

APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

SHORT TERM MISSIONS - 2010

Autumn Ridge Church

Application due Sunday, Jan. 31 (AL) & Sunday, Feb. 28 (DR) with \$50.00 Deposit

(Application will be null and void if deposit isn't received by March 31)

MISSION TRIP CHOICES: (Please circle your 1st choice)

Dominican Republic: July 17 - July 25, 2010
\$1,450: grades 11-12th (and 10th if space allows)
Passport required - See Website for information

Alabama: July 8 - July 18, 2010
\$750: grades 9-12th

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

First name as it appears on your Birth Certificate or Passport: _____

Do you have a passport? _____ What is the expiration date? _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone/pager etc: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Birthday: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Student's e-mail address: _____

Parent's e-mail address: _____

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes): S M L XL XXL

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Name

Work number

Home number

Cell number

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Name

Work number

Home number

Cell number

CHURCH

Do you regularly attend services at Autumn Ridge Church? _____

What ministries are you presently involved with? _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Describe any medical condition that might affect you during the trip (asthma, diabetes, special diet, medication etc.): _____

Are you on any prescription medication that you are taking under a doctor's care? Describe in detail:

List any allergies: _____ Reaction to allergies: _____

Blood type: _____ Do you have medical insurance: _____

Name of insurance company: _____ Health Insurance Policy #: _____

Name Policy is under: _____

Is it applicable outside of the US? _____

REFERENCES: Please put names below and we will contact.

High School Ministry Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Adult/Teacher: _____ Phone: _____

LIFE & MINISTRY

Why do you want to go on a short-term mission trip? If you have been on a mission trip before, why do you wish to go again?

Briefly describe your experience of coming to faith in Christ.

What are your personal spiritual objectives for this trip? For example, what are you hoping to learn about God and about yourself?

What talents, abilities, skills, or experience do you have that would contribute to the effectiveness of this ministry opportunity (e.g. include spiritual gifts, language training and any cross-cultural experiences you have had).

Describe your devotional life.

What is your greatest strength? What area in your life would you like to improve?

List other commitments that you presently have. How will they affect your attendance at training sessions and other meetings in preparation for this trip?

PERSONAL COVENANT

The guidelines listed below are our expectations for team members. You go not as a tourist, but as a guest of another location. Many places do not have the same conveniences you are used to at home. It is very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of your hosts.

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our short-term mission. As a member of the Autumn Ridge Church mission team, I agree to:

- 1) Attend all team meetings and complete all assignments at scheduled times, both prior to departure, during the mission trip, and after the trip.
- 2) Complete all assignments given out during training.
- 3) Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
- 4) Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip.
- 5) Understand that our team's work is but a tiny speck on the bigger picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
- 6) Expeditiously follow up on all requirements for passports, support letters, financial obligations, vaccinations, travel insurance, etc.
- 7) Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while on site will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand the travel, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive, as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are made.
- 8) Regard the differing styles of worshipping with respect. I promise that where I see the need, I will witness my faith, but without a superior attitude.
- 9) If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members during the trip.
- 10) I agree to avoid any actions, which might be perceived as sexual advances toward my team members, staff or the people at the mission site.
- 11) Refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages while preparing for this trip or in the host country. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while preparing for or on this trip.
- 12) Remember we are the new Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example.

- 13) Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, jewelry, tape players, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave has caused problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness amongst those locals who received nothing. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the team leader before I promise or give the gift, and I promise to let him or her make the final decision on this matter.
- 14) Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or mission organization. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking, and other such traditions, which help me to assimilate into the local community.
- 15) I understand that every member of this group is expected to share freely from their particular blessings and talents, whether that is skills such as music, sports, or basic hard work. I agree to participate in these ways as fully as possible.
- 16) I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the team, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this ministry shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
- 17) Once the airline tickets have been purchased, I understand they are non-refundable. In the event that I am unable to go for any reason, I understand that I am responsible for the full ticket price.

Participant's name (Please Print): _____ Date: _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____

AUTUMN RIDGE CHURCH, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA RELEASE OF LIABILITY, SHORT-TERM MISSION PROJECT

By signing this Release, I acknowledge that I have, whether on my own or with the assistance of my family (including my parent(s) or my legal guardian if I am under 18 years of age), considered the risks associated with short-term missions work, whether such work involves travel overseas or not. These risks include the risk of serious injury, illness or disease, and in some instances imprisonment or death. I accept these risks and agree to release, on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, administrators and assigns, Autumn Ridge Church, Rochester, Minnesota ("Autumn Ridge"), and its directors, elders, officers, employees and volunteers, from all claims, both present and future, arising from or related to my participation in short-term missions through Autumn Ridge. In no event, however, shall this release be construed to waive or relinquish claims for damages which arise as a direct result of the grossly negligent or intentional misconduct of any authorized agent, employee or volunteer of Autumn Ridge.

Additionally, I agree that I will indemnify and hold Autumn Ridge harmless from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or organization as a result of my actions or conduct during any short-term mission trip, including during (i) preparatory activities done or completed prior to the mission trip, and (ii) concluding activities upon returning from such mission trip.

In the event I or anyone acting on my behalf brings an action or claim against Autumn Ridge, which claim or action in any way arises out of or is related to the short-term missions trip, I agree that such claim or action shall only be prosecuted and concluded through binding mediation and/or arbitration through the Christian Mediation & Reconciliation Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, or a similar, mutually-agreeable Christian alternative dispute resolution provider or facilitator

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____