

Stanwich Congregational Church

Short-Term Missions Application

Dear STM Applicant,

We rejoice that you are planning on participating in a short-term mission this year! We feel that both the individuals involved in the STM and the church share in the responsibility of maintaining a strong relationship and mutual accountability. For this reason, we ask all of our STM participants to complete the following application and evaluation form. We want you to know how much we value not only your experience, but also your insights into how we can continue to improve our STM programs.

Because of the amount of time it takes to receive and process applications we need adequate time to consider applicants and the disbursements of funds. Therefore, we ask that **Summer STM applications must be received by March 31**. If the STM trip occurs outside the summer months, we ask that an application be submitted **at least two months prior to departure**.

Enclosed in this packet you will find:

- ❑ STM Application
- ❑ Financial Application
- ❑ Evaluation Form
- ❑ Appendix

Upon completion of the materials, you will be required to meet or speak with at least one member of the STM committee for an interview. This process will not only give us the chance to get to know you on a more personal level, but will also allow us to assess your spiritual and financial needs. We want to be committed to you as a brother/sister in Christ as best as we possibly can.

Thank you for your cooperation and timeliness with this application. May the Lord bless you on this trip in abundance!

Sincerely in Christ,
The STM Committee

Short-Term Mission Application

Missions agency: _____

Destination: _____

Dates of Short-Term Mission: _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

Passport # (if required for trip) _____

(Students)* Name of Parents _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Telephone () _____

Are you a member of Stanwich Church? If no, are you a member of another church?

Apart from the Stanwich missions course, will you be going through any training? If yes, please give the organization and the dates.

What is the total cost of your STM? How do you plan to finance your trip?

Will you be applying for financial support (If yes, please be sure to fill out a financial support application)?

Please respond to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. How and when did you come to faith? How would you describe your journey of faith thus far in your life?
2. Do you have any STM experience or cross-cultural experience? If yes, please give details.
3. How has God called you to this particular STM?
4. What do you personally hope to achieve on this STM?
5. What do you feel will be your greatest strengths on this STM?
6. What do you feel will be your greatest challenges?
7. How do you think your missions experience will help strengthen the body of believers at Stanwich (all STM participants are encouraged to attend Stanwich for at least six months after returning from their trip)?

Short-Term Missions Financial Application

The STM committee is pleased to be able offer support to participants both prayerfully and financially. Because the funds for STM projects are limited, we will do our best to honor the needs of all participants, but cannot guarantee financial support to all applicants. Our greatest desire is that we do everything possible to help all of those called into cross-cultural service for Christ.

All applicants are responsible for raising 100% of their support. Being accepted by the STM committee for financial support does not indicate that fund-raising activities should cease. We encourage all participants to explore all avenues of support and even, if possible, raising above the required amount in effort to support others and the project. This suggestion is not meant to keep you from asking for support, as the church desires to be an integral part of your STM, but rather, we only want all participants to experience the process and often challenging work of deputation.

The STM committee will determine what financial support will be available to the applicant up to a maximum of 33% as funds are available.

Name: _____ Project: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Financial Details:

- Cost of the project _____
- Amount you will contribute _____
- Amount you expect in gifts from others _____
- Amount raised to date _____
- How much are you requesting for SCC support _____

Financial Support Requirements:

Applicants for financial support are required to fulfill the following:

1. Must be a professing Christian and a member of SCC, regular attender (non-member) and actively involved at SCC, or currently attending SCC and considers this their home church.
2. Must meet individually with a member(s) of the STM committee for an interview.
3. Must submit a copy of the Evaluation Form to the STM/Outreach committee within one month of your return.
4. For those going with missions agencies other than SCC, please fill out the following information so that if your financial aid is approved it may be distributed as efficiently as possible.

Whom the check should be made payable to: _____

Address to send the check: _____

I have reviewed this application and I agree to fulfill the requirements stated above. All of my answers are truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

4. Did God use you in ways that you anticipated when you first filled out the application?

Team:

1. What were some of the difficulties and benefits of working as a team in a foreign country?

2. How did the age or maturity of the team relate to the effectiveness of the trip?

3. Of all your preparation before you left, what was the most helpful in preparing the team? What was the least helpful?

Work/Program:

1. How effective was the program you implemented on this trip? To what extent did it help you fulfill the goals?
2. How effective was the leadership in implementing the program? Describe the positives and negatives.
3. How could organization have been improved (i.e. trip preparation, etc.)?
4. Did you feel like you had enough time to accomplish your goals through the program? Why or why not?

Parent Permission Form

(Note: this form is needed only for those under the age of 18)

Date:

Stanwich Congregational Church
237 Taconic Road
Greenwich, CT 06831

Re: Permission for Summer Missions Trip

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____
give permission for him/her to travel to _____ on
the summer missions trip. My son's/daughter's passport number is: _____
_____.

I understand that the leader of this mission trip is _____
I also understand that, in the case of an emergency, _____ will
be authorized to sign for my son's/daughter's treatment and will notify me as soon
as possible of any emergency.

Date signed: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____