

Sheridan Hills Baptist Church

Short Term Mission Trips

What are short-term trips? (<https://www.imb.org/trips/>)

Jesus commands his followers to make disciples of all nations. In response to God's call to mission, we encourage covenant church members to go on short mission trips and show support to missionaries that SHBC has commissioned. We have partnered with the IMB to send covenant church members on short-term trips. A short-term mission trip is a strategic method of mobilizing Christians to serve in and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to a specific region of the world for a short period of time, usually ranging from days to a year.

The International Mission Board facilitates short-term and long-term mission opportunities for our mission ministry. Visit the IMB for more information on missions.

Why are we going on short-term trips?

There are a number of reasons for our emphasis on short-term mission trips:

- Jesus Christ commands us to make disciples of the nations. We pursue short-term mission trips as an act of love, faith and obedience to Jesus.
- We are passionate about proclaiming the gospel to the lost and seeing the nations worship Jesus Christ. After all, this is what Jesus intends for his local church.
- Our mission goals include strengthening the church in “reached” contexts (*where there is at least some presence of the church*) and supporting our home missionaries that are serving in “unreached” contexts (*where there is no existing church*).
- Our desire is to see Sheridan Hills Baptist Church covenant members embrace their responsibility to proclaim the gospel and go on mission trips across the global.

Who can go on a short-term trip?

In order to apply for a short-term trip, an individual or group must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Christ-follower and have been scripturally baptized.
- Be a covenant church member of Sheridan Hills Baptist Church or a regular attendee who is registered for Starting Point and who demonstrates a high degree of spiritual maturity.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the gospel and clearly articulate the biblical mandate for global missions.
- Have expressed agreement with Sheridan Hills Baptist Church's vision, mission, goal, values, strategy, Statement of Beliefs, and Community Covenant.

How to join a short-term trip

Joining a short-term trip is easy. First, fill out a short-term registration form (<https://sheridanhills.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/28/responses/new>). Next, the pastors will review each application and schedule a time to meet with each candidate. Applying doesn't necessarily mean that one is automatically approved to go on a short-term trip. After the pastors have reviewed and approved a candidate, each person will receive information and will be required to attend short-term mission trip meetings for each respective trip. You will be receiving the information about getting a passport, raising support, and completing any required documentation.

Below are some of the upcoming trips that we have:

- South East Asia Trip (August 2018)**
- North America/Middle East (NAME) Trip (TBA 2019)**
- Europe Trip (TBA 2019)**

Please let us know if you are joining a short-term mission team led by another organization so we can pray for you as you go on mission. You may provide details about your trip by emailing Gina Torres (Pastors' Assistant) at gtorres@sheridanhills.org.

Want to lead a short-term trip?

Each short-term trip needs leaders to serve. These are people who demonstrate the ability and experience to lead and care for others well, who demonstrate a passion for mission and evangelism, and who demonstrate a high degree of spiritual maturity. If you have lead before or would like to lead a trip, please contact Gina Torres (Pastors' Assistant) at gtorres@sheridanhills.org

GENERAL PACKING LIST

- All required paperwork signed and ready to go
- Keep scanned copies of all documents. Scan the following:
Passport, Driver Licenses, and birth certificate
- 2 copies of your passport, driver's license, and birth certificate
- Passport. In addition, keep 2 laminated photocopies of the passport.
- Airplane ticket, itinerary, and extra copies
- Small travel Bible
- Journal and Pen
- **Important:** Personal medication
- ATM Card/Credit Card with Pin number (*make sure to call the credit card company and inform them you will be using it overseas*)
- Appropriate clothing. Pack lightly.
- Toiletries (*must be packed in checked luggage.*)
- Washcloth/baby wipes
- Sunscreen (*must be packed in checked luggage.*)
- Lip balm
- Antibacterial Hand sanitizer
- International Calling Card with a non-GSM phone.
- Extra cash