



MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH SHORT-TERM MISSIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Purpose of Short-term Missions

To assist members of Macedonia Baptist Church (MBC) in their efforts to:

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

Objective of Short-term Missions

To support members of MBC 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.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

To Participate on a Short-term Mission Trip:

- All candidates must have a testimony of salvation and be able to clearly express this conversion experience.
- All candidates must be MBC members in good standing; exceptions may be granted by the Missions Team.
- Candidates must be at least 14 years of age to be considered for short-term mission trips unless otherwise approved by the Missions Team. Parental or guardian permission is required for candidates who are under 18 years of age.
- Candidates participating in MBC sponsored teams must attend orientation and team meetings.
- Candidates must complete the short-term missions applications form. This must be done at least three months before the date of departure.
- Candidates must agree to and comply with the MBC short-term financial policy (see below).

Short-term Missions Financial Policies

- All participants are required to cover their own expenses for a short-term missions trip. This can be through raising financial support through family and friends and/or combined with self-support. An approximate trip cost is given during the team selection process. The final trip cost is set at the beginning of the team training. This is the amount that each team member is responsible to raise in order to go on the mission project.
- Prior to purchase of airline tickets partial funding is due equal to or greater than the ticket cost. Full funding is due prior to departure on the trip. Team members not fully-funded prior to the departure date will not go on the trip.

- Participants are requested to develop a financial and prayer support team. The support team may consist of family and friends who are willing to financially give to the trip's cost and commit to pray and encourage the participant.
- Participants may not send letters at-large using the church's membership directory. Contacts within MBC should be well-acquainted friends.
- All gifts to teams are tax-deductible, including self-funding gifts.
- All gifts in excess of trip costs are kept and maintained by MBC.
- All funds in excess of team expenses will be transferred to a central account for use with other short-term mission trips or projects, as determined by the MBC Missions Team.
- If a participant drops off the team, the funds remain with the project unless other arrangements are agreed upon.
- In the event the trip is postponed or cancelled the donations received to date cannot be refunded due to IRS regulations. The funds will remain in the Mission Trip Fund for future trips.
- Within 30 days of returning from short-term trips, candidates are asked to submit a written report summarizing activities and results, and are encouraged to participate in the team's presentation to the church.