

Mission Trip Process

Thank you for your interest in domestic and international missions through your church! This guide is designed to help you know what steps to take to begin the process of applying for one of our mission trips this year. Once you have met the *Participation Expectations*, please read through this guide and follow the steps as outlined here. You will be contacted and directed through the process.



Step 1: Express Interest. All potential mission trip participants must begin the same way, by expressing interest in going on a trip. All DPFBC-sponsored trips, regardless of whether they are domestic or international, must start here. Email Sarah Miller at smiller@dpfbc.org or call 479-2391.



Step 2: Make Application. DPFBC has an application form that each potential trip participant must complete. Once a participant has expressed interest via email or by phone to Sarah Miller, he will receive his application to complete. *Returning team members need only to fill out page 3 if all other info remains the same.



Step 3: Applications Reviewed. The Strategic Outreach Minister, along with other Pastoral Staff, and Team Leader will review all applications of potential trip participants. Information on trip applications will be taken into consideration for this review.



Step 4: Be approved or denied. Based on prayer by the Strategic Outreach Minister and Team Leaders, the review of the application (and any other questions pertinent to the trip), and available space on the trip, the participant will be approved or denied.



Step 5: Be trained. Once a potential trip participant changes status to Team Member, he will begin training with the team as led by the Team Leader. Training will include language and cultural study, spiritual preparation, logistics, and team building. *All team meetings are required* unless an exception is arranged previously with the Team Leader.



Step 6: Raise funds. This step will actually begin once a person becomes a Team Member with a non-refundable deposit due at the first team meeting. Each DPFBC member may have access to Volunteer Mission Funds via an application process explained by the Team Leader at the first team meeting.



Step 7: Go on the trip. This is the fun part! Each Team Member will participate fully in the trip, being completely surrendered to the leadership of the Team Leader, NAMB, IMB or other mission personnel, and the Lordship of Jesus.



Step 8: Be debriefed. Immediately following a trip, Team Members will meet with their Team Leader and participate in a debriefing designed to clearly identify all aspects of learning and experience during the trip and confirm time for a report to a group in the church (Connect Group, youth or children's group).



Step 9: Multiply. Going on a trip doesn't end after the laundry is done! Team Members, coached by the Team Leader, will come up with a plan to continue a missional lifestyle while back at home. This could include (but is not limited to) volunteering to serve somewhere in the church or community, ministering to neighbors, or possibly even leading a subsequent team.