Thank you for showing interest in Living Hope Church’s Short Term Mission Trip. Below are the steps to take if you are seriously considering going on this mission trip. Please contact Ken or Sue Weslander, 847-934-1281 or email sue.weslander@gmail.com if you have questions about the process.

**Step One:** Review the trip details and begin praying about whether God is stirring your heart to pursue this trip.

**Step Two:** Trip participants must attend a Volunteer and Safety Training (VAST) Class. Please check with Living Hope Church for upcoming dates and times.

**Step Three:** Complete the Trip Application Form on pages 2–4. Please return completed applications to: Ken or Sue Weslander by March 31.

**Step Four:** Make sure you have an up-to-date passport. Your passport needs to be valid for 6 months following your return. Visit http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html for passport application process. Passport applications take 4-6 weeks to process. You can also visit Travel Document Systems (TDS) at www.traveldocs.com to expedite the service. The average turnaround time for TDS is only three days, but it does cost more for the service.

**Step Five:** Attach a copy of your valid passport to this application. Applications will not be processed without a copy of your passport.

**Step Six:** Total cost of trip is $1200. Submit deposit of $300 with application by March 31 and meet payment deadlines as follows: $500 by May 26 and $400 by June 30. Make checks payable to Living Hope Church.

**Step Seven:** If you are unable to pay for your trip and would like to raise support, you can start sending out support letters now. See the sample letter on page 5. One receipt enclosure on page 6 should accompany every letter you send out.

**Step Eight:** Trip participants must attend all of the required training sessions and team building events TBA.
SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

Notice of understanding:
• Completion of this application does not guarantee a place on the mission trip.
• Each applicant will be reviewed for trip placement.

Please return this application to Ken or Sue Weslander by March 31.

General Information

Date: __________________________

Full Name (as it appears on passport) _____________________________________________

Passport #____________________________________ Exp. Date:____________________
(Passport must be valid 6 months after your return to USA)

Street Address: ______________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ______________________________________________________________

Home Phone: (_____)(_____)________________ Cell Phone: (_____)(_____)__________ Carrier____________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Occupation: __________________________________________________________________

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single Date of Birth: _____/_____/

Ministry Information

1. Do you attend Living Hope Church? ☐ Yes ☐ No How long?____________________
   If no, where do you attend? ____________________________________________ How long?____________________
   Have you attended Living Hope’s VAST (Volunteer and Safety Training) Class? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Do you belong to a small group? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. What areas of service are you currently involved in? _________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________

4. In what ministries have you previously served?____________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________

5. What is the maximum number of days you can serve (including weekends)?
   _____ One week _____ Two weeks
6. Primary Areas of Interest for this trip: (Check all that apply)
   _____ Bible/Theology _____ Evangelism _____ Adults _____ Construction _____ Medical _____ Teens
   _____ Education _____ Sports _____ Children _____ VBS _____ Worship _____ Public Speaking
   _____ Other______________________________________________________________

7. Specialized ministry skills and talents: (Check all that apply)
   _____ Drama _____ Public Speaking _____ Leadership Development
   _____ Foreign Language (which ones?)_________________________________________
   _____ Music (vocal, instruments, tech)________________________________________
   _____ Organization _____ Teaching (Grade Level)________________________________
   _____ Other__________________________________________

8. List previous mission trip experience:
   Year, Country, Church, Trip Purpose or Goal
   a. ___________________ ___________________ ____________________________
   b. ___________________ ___________________ ____________________________
   c. ___________________ ___________________ ____________________________

9. Write a brief statement of how you came to know Jesus Christ personally.
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

10. Why do you want to go on a short term mission trip?
    __________________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________________

11. What are your trip expectations?
    __________________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________________

12. What are some things you are doing now to grow in your intimacy with Christ?
    __________________________________________________________________________

13. In your opinion, what are your strengths? (character traits/abilities/skills)
    __________________________________________________________________________

14. In your opinion, what are your weaknesses? (character traits/abilities/skills)
    __________________________________________________________________________

15. Are you willing to raise the funds needed to cover the cost of the trip and meet payment deadlines?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Are you willing to attend all of the required training sessions and team building events? □ Yes □ No

17. On the mission field, do you agree not to use alcohol, tobacco, public displays of affection between sexes (married or single), profane language, inappropriate dress deemed disrespectful of the culture you are serving in, and/or critical or complaining attitude or words? □ Yes □ No

18. I understand it is my responsibility to check with my physician concerning immunizations. □ Yes □ No

19. I understand it is my responsibility to check with my health insurance provider regarding out-of-country coverage. □ Yes □ No

20. I understand that all funds donated/collected for the trip are non-transferable/ non-refundable once turned over to the church. □ Yes □ No

21. Are you willing to follow Living Hope’s Policies (questions 15-20) and leadership even though you might not totally agree with them in every situation? □ Yes □ No

Why or why not? ____________________________________________________________

22. I understand that if my deposit or payments are late, a fee of $50.00 will be added to my trip cost. □ Yes □ No

Medical Background

1. Do you have any limiting physical conditions which would hinder the safety or efficiency of you or the team? (i.e. serious allergies, back problems, limited mobility, poor eyesight, poor hearing, etc.) If yes, please explain. □ Yes □ No

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2. If you are on medication, can you bring enough for the duration of the trip? □ Yes □ No

3. Have you been under a doctor’s care for a serious illness within the last year? □ Yes □ No

If yes, please explain.____________________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact Information

Who may we contact in case of an emergency?

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Applicant: ________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ( ____ ) ____________ Cell Phone: ( ____ ) ____________ Work: ( ____ ) ____________

Email (if checked regularly): ________________________________________________

I hereby certify that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature ________________________________ Date ___________________________

□ Please keep my information on file for future trips.
Dear Family and Friends:

This July I plan to go on a Mission Trip to Guatemala with a team from my church. This trip will be a life-changing experience for me, and with God’s help, will make a difference in the lives of the Guatemalan people.

Guatemala is a land where poverty, hardship, hunger and a lack of resources both spiritually and physically keep many from hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our trip will include helping a Guatemalan church, school, girls home, and children’s home with their material and spiritual needs. We hope to help strengthen and encourage the Guatemalan people so that they will be better equipped to carry on the Gospel when we leave.

I'm excited about the opportunity and experiences that lie ahead and hope that you can share in that experience with me. Most importantly, you can share in this experience by praying for our team and the Guatemalan people we will encounter. Please pray for our preparations, safety, effectiveness, and the hearts of those we will touch on this trip.

Secondly, you can share in this experience by helping to send me as a missionary to Guatemala with your financial support. Each team member needs to raise $1,200.00 in order to make this trip a reality. We will also raise funds through craft fairs, car washes, and other creative ways to fund this trip.

I am grateful for whatever support you can offer to me for this life-changing experience. Your support will make a difference in my life and the lives of the Guatemalan people.

If you would like to share in this mission experience through your financial support, please make your check payable to Living Hope Church and mail it to:

Living Hope Church
777 Meacham Road
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

All contributions need to be received by June 15th. All contributions are tax deductible if checks are made out to the church. Please do not write my name on the check (your donation will no longer be tax-deductible if you do). You may write, “Guatemala Mission Trip” in the memo, and include the enclosed note with your check so your donation will be applied to my trip.

Thank you so much for prayerfully considering sharing in this experience with me. May God bless you for your time and support.

Your Name Here
Guatemala Mission Trip 2013

Please make check payable to: Living Hope Church.

Do not put my name in the memo section, instead you may write “Guatemala Mission Trip”.

Donor Name:________________________________________

Amount: $_________________ Check #:_________________

Thank you for supporting me!

Your Name Here

__________________________________________________________

Guatemala Mission Trip 2012

Please make check payable to: Living Hope Church.

Do not put my name in the memo section, instead you may write “Guatemala Mission Trip”.

Donor Name:________________________________________

Amount: $_________________ Check #:_________________

Thank you for supporting me!

Your Name Here

__________________________________________________________

Guatemala Mission Trip 2012

Please make check payable to: Living Hope Church.

Do not put my name in the memo section, instead you may write “Guatemala Mission Trip”.

Donor Name:________________________________________

Amount: $_________________ Check #:_________________

Thank you for supporting me!

Your Name Here