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Introduction

We are excited that you share our passion to reach those who are lost and broken throughout the world and that you are considering or have decided to be part of a short-term trip this year. We believe that being part of this experience will not only give you memories for years to come, but also have the potential to greatly impact your life as well as countless others.

Being a missionary is more than just merely attending a mission trip though, and we would like to invite each and every reader, no matter their decision to participate on a trip this year, to join the mission's adventure spelled out for us in the Great Commission recorded in Matthew 28. We can choose to live today as a missionary to our family, our friends, our neighbors, our classmates, and our co-workers. Together, we can experience the world of missions in our backyard, as we reach out to others with, the love of Christ.

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Step by Step Process

1. Complete registration.

1. Give your non-refundable $100 deposit which goes toward your trip.
2. Apply for passport (if necessary).
3. Receive packet of information by DUMC Missions after deposit is received.
4. Start fundraising or financing your trip.
5. Meet team leader and other team members at Orientation.
6. Attend team meetings (mandatory).
7. Receive appropriate immunizations.
8. 9. Complete a release of liability (included). 10. Apply for foreign visa (if necessary).

11. Go on your mission trip!

Missions Trip Leader

Caroline Hare – Director of Student Ministry

Caroline has been serving at Destin United Methodist Church since September of 2013. She has led local outreaches, national mission trips and international mission trips since 2006. Her desire is to help students and adults connect with the lost, share the hope of Jesus, and make waves for Christ.

You may contact Caroline at chare@destinumc.org or 850-714-2806



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***General INFORMATION***

**Passport**

A passport is required for any travel outside of the U.S. To obtain a passport for the first time, you must go to one of the many passport acceptance facilities (United States Post Office) with two passport-style photographs of yourself, proof of

 U.S. citizenship, and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver's license. ·

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You may find passport registration information at [www.trave.state.gov](http://www.trave.state.gov)

**Visa**

A visa is generally required for all foreign travel. Some countries, such as in Latin America and Europe, require U.S. citizens only a simple application to be completed while in-flight on the airplane. While other countries, such as in Africa and Asia, require U.S. citizens to apply for a visa prior to travel.

While the visa application fee is included in the cost of your trip, a visa application may need to be completed on your part. Some applications may require two passport style photos, which are also your responsibility. Team leaders will assist in this process during team meetings, and will walk you through the appropriate process in relation to your destination.

**Immunizations and Vaccinations**

Receiving the appropriate immunizations before travel is your responsibility. It is recommended that you seek the advice of your medical provider as soon as you determine your destination, as certain vaccines require several treatments for maximum effectiveness. Note that most immunizations are small synthesized versions of a virus, and that in some cases people have experienced negative reactions after receiving treatments.

Yellow fever is the only required vaccine for country access and is in most cases limited to African and Asian country admittance. DUMC Missions only requires a tetanus shot within the last 10 years for participation.

**Team Leaders**

Team leaders are selected by the leadership of the DUMC Missions Department, and thereby are under the direct authority of the church both prior to and during each trip. Team leaders are selected by criteria such as but *not* limited to: previous leadership experience within the church, character, integrity, humility, desire to be involved in missions, and a willingness to submit to church leadership.

**Team Meetings**

Attendance of team meetings is required in order to participate on a mission team. Team meetings will be facilitated and scheduled by your team leader. While some meetings may include a staff member of the Missions Department for training or informational purposes, generally your team leader will facilitate these meetings.

It is important to take these meetings seriously as this gives the team leader and members the opportunity to bond with each other prior to departure. This will greatly impact the effectiveness and strength of the team in areas of ministry, spiritual relationships, and personal relationships, as well as equipping, and preparing the team for various ministries while on the field.

**Financial Contributions**

Information on contributions made toward your trip and submitted to DUMC Missions can be obtained weekly *at* request. To assist you in fundraising for your mission trip, once you submit your deposit, you can receive a fundraising sample letter at request.

If a participant is unable to supply the entire amount needed by due date, and trip money has not been spent for tickets or ground expenses, then the money may be applied to a future trip, donated towards the team fund, or directed towards another participant. It is the responsibility of the participant to notify donors of any changes.

Due to IRS regulations all money that comes in for a participant is termed as a donation and therefore does not qualify for any refund.

**lncluded in the cost of the trip**

Included in the cost of the trip are your ground cost including lodging, food, transportation, airfare, translators, excursions, and visa expenses. Not included are passport fees, immunizations, tourist items purchased in country and in-airport transit meals. As a general rule, DUMC Missions covers most everything from departing Destin to returning to Destin. ·

**Waiver, Release and Agreement**

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The undersign ("Participant"), desiring to visit foreign countries with Destin United Methodist Church (DUMC) and participate in one or more Short-Term Mission Trips training programs or other ministry projects at various sites organized by DUMC, enters into this Waiver Release and Indemnity Agreement to induce DUMC to allow the Participant to participate. Based on the foregoing, Participant hereby agrees with DUMC as follows:

1. Participant does hereby release and forever discharge DUMC and its employees, officers, agents, directors and representatives from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action for any and all injuries, losses, liabilities and/or damages sustained, incurred or suffered by Participant during, as a result of, or in any way related to the STMT's including without limitation, those relating to my leaving1 the United States of America and visiting foreign countries, including my stay in any foreign country and my trip to and from any country.

2. Participant is aware of the risks to person and property associated with participating in STMT's and further recognizes that such risks have always been associated with missionary service.

3. Participant does hereby attest and certify that no personal, medical or physical conditions exist which would prevent participation or performance of duties while on the STMT's including, without limitation, activities or environments such as long hikes, high altitude, heat, limited and infrequent meals.

4. Participant give DUMC and its representatives authority to request and authorize medical and/or hospital treatment for Participant in the event of any injury or sickness sustained by Participant while on any STMT, including, without limitations, while traveling to and from any foreign country and if the need arises to administer medical treatment, life-saving techniques or other first aid. Participant agrees to pay for all such treatment and to reimburse DUMC for all costs and expenses incurred by Participant with respect to such treatment. Participant is aware that service on the STMT may be in a location where there will be limited or no access to medical attention and/or medicines. Participant is responsible to take an adequate supply of all necessary personal medicines for the duration of the STMT.

5. Participants grants full permission to DUMC to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, records, or any other documents of the STMT or project and to do so without notice or compensation to the participant.

I, the Participant named herein, am eighteen (18) years of age or older, and competent to sign this Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement. This form is binding on me and my executor, administrations and heirs.

I am aware that I may suffer bodily injury or property damage arising out of my participation in the STMT's. However, I voluntarily choose to assume these risks and participate in the event. I have full knowledge of this document's legal significance.

I have fully read the above and understand it and hereby consent to it and agree to be bound by it.

Emergency Contact Person (not traveling with you)

 First Name:

 Address: City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Home phone: Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email:





To be completed by participant in the presence of a Notary Public

 Print Full Name: \_

 Signed: Day Month Year \_

 **STATE OF COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

 On this the day of in the year of personally appeared

 before me to be known to be the

person Who executed the above Waiver, Release and Indemnity, and acknowledged that he/she voluntarily executed the same.

**NOTARY PUBLIIC**

Date of expiration of Notary commission Notary Seal

Last:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Middle:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I, the Participant named herein, am under eighteen (18) years of age, and competent to sign this Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement under full support of my parents or caregivers. This form is binding on me and *my* executor, administrations and heirs.

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I have fully read the above and understand it and hereby consent to it and agree to be bound by it

Parent or Caregiver (not traveling with you)

 First Name: Middle: \_

 Address: City: state: \_\_ ---'Zip: \_

 Home phone: Cell phone: Relationship:

Email: ----------------------------------

 Last: \_

To be completed by participant in the presence of a Notary Public





Print Full Name:--------------------------------

 Signed: Day Month Year \_

 Parent Signature: Day Month Year \_

 **STATE** OF COUNTY OF \_

 On this the day of in the year of personally appeared

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How to Ask

We are listing ways that you can ask for prayer and financial support, but please feel free to be creative in your own personal methods.

Three ways to Raise Support:

1.. Pray Only - Prayer is the most essential key to soliciting support. It is essential that you begin to connect with God prior to your trip, as simply as asking for direction and finances from the Lord will increase your passion for the people you will be ministering to. We ask each team member to gather at least 10 people to pray for him/her.

2.. Informing - Informing people makes them aware that you have a purpose for why you are going. It also gives possible prayer points for them to have. At the very least, inform them of what you have been doing, what you will be doing, and who you are working with.

3. Asking - Asking prospective donors to give towards your trip can often feel very awkward. If you feel out-of-place asking directly, ask them rather to pray and ask God what He would have them do and follow-up with them later. This can relieve the tension to both, parties.

Three ways to Inform and Ask:

1. Phone Calls: Phone calls are very time effective. Connect with someone and allow the conversation to flow normally and comfortably as you inform them about your life and your upcoming, trip.

2 . Support Letters: Support letters are more time consuming but can deliver a lot of information. Include what you will be doing, who you are working with, and how they can get involved.

3. Personal Presentations: Personal presentations are very inclusive as they deliver the most personal touch as well as the most information. Visual aids are recommended, but at minimum discuss what you have been doing, what you will be doing,, who you are working with, and how they can get involved.

Who to **Ask:**

Brainstorming is the process by which you list all ideas without evaluation. Evaluation of the ideas is done after brainstorming. Namestorming is a similar process where you list all the people you can think of. After the list is assembled, they are prioritized. First, come up with as many categories you can think of and then branch by naming as many people as you can think of in each category. Lastly, prioritize your list of people by how well you know them; with those you know the best being high priority.

Possible Categories for Namestorming:

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| Family  | Doctor  | Gym  |
| Friends  | Neighborhood  | Accountants  |
| Work  | Parents  | Former School  |
| Church  | Dentist  | Groups  |



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Dear

I am privileged to be part of a special mission team that will be traveling with Destin United Methodist Church to Albania this Christmas. The team will be working with Hope for the World, Hope Center, that ministers to teen orphans, in gypsy villages, child orphanages, and giving out Samaritan Boxes in the villages.

Albania is a country in great need of many resources such as scarfs, gloves, hats, hygiene kits, Christmas gifts for the Orphans, as well as Jesus! Many missionaries ignore Albania because it was hidden from society for so long with communist rule. Many parents are not able to take care of their children so they give them to the orphanages. Hope for the World has offices in every government run orphanage. They provide clothes, play rooms, outings, Birthday celebrations, and Bible Studies for the children. At age 14 orphans are kicked out on the streets, and that is where the Hope Center comes in to play. Teens are able to live at the Hope Center, they receive care like they would from a family. In addition, Hope for the World is a part of giving out boxes with Samaritans Purse as well as ministering in the schools and in the gypsy villages. This is a primarily Muslim country that is apathetic to religion. The next generation could take this country back to its roots of Christianity with Hope for the World’s help.

I believe that God has put it on my heart to be a servant to those in need and also to help proclaim the gospel to them and has given me the opportunity to do so through this trip. By working with the people in Albania, we hope to help fulfill the vision of Hope for the World in the partnership they have with Destin United Methodist Church

I would like to ask you to keep me and my team in your prayers so that we may have a safe and successful trip. Also, since each of us is responsible to raise our entire trip cost of $2,000.00, I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider if God would have you be a part of this wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with the people of Albania. If you feel God leading you to help me raise support financially, please write a check to "Destin United Methodist Church" and write in the memo, "Albania Mission trip - my name). This will ensure that your donation is recorded as a donation and not as a payment (due to IRS regulations). It also ensures that your donation is tax deductible.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and consider helping our team in Albania.

In His Love,



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Checklist

**Item:**

\_ Registration form submission

\_ Release of liability

\_ $100 Non-Refundable deposit (payable to DUMC)

\_Apply for passport (if necessary)

\_ Immunizations (if necessary)

\_ 1st Payment: approx. ... 30% of total trip cost (payable to DUMC)

\_ 1st Team meeting- Orientation

\_Apply for Visa (if necessary)

\_Two copies of Passport

\_ 2nd Team meeting

\_ 2nd Payment: approx.

\_\_ 30% of total trip cost (payable to DUMC)

\_ 3rd Team meeting

\_ 3rd Payment: approx. 30% of total trip cost (payable to DUMC)

\_ 4th Team meeting

\_ 4th Payment: Balance of all required funds due

**Deadline**

With registration with registration with registration immediately

As directed by physician

September 24th

September 24th

N/A

October 29th

October 29th

October 29th

October 29th

November 26th

November 26th

December 10th

December 10th



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Please write your name* as *it appears on your passport* as *your ticket will be issued under this* name. *This form is to be submitted with* a *non-refundable $100.00 payment. Checks can be payable to Destin United Methodist Church*

First Name:

Address:

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 City: State: Zip:

 Home Phone: Cell Phone: \_

Email:

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 Date of Birth: Citizenship: \_

 Do you have a passport? Yes No \_

Home Church:

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 Are you fluent in another language? Yes \_\_ No \_\_ If yes, which one? \_

 T-Shirt size: S \_\_ M \_\_ L. \_\_ XL .XXL \_

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Middle: Last Name: \_

 List your previous international travel experience, if any: \_

 Describe any special dietary requirements: \_

 Describe the state of your physical fitness (include any physical limitations, etc.): \_

 Briefly describe how you came to know Jesus Christ as your Savior: \_

 How have you grown in, your relationship with Christ in the past year? \_

Date of Trip:. –December 14-21

 Why do you want to participate on this trip? \_

 Priimary means by which you plan to finance the trip: Personal Raise Support \_



Occupation: List any special skills that you feel may be beneficial to the trip:

**Church Family Mission Trip to Albania**

**Who is eligible to go?**

* Anyone up to 8th grade of age may attend as long as ***a parent or guardian attends with them.***
* 9th grade to 12th grades may attend but will be partnered with a mentoring adult (age 19 and up)
* Adults who can clear a background check and agree to the terms set out in DUMC’s Safe Sanctuaries Policy.

**Cost of the Trip:**

* **$2,000** includes everything except fees for passport, souvenirs, and meals in the airport.
* Payment schedule:
	+ **With Form by August 31-** $100 non-refundable deposit
	+ September 24th- $570 due
	+ October 29th- $570 due
	+ November 26th - $570 due
	+ December 10th-$190 due

**Team Meetings:**

* Team meetings will take place in the Dock. We will be briefing participants in the culture, traditions, spending time in prayer, preparation, learning to share testimonies and pray for others, and practicing sharing testimonies and praying for strangers.

September 24th at 4pm; October 29th at 4pm; November 26th at 4pm; December 10th at 4pm

**Trip Schedule (subject to change):**

 **Thursday, December 14:**

Fly from FWB to Dallas to Italy

**Friday, December 15:**

Continued Flight from DFW to Italy

Fly from Italy to Tirana, Albania

Ledina and Tuku pick up from Airport and drive us to Hope Center (20 min drive)

Dinner with Teens, get settled and sleep

**Saturday, December 16:**

Breakfast

Hope Center Community Outreach with children

Lunch at Hope Center

Pray walk community with teens from Hope Center

Play with teens from Hope Center

Dinner

Devotional

**Sunday, December 17:**

Breakfast

Caroline preaches, testimonies on team, and team leads worship at Church in Tirana

Lunch

Visit Ampletheatre- Devotional time there

Walk to Durres

Visit Tirana Orphanage

 -Games

 -Worship/VBS songs

 -Happy Hands skit

 -Craft

 -Gift

Back to Hope Center for Sleep

**Monday, December 18:**

Breakfast

Drive to Schoder (hour and a half)

Gypsy village

 For Kids:

 -Games

 -Worship/VBS songs

 -Happy Hands skit

 -Craft

 -Gift

 For adults:

* Prayer Teams
* Gifts
* Hygiene packets

Lunch

Baby Orphanage

 -Worship/VBS songs

-Craft

 -Gift

**Samaritan Box deliveries**

 -Games

 -Worship/VBS songs

 -Happy Hands skit

 -Craft

 -Gift

**Tuesday, December 19:**

School Christmas Party @ Hope Center

-Games

 -Lunch- pizza $3 for a large pizza

 -Gift- scarves, hats, gloves

Youth Group at Hope Center

-Worship/VBS songs

 -Happy Hands skit

 -Everything Skit

 -Prayer time

**Wednesday, December 20:**

Castle visit- Krujie

Village visits- food, extra scarfs, hats, gloves, prayer

**Thursday, December 21:**

FLY HOME