development.

City churches: For ministry with a city church the team would generally stay in a hotel and travel to and from the location of ministry. Focus can include, but is not limited to, ministry with children (VBS-style), women, and men; construction; and pastoral training. Typically breakfast is eaten at the hotel, with lunch eaten on location, cooked by the women of the host church. Dinner is either on location or at a restaurant. The trip usually includes a day of rest and reflection at the end. Trips can be scheduled year round.

Guaymi Indians: The ministry in the mountains with the Guaymi is very much more for the rugged hiker and camper – people who are active and physically fit. The Guaymi Indians live in the mountains of southern Costa Rica and northern Panama and speak their own language (however, some speak Spanish also). Access involves hiking in to jungle. Pastor Marvin Cabrera will be the guide as he does much of his work developing leaders and pastors, and planting churches in the region. The Guaymi have need for church construction, assistance with pastoral training, ministry with children, women, and men.

Haiti

We have two missionaries in Haiti. The Director of Ministry is Pastor Guillomettre, assisted by his wife Edline. Pastor Francklin is the Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator, whose wife Nerlie is currently studying in Florida. Pastor Francklin is the mission team host in Haiti and will be involved daily with the team. The native language of Haiti is Creole, however, all educated children learn French. Our missionaries speak English very well. The focus of work in Haiti is on church planting and leadership development. Because Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, there is also need to assist Haitians to find a sustainable income. The team will stay in one of two hospitality houses and travel to and from the location of ministry. Focus can include, but is not limited to, construction; ministry with children (VBS-style), women, and men; pastoral training; nurse training; clinic/medical



operation; professional counseling; computer training; etc. Breakfast and dinner are eaten at the hospitality house, with lunch brought by the team to the ministry location. The trip usually includes a half or full day at the beach. Trips can be scheduled year round.

Dominican Republic

We have six missionaries working in the Dominican Republic under the leadership of Felix Abreu, who also serves as the Caribbean Ministry Director. Felix is assisted by his wife Amnerys.

The language of the Dominican Republic is Spanish, however, many of our missionaries speak English. The focus of work in the Dominican Republic is on church planting and leadership development. The team will generally stay at a camp compound and travel to and from the location of ministry. Focus can include, but is not limited to, ministry with children (VBS-style), women, and men, construction, pastoral training, agricultural development, etc. The trip usually includes a day of rest and reflection at the end. Trips can be scheduled year round.

Nicaragua

We partner with Rigoberto and Claudia Reyes who serve as the Central American ministry directors for Missions Door. Teams will serve either at a city location in Managua or Chinandega or at the farm near the Honduran border. City ministry can involve street evangelism, Vacation Bible School, construction, and pastoral training. The farm ministry will include construction, and children's ministry at local churches. In both locations the team will stay at an inexpensive hotels with all meals prepared by the local church team. Nicaragua is very safe and trips can be planned year around and usually are about ten to twelve days long.

Cambodia –

We partner with Cambodian Ministries for Christ and Missions Door missionary Radha Manickam. Radha and his wife Samen are native Cambodians and survivors of the Khmer Rouge and the killing fields of the 1970's. He is responsible for training Cambodian church planters, sending them out, and producing the materials they need in order to do their job. His goal is to develop leadership and resources for the churches in Cambodia. The greatest need for teams is that of church construction for the new and growing churches in Cambodia. The team will stay in a modest hotel near the work site and Radha's mom, Mina, typically prepares meals. The trip will include some rest & reflection time in Siem Reap, where the team will experience more of the Cambodian culture, including the famous Angkor Wat temple. Trips can be scheduled April through November. This trip is a bit longer than most, usually about 16 days.

India

We partner with Hope Academy in Calcutta. Hope is a Christian school that is designed to serve the poorest of the poor. It is located in one of the poorest slums in the city. Of the 475 students at Hope, about half the children are Hindu and the other half are Muslim. The school is financed through child sponsorships. The team will stay at the school compound and a professional chef at the school will prepare meals. The ministry will be a ministry of presence. We will be involved with the children on a daily bases and have the opportunity to share our faith with two of the least reached people groups in the



world. The ministry may involve a formal Vacation Bible School. The team will have the opportunity to visit William Carey's church and Mother Teresa's home for the sick and dying. Because India is not a Christian country and sharing our faith with Hindus and Muslims in their country requires a degree of maturity is trip is for mature believers only.