

# CALVARY STUDENTS SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

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FAQs

## **When do I need to have all the money for my trip raised?**

50% of the total cost must be turned in 60 days prior to departure. 100% must be turned in four weeks prior to departure.

## **Can I make a GoFundMe page to raise support?**

No. Calvary Church mission trip participants send out fundraising letters to raise their support. Monies sent to Calvary Church are 100% tax-deductible.

## **What do I say in my support letter?**

Calvary will provide a standard support letter that your whole team will send out. It includes a spot for you to add any personal message (i.e. Hi Grandma! Thanks for praying for my trip.). We also provide the envelopes, team members are responsible for supplying stamps and mailing the letters out.

## **What if I can't raise enough support? Will I be able to get a financial scholarship?**

Requests for scholarships are available but will only be considered after support raising has proved unsuccessful. Typically, scholarships will not exceed 25% of the needed funds. We encourage students to be creative and look for ways to earn money. In the past, students have collected pop cans, cleaned houses, or done spring landscaping to help pay for their trip.

## **How do I know if this mission trip is something I should do?**

Pray! It's common to feel nervous or scared about doing something out of your comfort zone. We encourage all students and their families to pray and then obey what God says.

## **What happens if there is an emergency while my student is on the trip?**

All parents will be provided with contact information for the trip leader. They will also be provided with the contact information for the agency that is hosting the mission trip.

## **What if my child has food allergies?**

We will make our best effort to accommodate food allergies and let the host site know as well. Please let us know well in advance so we can best prepare.

## **Will I be able to call my student while they are on the mission trip?**

Students are not allowed to bring any electronics. However, if there is an urgent need leaders will allow students access to a phone.

## **How will my student get to their mission trip site?**

We will be using either Calvary-owned 15-passenger vans or rental mini vans. All vehicles are driven by Calvary approved & certified drivers.

## **What is the greatest hurdle for raising support?**

Procrastination! It's tempting to neglect sending out support letters and easy to forget to add team meetings to your calendar. However, when you apply to participate you are committing to follow the schedule and requirements for the team. Parents are encouraged to support their students in managing all the elements of trip participation.