



EAST EUROPEAN MISSIONS NETWORK

EEMN ALUMNI

2018 Short-Term Mission Trip Application Checklist

Name (Last, First): _____

Preferred airport of departure: _____

Required Forms and Documentation for Application:

- Application form
- \$250 registration deposit / \$150 if submitted before 12.31.2017 (*non-refundable, is applied to total cost of trip*)
- Passport copy
- Verify your passport expiration date is still valid at least **6-months beyond** the scheduled **return date** from your trip, and ensure it has at least two blank pages for your trip.
- Risk Acknowledgement & Release form
- Individual & Team Training Agreement form
- STM Personal Covenant Form

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2018

- Please note that we fill our teams on a first come first served basis. **The earlier we receive your application and required documentation, the higher the likelihood that you will receive a spot on your first trip of choice.**
- Your spot on the team is not reserved and your application will not be processed until all items have been turned in.
- Registration fee will not be cashed until application is approved, but once approved it is non-refundable.

ALUMNI EEMN 2018 Short-Term Mission Trip Application DATE: _____

Applicant Information

Full Name:
As it appears on
your passport.

Last First Full middle Nick Name

Mailing
Address:

Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone Home/Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

DOB (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ City & State of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female Are you a U.S. citizen? YES NO

Marital status: Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Are you a full-time student? YES NO Are you retired? YES NO

Employer/School: _____ Job Title: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Do you currently have a passport? YES NO If not, on what date did you apply? _____

Passport number: _____ Issued: _____ Expires: _____

Is your health insurance policy valid overseas? YES NO
(Most regular health insurance policies are not valid overseas.)

(You must have emergency medical travel insurance coverage - including air evacuation - for the duration of your trip. EEMN recommends HCC Travel Insurance: <http://www.hccmis.com/atlas-travel-insurance/index.html>)

Please indicate your trip preference by placing a "1" and "2" in the respective boxes.

JUNE 6 - 18
UEBC - UKRAINE
Odesa Region
Language Camp

JUNE 13 - JULY 02
AEBC - ALBANIA
Peshkopi
Language Camps

JUNE 20 - JULY 09
LEBC - LATVIA
Striki School
Language Camps

JULY 04 - 23
SEBC - SLOVAKIA
Vranov & Púchov
Language Camps

JULY 11- 30
LAEBC - SLOVAKIA & BULGARIA
Puchov & Sofia
Life & Adventure Camps
(Must Be Physically Fit!)

AUGUST 01 -13
EIEBC - ESTONIA
Kuressaare (island)
Language Camp

AUGUST 08 - 20
EEBC - ESTONIA
Tartu Language Camp

Please obtain a recommendation (signature) from your pastor.

Church: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

How long have you attended? _____

City: _____

How are you involved?

State: _____ Zip: _____

Pastor
Signature: _____

Short-Term Mission Role Preference

Please check one below:

Teacher:

- Preparation for your Short Term Mission Trip via 7-10 virtual/electronic sessions scheduled by your Team Leader(s). – see Training Agreement Form.
- Submitting a lesson plan for each day of class based on curriculum provided.
- Preparing and carrying over all supplies and your Teacher Manual (Student books are provided & shipped by EEMN) for in class English Lessons.(All crafts for daily Craft Rotation will be supplied & shipped by EEMN).
- Teaching Spoken English to the students with the aid of an interpreter during 2-3 class periods per day.
- Relating to & showing God's love to your students and interpreter.
- Overseeing the interpreter in aiding the students in understanding.
- Following your students to three rotations and aiding them as needed (especially in crafts rotation).

Craft Facilitator (not available for LAEBC):

- Preparation for your Short Term Mission Trip via 7-10 virtual/electronic sessions scheduled by your Team Leader(s). – see Training Agreement Form.
- Carrying an additional box/suitcase with craft supplies overseas (EEMN will cover the cost associated with extra luggage).
- Set up and clean-up for each of the craft rotations each day (all crafts for daily craft rotations will be supplied and shipped by EEMN).
- Explaining the crafts to the students with the aid of an interpreter.
- Overseeing the American teachers and the interpreters in aiding the students with their crafts.
- Review crafts manual and make an example of each craft prior to travel.

Sports Facilitator

- Preparation for your Short Term Mission Trip via 7-10 virtual/electronic sessions scheduled by your Team Leader(s). – see Training Agreement Form.
- Preparing sports plan for each day of camp to include games for younger and older students. Must have an indoor contingency plan for poor weather.
- Carrying an additional box/suitcase with sports equipment overseas (EEMN will cover the cost associated with extra luggage).
- Explaining the games to the students with the aid of an interpreter.
- Overseeing the American teachers and the interpreters in aiding the students with games.

Worship Leader/Musician:

- Preparation for your Short Term Mission Trip via 7-10 virtual/electronic sessions scheduled by your Team Leader(s). – see Training Agreement Form.
- Preparing simple but meaningful worship songs to be taught during daily opening and music rotation. Should also be available for closing worship at end of camp week.
- Carrying over all supplies needed (i.e. guitar) Power Point or other similar software for each song that will be taught during the week. It is helpful, but not mandatory to carry your own computer as these may or may not be readily available at your location (EEMN will cover the cost associated with extra luggage).
- Teaching the songs to the students with the aid of an interpreter.
- Overseeing the American teachers and the interpreters in aiding the students with games.

Ministry Inventory

Please list your past EEMN participation:

Would you feel comfortable leading others to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Please list any special ministry skills (example: drama, clowning/mime, music, sports, etc)

ALUMNI UPDATE

Health Information and Medical Release

Missions ministry in a foreign country can be very demanding physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It is important that you consult your doctor, should you have any questions about your ability to participate in an overseas mission trip.

The following information will remain confidential.

List any prescription drugs you will be taking while on the trip; include frequency and dosage.

Do you have allergies*, arthritis, depression, or chronic illnesses that your team leader should be aware of? If so, please describe:

*Allergy information pertains only to those participating in host home stays in Russia. EEMN has no control over exposure to allergens in public settings or in food. Individual team members should use the same discretion overseas as you would at home and take the necessary precautions in providing for your own allergy medication and supplements, if necessary.

Comments: _____

Are you allergic to any medications? YES NO _____

Is stress a major problem for you? YES NO Are you comfortable sharing serious concerns with team leadership? YES NO

Have you traveled to a foreign country before? YES NO If so, were you able to adapt to the culture in a reasonable amount of time? YES NO

Health insurance company: _____ Policy number: _____

Family physician: _____ Phone number: _____

Medical Release Form

- I do hereby verify that the above information is correct and I do hereby grant permission for EEMN to obtain medical attention for me in case of sickness or injury.
- I do hereby grant permission for an attending physician or hospital to perform whatever care deemed necessary by EEMN for my welfare should I be unable to make reasonable and sound decisions for myself.
- I agree to obtain overseas medical travel insurance (including emergency evacuation), valid for the duration of my trip.

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____



EAST EUROPEAN MISSIONS NETWORK STM Personal Covenant Form

Serving on an EEMN Short-Term Missions Team means that you are agreeing to become a part of something greater than yourself. This means you agree to adhere to and abide by the following guidelines, policies, and procedures in order to contribute to the overall success of the mission and to help maintain harmony within your team. Breaking any part of this covenant could result in disciplinary action and possibly your dismissal from the mission field, at which time you would immediately travel back home, at your own expense. EEMN team members do not go as tourists; rather we are guests in another culture and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus. Your destination does not have the same conveniences and luxuries that you are used to at home. It is also very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to unexpected changes in itinerary and the expectations of your hosts.

Pending approval of my application, as a member of an EEMN Short-Term Missions team, **I agree to:**

1. Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and I will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
2. Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to learn from and understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I go knowing there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective, and I recognize that my way is not necessarily the best way. I will respect the advice I am given concerning customs, attire, eating, drinking, and other such traditions that will help me better assimilate into the local community.
3. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race or traditions.
4. Accept and submit to the authority of my team leader(s) and promise to abide by their decisions concerning this mission trip.
5. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, including and in addition to those risks that I would normally face in my personal and business life. This includes but is not limited to health hazards encountered in poor sanitation, food and water, diseases, and pests; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
6. Remember that our team's work is only a tiny speck on the much bigger picture that is our mission partner's vision and mission for ministry. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best to be sensitive not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host, and to do my best to help in attaining their long-term goals.
7. Attend all team meetings (barring only unforeseen circumstances) included in my training, in preparation for departure, and during the mission trip. I also understand that excessive non-participation can be cause for my dismissal from the mission team and trip.
8. Demonstrate a Christ-like Spirit. My attitude will be like that of Jesus (Phil. 2:5). I will love those with whom I work and those around me, throughout the time of my serving. I will not allow another's property or personality to be abused. I will refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while onsite, will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts; and I will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other, prior arrangements have been made through the EEMN Short Term Missions Coordinator.
9. Remain mindful that mission trips can be difficult physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I promise to adopt a flexible attitude, as plans may need to be changed. This is especially important when I am experiencing initial culture shock and extreme fatigue that results after enduring overseas travel. I will take extra precautions not to become hypercritical, especially while experiencing stressful situations. People outside the "fish bowl" would see and hear it; the missionaries and local Christians would not be blessed by it; and my team members would feel it. I will speak the truth only in love. I will be positive. I will never criticize the missionaries. When I need to complain, I will take it to God! However, if a real problem exists, I agree to discuss it discreetly with my team leader(s).

10. Regard the differing styles and traditions of worship with respect. I promise that where I see the need, I will witness to my faith, but without a superior, colonial attitude. I also recognize that the vast majority of EEMN overseas ministry partners are Lutheran Christians and I will respect the doctrine, theology, and practices of my hosts, regardless of my own Christian denominational identity.
11. Avoid any action, suggestion, or innuendo that might be perceived as romantic intentions toward anyone from the indigenous (host) culture that I meet.
12. Embrace and demonstrate high standards in speech, personal conduct, and appropriate dress so as to maintain sexual purity and biblical morality. This includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate physical contact and behavior, coarse or sex-related humor, and immodest clothing & swimwear.
13. Dating/courting another team member can become a major distraction to the commitment that I have made to all the other mission participants. I will spend that love, time, and attention on those who need it in order that they might encounter the grace, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ. My energy must remain focused on sharing my faith. I further agree that I will not become romantically involved with anyone during the duration of the mission trip. If I am already romantically involved with a team member but we are not yet married, I will avoid showing my affection in any way, during team training and during the entire mission trip.
14. Refrain from using alcoholic beverages for the entire length of the trip. I understand and respect that abuse of alcohol is a serious problem across Russia and Eastern Europe and so I will not engage in any behavior that would send the wrong message and would confuse anyone in discerning what is a healthy Christian lifestyle.
15. As Paul instructed, *“Avoid the very appearance of evil.”* For this reason I will abstain from all tobacco and alcoholic beverages; and from attending bars, pubs, discos, nightclubs, or anything else that would distract people’s attention from God. If I am married I will be faithful to my spouse just as Christ is faithful to His Church.
16. Refrain from giving expensive or otherwise inappropriate gifts such as money, clothes, expensive jewelry, computers, iPads, smartphones, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good the result, after we leave, can cause problems for our host ministries. Jealousy, bitterness, and unrealistic expectations among those who do not receive such gifts do nothing to further building the Kingdom of God.
17. Under absolutely no circumstances, whether during the trip or after, will I make an invitation or a promise (or infer) to any student or resident of my host culture to visit the United States. I understand this is a very serious matter.
18. Remember that we are the new Christians from another part of the world and we will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility that I am an ambassador of the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus.
19. Share my faith. I will come prepared to share my testimony with lost people, and will write a clear and concise presentation of salvation (beforehand) so that I am prepared to share it with anyone that I might meet.

I personally have read and understand all nineteen points of my STM Personal Covenant. Furthermore, I agree to follow and adhere to all points while I am participating as an EEMN missions team member. I understand that breaking this covenant will result in disciplinary action and, possibly, my dismissal from the team and from the mission field.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

If the team member is a minor (under the age of 18):

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



EAST EUROPEAN MISSIONS NETWORK Risk Acknowledgement & Release Form

I acknowledge that participation in this short-term mission trip involves personal risk (and to participant's parents or guardians, if participant is a minor), and may result in various types of injury including, but not limited to the following: sickness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage and financial damage.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in this short-term mission trip, I (or parent/guardian if participant is a minor) acknowledge and accept the risks of injury associated with participation in this trip. I (or parent/ guardian) accept personal financial responsibility for any injury sustained during the trip. Further, I (or parent/ guardian) promise to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless East European Missions Network and its agents, employees, volunteers, or any other representatives for any injury related directly or indirectly out of this short-term mission trip, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of East European Missions Network or otherwise.

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, I (or parent/ guardian) agree to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

If the team member is a minor (under the age of 18):

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



EAST EUROPEAN MISSIONS NETWORK Individual & Team Training Agreement Form

ALUMNI

Overview & Introduction

Short-Term Missions Training is essential in order to have a fruitful short-term mission trip that is a blessing for the mission field where you will serve. Your preparedness will reflect on you personally, on your home church, and in the message of Jesus Christ that we hope to impart while in the missions field. THEREFORE, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN AND COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED MISSIONS TRAINING IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO ASSURE A POSITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL MISSIONS EXPERIENCE, FOR ALL. You can expect that each training manual assignment should take no more than an hour or two to complete. This is a worthwhile investment that you will not regret, especially once you arrive in-country.

Furthermore, Team Training will be scheduled and facilitated by your Team Leader(s) via the use of Zoom or other similar technology. If you do not have access to a computer, you will be able to call in to your respective team training session either by cell phone or land-line. Your commitment to active participation is a vital part of team building. Make every effort to attend ALL scheduled sessions. If you must miss a session, it is crucial that you contact your Team Leader(s) or the EEMN Short Term Missions Coordinator to discuss a possible make up session.

Time Frame

Training will consist of seven to ten sessions, scheduled in weekly increments, by your Team Leader(s). Depending on your country/camp. Sessions will begin in March and wrap up a week or two prior to departure.

Materials Needed

- **Help! We're Going on a Short-Term Trip!** (*CULTURELink*) – provided by EEMN (via US postal service)
- *An open/willing heart and a commitment to participating in the training, with the goal of becoming a strong team member and a cohesive team, as a whole, before, during, and after your trip.*

Important Note

Airline tickets will be reserved for all team members upon application with the rest of the team. Final purchase of airline flights will only be completed for team members showing active participation in their training and who are meeting the trip payment deadlines.

I have read the above and am committing to complete all training.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

If the team member is a minor (under the age of 18):

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

NOTE TO EEMN ALUMNI: We recognize that team training will be different for you, as an EEMN Alumnus. However, this does not mean that you will simply forgo the team training sessions, if you served on a team and participated in the new team training model, in 2016 or beyond. There is more to training than just the "nut and bolts" of the Language Camps. Team training is essential to the entire team's spiritual health and in developing a cohesive team that is strong in a common sense of mission. We are in the missions business of making disciples, which means you, too, are engaged in making disciples! We encourage you to do this by coming alongside newer team members, praying for them, and being available to help answer their questions. However, this is not the venue for alumni to show how much they know - rather an effective disciple-maker is first a great listener. You can also be a blessing to your team leaders by letting them know that you are available to assist them in any way they may find helpful. Thank you for your servant heart!