

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for US?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Isaiah 6:8

Ridge Short-term Mission Application

(circle one of the four below)

Team A-June 15-20: Ridge Women- Diverse activities with the poor and children- Puerto Plata (N. Page & K. Brownlee)

Team B- June 22-27: Couple's team, children's VBS and service project with Global Effect, La Vega, DR (Rothermels)

Team C-July 12-17: Ridge Men- home repairs/poverty alleviation-Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic (T. Fox & D. Bailey)

Team D- July 23-27: Young Adults, teaching and service with Global Effect college ministry, La Vega, DR (J. Heram)

Our Purpose

The purpose of Ridge short-term foreign missions is to carry the life-saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ to peoples and places in the world where Christ is unknown, as well as to equip us as individuals as carriers of "the good news". If all we accomplish is making Him known and offering His salvation to the lost, our efforts have been fruitful for the Kingdom.

As Christians we recognize we are sinners reconciled to God through the finished work of Jesus on the cross. But we are human and when honest with ourselves we know that we fall short, possibly often, of the obedience desired by God. Sometimes however, it is even possible to become entrapped in an unrepentant sin-condition. So please before applying, intentionally ask yourself "Is my life free of willful sin; am I living in obedience to Jesus?" If your answer is that there remain things you haven't yet dealt with, now is probably not the time to apply to serve on a mission. Rather, I encourage you to put first things first; Ridge leadership stands ready to help you face whatever challenges that keep you from being the person God intends.

Ken Conway, Missions Director

Full Name (if you have a passport, as it appears): _____

For which Mission do you apply (circle only one above).

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate & Age (as of May 1, 2021): _____

Passport number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Email: _____ Allergies: _____

List current prescription medications: _____

Primary Care Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Health Insurance Carrier: _____ Group #: _____

Does your health insurance cover illness outside of the US? _____

If you've never led anyone to Christ, do you feel that you would be prepared to do this if you joined this mission journey?

Tell us about your physical condition, such as tolerance to heat, humidity, and hard work of lifting, shoveling, walking if that is part of the mission.

Are you prepared to be Jesus' ambassador of friendship and support to people living in extreme poverty, or suffering life-ending illnesses.

Foreign travel to a different culture brings stress. How do you react when you are stretched out of your comfort zone? How do you deal with fear?

Have you experienced previous international mission trips? If yes, to where and what was your role on these trips?

Affording the Journey

Cost: \$1200.00

Please do not let cost stop you from applying- God will provide if your participation on this mission is His will. Scholarship assistance is available to members- speak directly and confidentially with your team leader.

Preparations (check each that you agree to)

- I will arrange my schedule (this includes rescheduling prior commitments) to insure attendance to team preparation meetings, excepting major emergencies/illnesses. There will be at three mandatory team meetings on Sunday afternoons after church. Failure to attend a mandatory meeting cancels participation in the mission. Additional team-building meetings may be scheduled by team leaders.

- I am willing to complete homework in the weeks leading to the mission, to prepare myself and my team.

- I can place myself under and abide by the authority of the team leader or local missionary, particularly during the in-country time, even though I might at times disagree with decisions or strategies.

- I commit to recruiting a prayer support team for my mission immediately upon being approved to participate, and I will also maintain communication with them throughout the mission.

Enrollment Deadline

Applications are due April 15, 2021. Upon reviewing applications, applicants may be asked to undergo a brief interview. The team will be selected by the team leaders and the missions director, and ratified by The Ridge elder body.

Attach your Deposit Now

A check deposit in the amount of \$250 must be attached to this application, made payable to The Ridge. On the memo line identify the mission. Be sure to turn in this completed application and check to Kelsey Davenport at The Ridge office before April 15, 2021. Your deposit is refundable if space fills or application is not approved.

Covenant Signature

I, _____, place myself in God's hands for the possibility of participating with Him and His purposes on this mission. I offer to join with other Ridge Community Church members for the purposes stated in the opening paragraph of this enrollment. Date _____