

Mission Trip Questions & Answers

1. If I am interested in going on a FBC Mission Trip for the first time, where do I start?

Every person must fill out a Mission Trip Participant packet and a FBC Participant's Liability Release form, which must be notarized. We have notaries in the church office. Come by during regular office hours Monday through Thursday, 8 am– 4 pm. These packets can be downloaded from our website, www.clevelandfbc.com or come by the Missions office.

2. If I have already filled out a FBC Mission Trip Participant packet and a FBC Participant's Liability Release form and want to go on another mission trip, what do I do?

If the Missions office has your Participant packet and Liability form on file, you will need to fill out the Updating Missions Packet. Included in the Updating Missions Packet will be the application and general information for this specific trip, your medical information and a health questionnaire needed to secure travel and medical insurance.

3. If I want to lead a trip for FBC, what do I do?

Contact the Missions office and make an appointment with Rev. Jim Gibson to discuss your plans. The leader of a FBC mission trip will need to fill the Mission Trip Information form. You will be given a Mission Trip Leader's Packet and Procedures, a Team Leader's Checklist and a Mission Interest Meeting form that will help you facilitate the trip.

4. What if I want to go on an International Mission trip with FBC, what do I do?

Download or pick up from the Missions office an International Mission Made Easier form. This is a guideline to make sure you have completed all the steps required by FBC.

5. How often do I have to fill out a FBC Participant's Liability Release form?

These notarized forms have no expiration date except for children under 18 who will have to personally sign a new waiver upon or after their 18th birthday.

6. How often do I have to fill out a Mission Trip Participant packet?

The Mission Trip Participant packet only has to be filled out one time.

7. How often do I have to fill out an Updating Missions Packet?

An Updating Missions Packet must be filled out for every trip. It contains information that must be current.

8. Do I have to have a passport to go on an International trip?

Yes, a color signed copy of your passport must be brought in to the Missions office to be scanned into our database. We keep it on file to have in case of an emergency. If you lose your passport while on a trip with FBC, we have it available to send to help you get back into the USA.

9. Will FBC help pay for part of my mission trip?

For FBC church members, FBC will contribute money towards your mission trip. The amount will be determined according to the cost of your specific trip. If trip cost, for travel expenses, lodging and meals, is under \$2000 FBC members will receive \$300, if over \$2000 members will receive \$600. Approved non-members are responsible for the total cost of the trip. All forms must be completed to receive any funds.

10. Will FBC help pay for a mission trip that is not sponsored by FBC?

There is a request form, "Mission Trip Contribution by the church for a non-church sponsored trip" that you can make a request for assistance. It will be reviewed and the Missions office will let you know if assistance can be provided. A background check is required.

11. Do I have to have a background check?

Yes, every adult that goes on a FBC mission trip or a non-sponsored FBC trip is required to have a background check. In order to get a background check, you must fill out the form with your social security number which gives FBC the permission to run a background check. Minors do not have to have a background check. The background check permission is included in the FBC Participant's Liability Release Agreement. Background checks will be repeated every three years.

12. If my trip is sponsored by the International Mission Board, what do I do?

Fill out additional forms related to the IMB which are the IMB form, IBM Confidential reference and watch the Child Protection video. FBC forms must be completed too. Turn all the forms into the Missions Office.