

What qualifies as a short-term trip? Any trip approved by the GO Team that lasts from one week to two years.

What do you do on a short-term trip? There are generally 3 types of trips:

1. Exposure Trips: to see the need. Activities include prayer walking, talking with local workers, and visiting local ministries.
2. Ministry Trips: to do the ministry through preaching, VBS, etc.
3. Service Trips: to support the workers. Nearly any skill can be used somewhere: construction work, computer skills, administrative skills, cooking, nannying, sewing, teaching English, mechanics, sports, teaching Bible study skills, etc.

How old do you have to be? Any age is welcome, but children need to be accompanied by their parents. Junior High aged students and older can go on student ministries teams without their parents. There is no upper age limit. Anyone who is physically able to go on vacation in the U.S. is encouraged to go on a short-term ministry trip.

Will I receive any training? Yes. If you go on a GCC-organized trip, you will receive some training.

How do I find out about upcoming short-term trips? They are publicized in our bulletin and on the website. Or you can call Debi Clifton at 480.820.3438.

Will I need to get shots? It depends on where you go. Tetanus and hepatitis A & B shots are advisable for any trip.

How will I pay for it? There are two ways. If you have the resources, you can pay for yourself. If you can't pay for yourself, you can raise support from your family, friends, home group, etc. Their contributions to your trip can be made through GCC and will be tax deductible.

What can I do now to get prepared? Any or all of the following:

1. Take the Pathways course, which is taught every winter. This class will give you a clear understanding of the history, challenges, and goals of global outreach efforts around the world.
2. Check out one of the many excellent, global outreach books and videos from our church library.
3. Get to know a GO worker who is home on furlough. Use our monthly prayer and praise guide to pray for our workers and to better understand their lives.
4. Start praying about your own future, and PLAN to go!