

International Mission Trip Policy and Procedures
Grace Crossing Baptist Church

November 21, 2019

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Help GCBC achieve the goal of being a Unique People with One Purpose
- Provide guidelines for a successful and fulfilling experience for members of our church body participating in international missions
- Provide a framework for GCBC to wisely use resources in the international mission endeavor
- Best prepare all participants in the trip for the experience of international missions

Mission Trip Participants

1. Participants are asked to fulfill several requirements in order to participate in an international mission trip with Grace Crossing.
 - a. Participants are to be an ACTIVE member of GCBC. Active is defined as:
 - i. 80% attendance in worship at GCBC in the 12 months prior to the date of the mission trip. (NOTE: If an individual joins GCBC within one year of the trip, the individual should be in attendance 80% of the weeks since joining GCBC)
 - ii. 80% attendance in and INVOLVEMENT in an ongoing Life Group at GCBC
 - iii. Involved in a minimum of one ministry event or activity in the 12 months prior to the date of the mission trip
 - iv. NOTE: For individuals who are members of other Southern Baptist or like minded Christian churches will need confirmation from their pastor that they have met these requirements at their church
 - b. Participants under the age of 18 may be subject to requirements placed upon participation by our Student Ministry. Please check with the Student Pastor prior to registering for the trip.
 - c. Participants are to be active and involved in any mission trip training specific to the trip.
 - d. All participants over the age of 17 will complete a GCBC Background Check
 - e. All participants should have:
 - i. VALID US Passport at least 3 months prior to the trip date. Participants are responsible to secure their passport, and all costs associated with any passport or visas
 - ii. VALID photo ID issued by the State or Federal government. ID must be valid at least 3 months following the trip
 - iii. Immunizations: All participants should be up to date on their immunizations, and are also responsible for any immunizations that are needed to travel to the specific country of the trip
2. Participants may be limited by age or physical condition on what trip they can participate in. Please contact the trip coordinator or minister leading the trip.
 - a. All trips are not best for all individuals
 - b. Please discuss any physical limitations or issues you may have with your physician.

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1. Every international mission trip that originates with GCBC is a reflection of our church. We ask that all participants remember that any social media posts while you are on the trip are considered a reflection of GCBC. Post wisely.
2. Financial. Every international mission trip that originates with GCBC has some financial costs to GCBC. Therefore, we strive to be good stewards of the resources God has given us. With this in mind:
 - a. No participant will be registered or considered “signed up” without a full deposit payment. Deposits vary based upon trip costs
 - b. All trips will have a payment schedule. Payments are due based upon factors such as airline deposits, hotel deposits and other costs. All trips will have a cancellation deadline, and after this deadline no payments will be refunded
 - c. Fundraisers are held on an as-needed basis, and are approved by the Elder Team. Only those individuals that participate in WORKING the fundraiser are eligible for benefit from the fundraiser.
 - d. Scholarships. As a general rule, scholarships are not available for international trips. Any request for financial assistance should be directed to the trip coordinator or staff member serving as trip leader.
3. For the most up to date information and policy information please visit our website at www.gracecrossing.life/missions

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International Mission Trip Application / Registration

Haiti Mission Trip with Grace Crossing & But God Ministries. June 6th – 12th 2020

Departing Jackson MS Saturday, June 6th, returning Friday, June 12th.

Name: _____ **DOB:** ____/____/____

Full Name as it appears on your

ID/Passport: _____

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Address: _____

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E.Mail: _____@_____._____

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Home

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Emergency Contact

Info: _____

What LifeGroup are you a part

of? _____

What ministries at GCBC are you a part

of? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please share the story of your testimony.

What skills, training and abilities do you have that could help support But God Ministries during our trip? (Medical, construction, teaching, English as a second language, electrical, sports / coaching, others?)

We are planning at least one if not two fundraisers to help offset the cost of the trip. While this will not cover the entire cost, we hope it will help some. Even with our fundraisers, we will still need to stick to this payment schedule, as we have payments due to the travel agency and But God Ministries. Please contact David Hume with any questions you may have about payments and balances due. dhume@gracecrossing.life

Total Cost including airfare, lodging, meals in country and transportation in country is expected to be \$1550. Checked baggage and meals in route are not included.

Please see the payment schedule below.

Please return the application with **\$250 deposit no later than Sunday, January 5th, 2020.** Space is limited.

Please make checks payable to Grace Crossing Baptist Church

February 20th, \$325

March 20th, \$325

April 20th, \$325

May 20th, \$325

Final Balance due June 1st - expected to be \$0.00 - however this is an estimate.

Payments can also be made through our church website

www.gracecrossing.life/missions - then follow the links or through our app under forms.