

GO Guide



Short Term Mission Trips

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THE
GREAT
COMMISSION
IS TOO BIG FOR ANYONE TO ACCOMPLISH
ALONE
AND TOO IMPORTANT NOT TO TRY TO DO
TOGETHER.

– *Missio Nexus Mission Statement*

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

This resource is designed to guide you in making a decision about serving on a local or overseas short-term mission team. It will act as the starting point in opening your heart to the needs that are prevalent both locally and globally.

Why do we go? By going, we are taking intentional steps into the Great Commission of Jesus to *“go and make disciples of all nations.”* The good news of the gospel needs to be heard and experienced throughout the world and, as believers in Christ, we play a role in sharing this good news. When we go, we serve as Christ’s ambassadors as if He was making His appeal through us.

Support those who have served before you. Philippians 4:10 says, *“I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.”* By joining those who have served on previous teams, we are not only thanking them for their work but we are strengthening the relationship through the bonds of servanthood.

Be a part of the work. Matthew 9:37-38 states, *“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* Serving as a worker on a short-term trip can look different depending upon the trip. With this guide, our goal is to provide an effective resource that helps those serving further their work for the Kingdom of God.

Grow as disciples. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 says, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”* This process of sanctification is a continual transformation of our hearts. When we experience the deep need and brokenness of other cultures, God does something in us. Serving on a short-term trip is a powerful way to discover and experience the great need of the world and to nurture a desire for sharing His love with others.

Trust God – *Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust... - Psalm 40:4*
Praying before choosing to go on a trip is vital in making your decision. It should be made out of a sincere dialogue and desire to serve our Lord and Savior first. If you sense the Spirit leading you to take this step of faith, please know that God will provide the way for you to go. Money should not be an obstacle for anyone who desires to go on a trip. York Alliance does provide some funding for all who participate on a trip through a church-wide love offering. Additional request for funds will be considered on a case by case basis.

MISSION DESTINATIONS > GLOBAL

Taiwan – Café Build Out Construction Trip

Working with Indonesian Migrant Workers, Relationship Building, Practicing English, Interior Construction/Renovation, Overlooked People Group

Team: 5-10 Adults & Students (mature in their faith)

Tentative Dates: 10 days in October / November – TBD

Deposit: \$250

Serve alongside Nathan and Laura Conklin to establish a ministry for Indonesian immigrants in Taiwan by engaging in the following activities;

- Assist in interior renovations to construct a new café and meeting space in the local community
- Build relationships with Indonesians seeking work and community
- Practice English with those who want to learn
- Attend the local Taiwanese Alliance worship gathering
- Some skill is needed including,
 - Painting
 - Floor installation
 - Coffee bar setup
 - HVAC installation
 - General construction
- Provide spiritual support for Nathan and Laura through prayer and encouragement as they launch this new ministry.

Nathan is the son of Nate Conklin, the current pastor of Spring Grove Alliance Church and the Executive Pastor at York Alliance. Nathan and Laura recently served with Envision, the short-term trip arm of the Alliance, in both Taiwan and Indonesia. They recently started a ministry that employs local Indonesian immigrants while caring holistically for the needs of these workers. Their goal is to introduce these workers to Jesus through a community that treats them with dignity and respect.

Cost: \$2,000 per person. This includes flight, meals and housing for the trip. Scholarships may be available by contacting the church office. This trip qualifies to receive funds from the Mission Trip Love Offering.

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MISSION DESTINATIONS > GLOBAL

Macedonia – The Roma Church

Church Partnership, Discipleship Training, Evangelism, Spiritual Support, Unreached People, Prayer, Relationships

Team: 10 Adults

Tentative Dates: 10-12 days – TBD

Deposit: \$250

Serve alongside Pastor Tefik (Roma pastor) and the Evangelical Church of Macedonia by possibly engaging in the following activities:

- Working with the Roma people, an unreached and unengaged people group in the country
- Home visits to encourage and pray for believers
- Possible events for men and women
- Provide outreach and encouragement opportunities through working with families
- Working with the Roma deaf community
- Providing spiritual support for the local pastor by praying, interceding, and ministering to the Roma people.

York Alliance Church has a long-standing relationship with David and Brenda Aderholdt who currently serve in Macedonia and around the world. Short-term teams have supported their work through ministering to women, children, and providing construction help for a local church. This trip will focus purely on the Roma people, a group, largely Muslim, who are outcast from society and have minimal exposure to the Gospel. Pastor Tefik and his wife Anita lead the Bitola Roma Evangelical Church, which is committed to witnessing and caring for these least reached people.

Cost: \$1,900 per person. This includes flight, meals and housing for the trip. Scholarships may be available by contacting the church office. This trip qualifies to receive funds from the Mission Trip Love Offering.

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El Salvador – Construction Trip

Church Partnership, Construction & Renovation

Construction, plumbing, or electrical experience is needed but not required.

Team: 5-7 Adults

Tentative Dates: 7 days – TBD

Deposit: \$150

Serve alongside the Church of Faith and Worship by:

- Partnering with the church in caring for their pastor
- Finishing the construction work on a home/ministry building
- Praying with the church
- Providing tangible hope for a future ministry resource

Skills needed:

- General construction/framing
- Concrete work
- Tile flooring installation
- Plumbing

El Salvador is a tiny Central American nation that borders on the Pacific Ocean. York Alliance has had a long-standing relationship with the Church of Faith and Worship in San Salvador, El Salvador. Over the past several years, York Alliance has sent teams to serve in a variety of different ways including construction projects, vision clinics, Vacation Bible School, neighborhood outreach events and youth leadership events.

Note: This trip will be planned around the availability of those interested in participating.

Cost: Approximately \$800 - 1000/person includes flight, meals and housing. This trip qualifies to receive funds from the Mission Trip Love Offering.

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El Salvador – Church of Faith & Worship

Youth Retreat & Community Engagement

Church Partnership, Community Engagement, Light Construction, Student Ministry, Prayer Groups,

Team: 8-10 Students

Tentative Dates: July 25 – August 6

Deposit: \$150

Serve alongside the Church of Faith and Worship by:

- Partnering with the church in leading a youth retreat
- Assisting in neighborhood connection efforts
- Partnering with the church's prayer ministry through various activities
- Supporting some interior light construction
- Serving the local church by helping with training and development

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Note: This is a student trip which means students from York Alliance will be prioritized.

Cost: Approximately \$1,000 – 1,200/person includes flight, meals, and housing. This trip qualifies to receive funds from the Mission Trip Love Offering.

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MISSION DESTINATIONS > GLOBAL

Thailand Field Forum Trip 2024

Church Partnership, Worship, Prayer and Teaching to encourage International Workers from the region.

Team: 8-12 Adults or older students

Tentative Dates: July 12 – July 22

Deposit: \$250

Serve alongside the C&MA team in Thailand by leading a Field Forum for CMA International Workers in the region. The team will support a week-long event through leading times of group worship, times of teaching, prayer ministry to workers, and ministering to the children of these workers through independent times of teaching and activities.

Team member requirements:

- Team members should be able to lead, or be a strong team member, in each of the areas listed above.
- Team members will be focused on encouraging and uplifting those they are ministering to on a regular basis.

York Alliance Church partnered with David and Ty King as they went to Thailand in 2010 to serve as lead pastor couple at the International Church of Bangkok (ECB). They returned from the field in 2021 and now attend York Alliance Church. As supporters of the Kings, York Alliance was asked several years ago to host the field forum but had to cancel due to the Covid worldwide pandemic. This will be the first field forum since before the pandemic, and field leaders have asked York Alliance to oversee the effort again. God is doing great things in this part of the world and it's great to be able to encourage and support those who are involved in His work.

Cost: \$2,500-\$3,000/person includes flight, meals and housing. Scholarships may be available by contacting the church office. This trip qualifies to receive funds from the Mission Trip Love Offering.

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MISSION DESTINATIONS > DOMESTIC

Washington, D.C. – City/Service/Mission (CSM)

Church Partnership, Meeting Needs, Urban Community Engagement

Team: Adults & Students

Tentative Dates: July, dates – TBD

Deposit: \$75

Serve alongside others by:

- Experiencing life and ministry in an urban context
- Serving the needy at a local shelter or food pantry
- Serving alongside a local ministry to children or youth
- Serving meals to the homeless
- Cleaning up a local neighborhood or park
- Ministering to people through prayer and sharing

CSM's vision is to provide an effective urban ministry experience that transforms lives, influences churches and communities, and honors Christ. At CSM, members of the short-term team become part of the solution for a city. By offering time, energy, and prayers, ministry sites are supported and built up to their full potential of service. Team members will be integrated into a variety of hands-on ministry opportunities to ensure that time is spent supplying substantive help to God's people in the city.

Cost: \$600/person includes lodging, food, and activities. Student fundraising goes towards this trip.

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MISSION DESTINATIONS > LOCAL

York City - CONNECT

Church Partnership, Meeting Needs, Community Engagement

Team: Adults & Students

Tentative Dates: June 25 – June 30

Deposit: \$50

Serve alongside York Alliance students by:

- Serving neighbors with yard work and household projects
- Promoting community engagement by hosting several neighborhood block parties

Connect is a local mission experience for those students in grades 6 through 12, or those participating in a mission experience for the first time. Adults are invited to participate alongside students during the week. Connect is specifically designed to introduce the participant to a mission-trip type of experience. It will expose students to the various needs around York while partnering and building relationships with adults from York Alliance in the process.

Cost: Approximately \$100/person includes lodging and food.

Note: This is an overnight trip. Students are expected to participate for the entirety of the event, including all projects and events.

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