

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, ‘the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” Luke 10: 1-2

November 16, 2008

RE: 2009 Lake Forest Church Short-term Mission Trips

Dear Friend,

We are thrilled about your interest in participating in a life changing trip to Bolivia or Mexico! We know for a fact that if God calls you to go, and you follow through with an open heart, then you are going to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience with God and God's people.

Once you have prayerfully decided this is something you want to pursue, please complete the general application enclosed and return it no later than Sunday, February 1 to Lake Forest Church, at 8519 Gilead Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078 Attn: 2009 Short-term Mission Trips.

All those traveling, including children, need to complete an application. You can pick up additional applications at the information table on Sundays, or duplicate the one enclosed for your family members.

Please do not let money keep you from pursuing this trip. Where God calls, He also provides. If you are wavering on the point of 'fundraising' (which you will find is really a process of recruiting team members to support you in the call of God), We would love to talk with you about it. Even better, we will put you in touch with someone from last year's trip who wrestled with the same issue and saw God provide – this became one of the best growing points for their participation in the trip.

The Missions Team is asking for individuals who participate in short-term missions to contribute at least 1/3 of the cost from their personal funds. This commitment of one's own finances reinforces the fact that short-term missions should not be taken lightly and one should prepare for it as a serious investment of one's prayers, time, and resources. Fundraising for the remaining 2/3 cost of the trip will be coordinated by the Missions Team and individual missions teams together. If you are wavering on the point of 'fundraising' (which you will find is really a process of recruiting team members to support you in the call of God), we would love to talk with you more about it. We do not want money to keep you from pursuing a trip because we trust that where God calls, He also provides.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact missions@lakeforest.org or Lindy Glass, Director of Short-term Missions, lindy_glass@yahoo.com.

There will also be an **informational meeting on Sunday, January 11 at 1:00pm at LFC** (after the third service), at which time we will share more about what you can expect to be doing in Bolivia and Mexico and you can ask questions and talk to people who have been before.

We are praying for you as you make this decision.

In Christ,

The Missions Team

2009 Short-Term Mission Trip Application

Lake Forest Church

Name: _____

Indicate the mission trip in which you would like to serve.

__ Mexico Reynosa	__ Mexico Piedras Negras	__ Bolivia New Missionary	__ Bolivia Returning Missionary
May 30 - June 6, 2009	June 20 - June 27, 2009	June 25 - July 4, 2009	July 2 - July 10, 2009

Personal Information

Address: _____

City State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

Email: (please print clearly) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Passport Information:

- a. Full name issued to: _____
- b. Country of issuance: _____
- c. Expiration: _____

Church Information

Are you a ministry partner of Lake Forest Church? Yes_____ No_____

If not, are you a member of a church? Yes_____ No_____

If so, what church? _____

If you attend LFC regularly but have not yet joined, are you willing to attend the next Welcome 101 class to become a ministry partner (member)? Yes_____ No_____

Are you part of a LFC Community Group, Men's Group or Women's Group? Yes_____ No_____

If so, who is the leader of your group? _____

Ministry Information

What is your present ministry involvement at Lake Forest? _____

Please describe any past ministry involvement at other churches where you've been active:

Do you have any previous cross-cultural ministry and/or work experience? (Inner city, international students, previous trips) Yes_____ No_____

If Yes, please describe: _____

Please list your spiritual gifts, if you know what some of them are: _____

Skills

Please list any skills that may be useful for this trip: (construction, drama, education, musical, medical, etc.):

Employment

Please complete the following information. We will not contact your employer without asking your permission.

Employed ___ Self-employed ___ Unemployed ___ Student ___ Retired ___

Name of Employer: _____

Your position: _____

Education

High School _____

College _____ Major _____

Graduate or Professional Degrees _____

Medical

Describe your health: _____

Do you have any medical conditions which may limit your performance under difficult circumstances?

Do you have medical insurance? Yes____ No____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Is the insurance applicable in the area of the trip for which you are applying? Yes____ No____

In case of an emergency, who should we contact? Please provide up to two contacts, in order of preference, including name, phone number, address and relationship:

Spiritual Life

Please summarize if and how you have come to know Jesus Christ as your savior, and tell us a little about your current spiritual growth (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Please list three personal goals for serving on a short-term ministry experience

Do you have any special needs (physical, emotional or spiritual) that would affect your ability to effectively carry out your ministry?

Signature: _____ Date: _____