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### SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATION

PLEASE complete the application as fully as you can. If you have any questions, please contact the VisionVestors office.

Short Term Mission  
Deposit Enclosed  \$200

Internship  
 \$200

**TRIP INFORMATION:** Country of trip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Blood Type \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female Are you a citizen of the USA? (if not where?) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work or cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a Christian: \_\_\_\_\_ How long at your present church? \_\_\_\_\_

Lay positions or involvement include \_\_\_\_\_

#### PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Do you have a passport?  Yes  No

Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

List any physical, medical or emotional condition that might affect your mission: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Prescription drugs you are currently taking \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions or needs \_\_\_\_\_

Number of times on the mission field \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Place of last trip \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign languages you speak \_\_\_\_\_

List any past and present leadership positions \_\_\_\_\_

Please place the appropriate letter next to the skills that apply to you. If you have no experience please leave blank.

**M** – Minimal Experience

**A** – Amateur with a lot of experience

**P** – Professional

\_\_\_\_ Arts & Crafts

\_\_\_\_ Doctor

\_\_\_\_ Painting

\_\_\_\_ Auto Mechanics

\_\_\_\_ Electrical

\_\_\_\_ Plumbing

\_\_\_\_ Carpentry

\_\_\_\_ Engineering

\_\_\_\_ Preaching

\_\_\_\_ Computer Programming

\_\_\_\_ Evangelism

\_\_\_\_ Puppetry

\_\_\_\_ Computer Repair

\_\_\_\_ First Aid Training

\_\_\_\_ Secretarial

\_\_\_\_ Construction

\_\_\_\_ Furniture Building

\_\_\_\_ Sewing

\_\_\_\_ Cooking

\_\_\_\_ Hard Manual Labor

\_\_\_\_ Teacher

\_\_\_\_ Data Processing

\_\_\_\_ Masonry

\_\_\_\_ Typing

\_\_\_\_ Dentist

\_\_\_\_ Nurse

\_\_\_\_ Welding

Please list any other skills or talents that may be useful on your mission trip \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any musical abilities you have \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPLICATIONS AND TRIP PAYMENTS**

1. Submit your application and trip deposit to your team leader.

2. The appropriate deposit needs to be submitted with your application:

Short-term mission \$100

Internship \$200

3. Plane tickets for your trip will be purchased at no later than 90 days before your trip. The airfare portion of your trip will be due at that time. Please note that once your ticket is purchased, you are responsible for payment of your ticket even if for some reason you are unable to go on the trip. The ticket will be in your name and no one else can use your ticket. You must pay for the ticket purchased in your name.

4. The remaining portion of your trip will be due on or before 30 days of departure. Failure to get all of your funds into our office before the deadline will disqualify you from being part of the trip.

5. Return policy: In the event that you are unable to make the trip due to a last minute emergency or due to inadequate funding, the funds that will be returned will be the remaining amount of the collected funds minus your deposit and your airfare. Your plane ticket will remain in your name and usable by you for 12 months with payment of a re-scheduling fee paid to the airline.

6. Applications and trip payments are to be collected by the team leader. The team leader will then forward the applications and the funds to our office by the established trip deadlines.

## **TRIP ORIENTATION: CROSS-CULTURAL**

1. I will remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of a local missionary. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking and other such traditions which will help me to assimilate into the local culture. If they offer me goat meat stew, I'll try it! I'll remember the missionaries' prayer: "Where You lead me, I will follow; what they feed me, I will swallow!"
2. I understand that we are primarily to serve. I may encounter procedures that I feel are inefficient, or attitudes that I find closed-minded, I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things". I will be open to learning other peoples' methods and ideas.
3. I will respect the host's view of Christianity even if their theological positions are different than mine. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to witness for Christ, to serve people, and to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
4. I will develop and maintain a servant attitude towards all.
5. I will accept the leadership authority of the team leader and abide by his/her decisions as they concern the mission trip.
6. I will spiritually prepare for the trip through prayer.
7. I will refrain from complaining. I understand that travel can present numerous unexpected and challenging circumstances. Instead of complaining, I will be creative and supportive, and I will work to adapt to the circumstances that I am in.
8. I will respect the work that is going on in the country with the particular church, or person(s) that we are working with. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but that the missionary and local churches are there for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights and instructions.
9. I will attend and be prompt to all team meetings before and during the trip. I will notify my team leader in advance if I am going to miss a given meeting. Meeting with your team is an important part of the trip preparation and we would like you to be present.
10. I will fulfill all logistical requirements. I will comply with all requirements regarding passports, finances, shots, etc. I will assume full financial responsibility for the portion of this trip that is mine. If I do not raise the needed support, I will personally cover my costs. I understand that e-mail will be the primary mode of communication that I will receive from the Leadership and I will check e-mail often enough to be responsible for what is sent to me. Note: Regarding finances, there will be certain critical dates when you will be required to have specific amounts of money sent to the field. These are deadlines! You will be supplied these dates and amounts in writing. If you anticipate that you will not be able to make a payment, please contact the leader immediately.
11. I will refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics. I will be mindful that Americans tend to speak louder and more boisterously than many other cultures. This is sometimes seen in a negative light by nationals. I will be careful not to be offensive or obnoxious to our national hosts. I will instead be sensitive in all areas of my conduct, and to the norms of the society I am visiting.
12. I will not be exclusive in my relationships. If my sweetheart or spouse is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. If I am attracted to a teammate, I will not attempt to pursue an exclusive relationship until after we return home.
13. I will refrain from any activity that could be construed as a romantic interest toward a national. I realize certain activities that seem innocuous in my own culture may seem inappropriate in others.
14. I will abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco at the mission house.
15. I will contribute my share of work toward the project we came to do, and be thoroughly prepared for what I have been asked to present. I will be prepared and punctual in my work and my presentation. I will work to be a team player.
16. I realize that it is my sole responsibility to make sure that I am covered for any medical or life insurance need that I deem necessary for myself and any dependents accompanying me.

17. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip that my services in connection with this mission trip shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.

***I understand that VisonVestors and its representatives will not be held responsible or liable for any illness or accident that may occur on this mission trip. I agree to provide for my own personal accident/health insurance.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For persons under 18 years of age a parent or guardian must sign as consenting for this trip.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_