

"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

Read through the entire application and pray, before beginning to fill it out. **Seriously.**

(circle only one of the six below)

Mission A - RidgeWomen to La Vega, Dominican Republic, April 9-13, blessing new mothers, children's activities, and others. Leaders are Cortney Ray & Ken Conway

Mission B - RidgeMen to El Salvador, May 14-19, "Christ's hands repairing homes, His heart repairing lives." Leader is Ken Conway

Mission C - Ridge Married Couples to La Vega, Dominican Republic, June 6-11, Children's VBS and "Christ in Your Marriage" seminar. Leader team TBA

Mission D - Young Adult, Singles and Couples to La Vega, Dominican Republic, June 13-18, service projects, uniting with college students, and issues of the day. Leader is Chan Mitchell

Mission E - RidgWomen & Crossover Cups, a multifaceted, activity-filled week, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, June 27 - July 2. Leaders are Kathy Brownlee & Trista Ragsdale.

Mission F - RidgeMen to Sosua, DR, July 9-14, we join Miss Karen to repair homes, feed the poor and bless lives. Leader is Todd Fox.

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.

Now examine yourself....

Christians 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 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

What is your response to the above self-examination:

Name (write clearly, exactly as on your passport): _____

(Recent passport applications, even expedited status, are requiring 3 months+ processing time)

For which mission do you apply (circle only one above)?

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age (as of May 1, 2022): _____ Birthdate: _____

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? _____

Is Jesus Lord of your life? When did you confess Him, and have you been baptized as a profession of your faith?

Have you led someone to Christ? If not, will you prepare yourself to do this?

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. You should expect that while on-mission, things will often not go as expected or planned. You will be challenged, you will encounter stress. Americans in particular are often not equipped to deal with not having things "go as they should". How do you react when you are stretched? 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: \$1300

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. Typically there are three mandatory team meetings on Sunday afternoons after church. Failure to attend a mandatory meeting cancels participation in the mission. **Do not apply if you do not intend to set other commitments aside (except major emergencies) to attend.** 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 and local missionary, even though I might at times disagree with decisions or strategies. I will follow the rules.
- 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.

Application Deadline

Applications deadline is **February 1, 2022**. Upon reviewing applications, applicants may be asked to undergo a brief interview. The team will be selected by the team leaders and the mission director, and ratified by The Ridge elder body.

Attach your Deposit Now

A check deposit in the amount of \$450 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 (payable to The Ridge, with a memo "Mission Deposit" at The Ridge office before **February 1, 2022**. 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 _____