

## Summer Mission Trip Application

Why a summer mission trip?

The youth ministry program at JAARS exists for two principle purposes. First- to provide a nurturing/caring environment for MKs to appropriately assimilate into American culture. Second- to prepare the next generation of missionaries. Short term missions is a key component to supporting this second purpose.

Giving students the opportunity to experience first hand what it is like to be a missionary often has life long ramifications. For some, it will help them clarify their calling to serve as missionaries. For others, it will give them a real sense of what missionaries face, and thus they will become strong advocates and senders of missionaries.

For MKs in particular it gives them the opportunity to come out of their parents shadow and become a missionary themselves. It will often help them distinguish if missions is just something that they enjoy, or is something they are actually called to do. Short term mission trips also give MKs a deeper appreciation of what their parents do. This usually results in MKs who are more supportive and understanding of their parent's choices in following God.

Regardless of who you are and where you've come from, there are two goals for the students who participate in a summer mission trip. First- students will better understand their individual spiritual gifts/calling and begin to implement it into their life. Second- students will grow in personal ownership of the Great Commission and become passionate about evangelism in the US and abroad.

Why a summer mission trip? Basically to prepare the next generation of missionaries.

The attached expectations, requirements, and application are a tool to help students and parents discern if this summer mission trip is appropriate for them.

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### Note to Parents. . .

There will be mission trip information meeting for you on Thursday, February 11, from 6:00 – 7:00 at the Olive Branch. Please come if you would like to learn more about the trip and what your child will need to do.

# Summer Mission Trip- 2010

## Destination: Peru

**Dates:** June 14 – July 8\*

**Costs:** \$2200\* plus passport and vaccination fees

### Mission Trip Itinerary\*:

June 14-16 Training At JAARS  
June 17-20 Travel to Lima and training/orientation  
June 21 Travel to Cusco  
June 22-27 Kids programs, Jesus film, language learning  
Village stay  
June 28 Fly to Lima  
June 29-July 3 Kids programs/Jesus film & misc ministries  
July 4-7 Debriefing  
July 8 Fly home



### Requirements

- A commitment to Christ- developing a *dynamic* relationship with Him
- A commitment to evangelism- passionate about seeing others make a commitment to Christ and growing spiritually
- A commitment to the team- Attend meetings on time, faithfully complete assigned tasks, edify team members
- A commitment to grow- Willingness to be stretched emotionally and spiritually

### Additional Requirements:

- Completely and thoroughly fill out this application and return it to the Director of Student Ministries
- Participate in a minimum of 2 missions oriented activities either with the JAARS youth group, your church, or on your own
- Memorize approximately 15 assigned passages of scripture
- Complete all assigned reading (1-2 books)
- Demonstrate the ability to “lead someone to Christ”
- Write out a one page testimony
- Send out partnership letters before the trip and then a follow up letter within 3 weeks of the completion of the trip
- Secure 15 prayer partners
- Meet with a mission committee to share your plan to go on this summer’s mission trip
- Secure a current passport
- Take all required vaccinations

**\*subject to change as details are finalized**



**Medical Background**

Do you have any allergies (to food, medicine or other) ? If so, please describe.

Do you have any physical limitations that might need special accommodation or consideration? If so, please describe.

Do you have any current emotional/psychological issues that you are receiving treatment/counseling for?

**Personal References- List at least three (preferably non family members)**

*Make sure to notify them that they will be contacted*

(note- you need only to provide a phone number or an email)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone Number: (____)____-_____ Email _____
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## **Spiritual Growth**

Please take some time thoroughly answering the following questions and use additional paper if necessary. Remember... only Jesus was perfect. There are not any answers that are "right."

- 1. Describe how you came to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.**
- 2. Name an event or two that has had a significant impact on your spiritual life.**
- 3. What are you currently doing to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ?**
- 4. What are some of your perceived spiritual gifts and abilities that could be used on this summer's mission trip**
- 5. Describe how you would share the gospel with someone.**
- 6. What church(s) are you involved with and to what degree?**
- 7. Why do you want to participate in this year's summer mission trip? What do you hope to get out of it?**

**8. What types of cross cultural experiences have you had? Were they positive or negative?**

**9. What is your parents' opinion of your participation on this summer mission trip?**

**A requirement for participating in this year's summer mission trip is demonstrating a heart for evangelism and missions. Indicate which "missions oriented" activities you have participated (or are planning to participate). If you have done other activities with other youth groups or on your own, please use the blanks to describe them.**

- Mini Missions trip
- Operation Christmas Child
- Girls volunteering at the Crisis Pregnancy center
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**Initial after each statement to indicate your agreement with it.**

It is my responsibility to raise the necessary funds to participate in this trip and failure to do so will mean not participating. \_\_\_\_\_

I will write and send out partnership letters before the trip and send a follow-up letter to actual partners upon completion of the trip. \_\_\_\_\_

I will memorize all the assigned verses \_\_\_\_\_

I will make team meetings a priority and make every effort to not let homework, jobs, or other foreseeable activities prevent me from attending. \_\_\_\_\_

I will do my best to live a life that brings glory to Christ, not only on the mission trip, but even beginning now as we prepare. \_\_\_\_\_

Willingness to be flexible and getting outside of your comfort zone are essential to building a strong and effective mission team. Below are some activities we will experience this summer. Keeping in mind that you will be trained/taught to do anything you are asked to do, rate how willing you would be to do the following tasks.

**1- Eagerly    2- Willingly    3- Reluctantly    4- Would refuse**

- | <b>1</b>                 | <b>2</b>                 | <b>3</b>                 | <b>4</b>                 |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Learn some basic greetings in another language   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Participate in a dramas, mimes and puppet shows  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Help children with crafts or coloring  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Live in a village for 36 hours with another teammate   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Set up and tear down audio/visual equipment at a moments notice  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ride 8 hours by car on rough roads   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorize 10-15 passages of scripture and read 1-2 assigned books   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Write and send a letter requesting financial and prayer support  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Meet with a mission committee and tell them about your desire to go on a summer mission trip and solicit their partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Go without a shower for 4-5 days   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead someone through an explanation of the gospel  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Share your testimony or “sermon” in a church or street evangelism setting  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Participate in team fundraisers like the Spud Supper and flower sale.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hold, play with, and love HIV positive children  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hard manual labor, digging, mixing cement, painting  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Spend time with people with extreme body odor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Politely sit through a 3 hour church service on wood benches in a language you don’t understand                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use outdoor or “long drop” style bathrooms   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Eat ethnic meals politely, finishing food that you may not like.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Share openly and honestly with your teammates during team times  |

**Parent/Guardian:** For applicants under age 18

I am aware of my child’s intention to participate in this year’s summer mission trip.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_