

Getting Started: A 10-Step Guide to Missions

Through praying, giving and going, the Missions Ministry takes the message of salvation around the world—sharing the Savior's love and seeing lives changed forever. Our short-term overseas mission trips offer Green Acres members life—changing opportunities to carry out the Great Commission.

1. **Pray.** The Holy Spirit will lead you in this process. He may reveal only one step at a time, but God will be faithful to lead you.
2. **Get Information.** Attend an information meeting or call the contact person for that trip. Qualified and trained volunteer leaders lead most of our trips. They will give you details on dates, costs and the trip projects.
3. **Fill out the Mission Trip Application.** Your application provides key information to your team leader to get to know you and better understand the dynamics of the team.
4. **Get Your Passport.** Start the process today! Even if you're unsure of what trip you will go on, get your passport. Download an application at www.gabc.org/missionresources or obtain one at the passport window of the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Post Office. Note that many countries require a visa in addition to our passport. Save time by getting two additional pictures when you are getting your passport pictures.
5. **Attend the Mission Training Class.** Training is vital preparation for your journey. Class material will encourage and strengthen your spiritual growth prior to ministry on your mission trip.
6. **Decide to Go.** Give your Trip Team Leader the deposit amount necessary to make travel arrangements. During the training meetings, you will be asked to sign a Team Trip Covenant outlining commitments of the team for personal growth, lifestyle guidelines, teamwork and project commitment.
7. **Attend Your Training Meetings.** Each team holds pre-trip training, and your participation is vital for your own preparation, as well as for building team unity.
8. **Seek Support.** Talk with your small group and close friends about this opportunity. You will need their emotional, prayer and possibly financial support.
9. **GO!**
10. **Come Home and Share.** Your stories and enthusiasm will be the instrument God uses to encourage another to go. Send a follow-up report to all those you asked to support you.