

Short Term Missions Trip Application Packet

Check ☒ that you have included the following in submitting your application:

1. Completed and signed Application Form ☐
2. Completed and signed Team Commitment ☐
3. Completed and signed Application for Subsidy Form (where applicable) ☐

In submitting this application:

- I express my agreement with the Vision, Mission, Values and Statement of Faith of the Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd.
<http://www.ancgoodshepherd.org/AboutUs/ContactUs/tabid/70/Default.aspx>
- I am willing to work under the direction of the Missions Team Leadership and perform all activities with a God-honoring attitude.
- I am committing time and energy devoted to pre-missions training, the missions trip, and post missions activities (such as sharing and presentation).
- I am naming _____ to be the Spiritual Leader Reference, who has agreed to be contacted to give a reference to my application.

Name of Applicant (please print)

Signature

Date

Please return your completed packet to the Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd (189 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1S8) to the attention of Nona Tong, 2015 Thailand Missions team leader. If you have any questions during this process, please contact Nona at nonatong@ancgoodshepherd.org. Thank you.

APPLICATIONS are open until June 30, 2015. After prayerful review of the applications, successful applicants will be contacted within 2 weeks upon receipt of the completed packet.

2015 THAILAND SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP

**Jointly organized by Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver
and Asian and Multicultural Ministries in Canada**

**Field Partners: Anglican Church in Thailand, Diocese of Singapore,
& Karen Anglican Ministry at the Border (KAMB)**

OBJECTIVES:

1. to bring God's love to the displaced people at the Thailand border; and
2. to foster life-changing spiritual growth through cross-cultural missions experience.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

1. primarily to minister to youths in a secondary school at the border, sharing Christ's good news through activities, bible messages and English language tutoring;
2. to visit villagers and pray for them;
3. to understand KAMB ministries and challenges; and
4. may arrange visits to the Anglican Church in Thailand and/or the Diocese of Singapore.

DATES:

1. TRIP: August 21 to September 3
2. TRAINING: June to August
3. MISSIONS TRIP SHARING: October 3 Sharing Night, and November 7 From Thy Bounty fundraising concert

ESTIMATED COSTS: maximum CAD\$3,000* (excluding immunizations, passport fees, travel insurance, and personal spending)

*NOTE 1: late applicants may have to bear the balance over the air ticket and accommodation group booking costs

*NOTE 2: Good Shepherd Vancouver team members can apply to the Parish for financial subsidy

TEAM LEADER:

Nona Tong (nonatong@ancgoodshepherd.org)

HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

It is the sole responsibility of the individual to keep up to date with his/her immunization before travelling abroad. Check current information of the destination country from the Public Health Agency of Canada www.publichealth.gc.ca, consult the Travel Health Clinics in Canada <http://www.travelhealthclinics.ca/> or your health provider for recommendation of specific vaccinations.

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TRIP DESTINATION & DATE: Thailand, August 21-September 3, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT)

Name (as written in passport) _____ Gender _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ Home Phone _____ Mobile Number _____

Email address _____ Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Baptism & Confirmation (church and date) _____

Occupation/Education _____

Citizenship _____ Passport Number & Expiry Date _____

If under 19 at the time of the trip, please give Parents' Information:

Father's Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Mother's Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:

Please describe your journey with God and your experience of salvation.

Where do you currently attend church? _____

How long have you attended this church? _____

What ministries have you been involved with at church? _____

Do you serve in any volunteer/leadership role in your church or in the community? What are they?

What are your spiritual gifts? _____

Have you ever served on a missions trip, or had any cross-cultural experience? If yes, where and when? _____

Please explain briefly why you want to participate in this missions trip.

What changes in your life are you hoping to see as a result of the short term missions? Why?

Please name a priest/pastoral staff member/leader at your church who could give you a reference (include contact information): _____

TALENTS:

What languages do you speak fluently? _____

Please list any specific talents that you have (singing, drama, instruments, puppets, teaching, medical, mechanical, etc.) _____

List 3 strengths that you can offer the team: _____

List 2 of your weaknesses where the team could encourage you: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION:

Do you have any condition which might affect your ability to fully function as a missionary on this trip (i.e. fear of flying, depression, anxiety, sleeping disorders)?

Do you have any chronic illnesses or allergies? Yes / No If yes, explain: _____

Are you presently under medication prescribed by a doctor? Yes / No If yes, please give the name and function of the medication. _____

How would you describe your health and fitness?

Excellent ____ Good ____ Average ____ Needs to work on (what) _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

How is your interpersonal relationship? In a team work setting, would you describe yourself as an initiator? a cooperative follower? a challenger? a loner?

How is your financial situation? Should you need subsidy, do you have resources for subsidy such as applying from your church or raising fund on your own?

As the team will cross international borders, we must ask the following:

Do you have a criminal record? Yes / No If yes, please explain: _____

Any other questions or concerns? _____

TEAM COMMITMENT

Short-term missions trips are designed to bring team members closer to God while making Christ known throughout the world. Team members should be able to work together in unity, to expand their vision, and to experience God's blessings in their ministry. In order for this to occur, I, the undersigned, an applicant to be a member of the missions team, have read and understood the following, and agree to abide by the Team Commitment:

1. **Spiritual Growth** – I desire to deepen my relationship with God in all situations. I will have regular bible study and prayer time before the trip and on the trip, because I believe that growing individually is essential to growing as a team. I commit to invite prayer support for myself and the missions trip.
2. **Teamwork** – I commit to building up unity in the team. I am willing to put the well-being of the team and fellow team members before my own agenda, because Jesus commands us to love one another so that people will know that we are his disciples.
3. **Team Preparation and Meetings** – I commit to participating in all team meetings and training before, during and after the missions trip, with the understanding that every part is essential to the total experience.
4. **Leadership** – I recognize that team leaders are placed in authority and I am willing to submit to their leadership both when I agree and especially when I disagree with decisions. Cross-cultural ministry may present situations that I may not fully comprehend, and I commit to cooperating with my team leaders and the national field partners.
5. **Witness** – I recognize that I am a visitor to a foreign country. I will conduct myself in a manner that honors the local culture, including but not limited to style of clothing, manner of speech and action. I will also cooperate with the local Church to give Christ-honoring and neighbour-loving Christian witness.
6. **Health and Personal Risk** – I commit to take full responsibility for my own personal safety and health during this entire missions experience and I will prepare myself spiritually, mentally and physically – including the recommended immunizations.
7. **Discipline** – I agree that in the event that my conduct is considered detrimental to the team or to the national field partner during the missions trip, and has failed to correct my behaviour, I will return home immediately at my own expense.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____