# **General Information and church policies regarding Red Lane Baptist Church mission trip participation**

***Please read before completing the attached application***

Participation on a mission trip is a spiritual decision based on a clear call from God. As you consider applying for this trip, please make it a priority in your prayer and Bible Study times to sense the role God has for you concerning this trip. It may be He will call you to apply to be a part of this team, or He may call you to support the team through prayer or financial support.

If you feel called to apply, the church missions policy provides guidelines for all mission trips. Because this is an international trip, members of the team will be selected through an application process to be screened by the Missions Team. That screening will be conducted through an interview process at the church. Since the team will be limited to less than 15 people, the openings will be filled based on qualifications, order of receipt of application, and specific needs for certain skills or abilities.

Per the church policy, team members must:

1. Must have a clear testimony of a conversion experience.

2. Must exemplify Christ-like behavior.

3. Must be active in a church (qualified RLBC members will be given priority).

4. Must be in agreement with the church missions strategies.

5 Specific trip qualifications may be determined based on the needs and the nature of the trip.

6. Participants must attend orientation and training meetings and must carry out all assignments in preparation for the trip as outlined by the Team Leaders.

7. Participants must be willing to adapt to other cultures and must not exhibit any form of racial prejudice.

Once on the field, the team members will be expected to behave consistent with these policy guidelines:

1. Candidates must submit to the team leader’s authority.

2. Candidates must refrain from using abusive language, drinking alcoholic beverages & taking illegal narcotics.

3. Dating relationships interfere with the task at hand, therefore, they are discouraged on mission trips.

4. Due to the political instability and anti-American sentiment in various countries around the world, RLBC asks that each candidate refrain from expressing his political opinions while overseas.

5. If at any time while on a mission trip, a candidate’s behavior constitutes a problem, the team leader has the authority to ask that candidate to return home. Any additional costs incurred as a result of this action will be at that candidate’s expense.

A deposit of $100 will be required with the application. Checks should be made out to RLBC. Per policy, should you be forced to withdraw from the team for good reason, a refund of money paid will be made unless the funds have been expended for airline or hotel reservations. Also, if the church encounters expenses paid on your behalf and you withdraw, you may be responsible for paying back the funds to the church. There will be a process through which people can financially support you to go on this trip. This information will be provided to you if you are selected to be part of the team.

If you do not have a passport, you will be required to quickly apply for a passport once selected on the team. The team leaders can answer questions you may have about this process at the first team meeting. You will be responsible for expenses related to obtaining a passport. **A team meeting will be held at the church upon selection of the team.**

**APPLICATION FOR 2019 MISSION TRIP**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Today’s Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Numbers (H) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Social Security Number \_*to be provided if selected to be on the team*\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe why you want to be a member of this team:

Church membership (name of church) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_How Long?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (“1 =familiar but not close” and “10 = very close or intimate”, how would you rate your present relationship with Jesus Christ?

On the average, how often do you spend time in prayer, Bible Study, or devotions with the Lord?

 1-2 days per week

 3-4 days per week

 5-7 days per week

How would you rank yourself in each of the following personality attributes? *(please check the most appropriate self-evaluation of each attribute).*

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| *ATTRIBUTES* | *BELOW AVERAGE* | *AVERAGE* | *ABOVE AVERAGE* | *EXCELLENT* |
| Hard worker |  |  |  |  |
| Taking initiative |  |  |  |  |
| Responsive to authority |  |  |  |  |
| Dependability |  |  |  |  |
| Enjoy serving others |  |  |  |  |
| Being an encourager |  |  |  |  |
| Team player |  |  |  |  |

What are one or two personal strengths which you would contribute to the team?

Describe any health, physical limitations or concerns that could affect your service:

Put a check by the following activities in which you have had experience:

\_\_Working with children \_\_VBS leadership \_\_Drama/skits

\_\_Singing \_\_Playing guitar \_\_Playing other instruments \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_Soccer/Basketball \_\_Crafts \_\_Story telling

\_\_Face Painting \_\_Evangelism \_\_Leading Bible studies

\_\_Ladies Ministries \_\_Public speaking \_\_Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TEAM COVENANT

I recognize that membership on the 2019 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_team requires a commitment of my time, financial resources, and willingness to work with other members in a spirit of harmony, unity, and love. I affirm that I have read and understand the policies and guidelines of team membership and will meet them to the best of my ability. If I cannot attend scheduled meetings or complete any assigned work on time, I will contact a team leader and make up anything I have missed. I understand that if I do not meet these requirements, I could forfeit my team membership including payments towards the trip.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:

PARENTAL AGREEMENT (for applicants under 18)

I have read all the available information and membership requirements about the mission trip to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I will do my best to encourage my son/daughter to meet these requirements. I understand that unmet requirements may prohibit my son/daughter from participating in the trip.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Return this application to the RLBC church office. You will be notified as soon as possible if you have been selected to be part of the team.