GO & MAKE

Disciples

OF ALL NATIONS

MATTHEW 28:19
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE FIRST STEP IN A LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE.

Here at Adventures, we are committed to growing disciples and spreading the gospel throughout the world.

We emphasize discipleship.

We believe the church is not a building or a denomination.

Rather, we are meant to serve the lost and hopeless people society has left behind. As a result, we get our hands and feet dirty. A lot.

We go where Jesus is needed the most. We leave our lives of comfort behind and replace them with lives of service.

We love the neglected. We bring hope to the broken. We feed the starving.

And we want you to come along with us.

Throughout this catalog, you’ll find many different ways to get involved. It doesn’t matter how old you are or how much (or little) time you have. You can be a part of something greater, investing just a few days to a lifetime.

For youth, we take care of logistics so groups of all sizes can focus together on a faith adventure with God.

Families, small groups, and individual adults will rekindle a sense of purpose and discover a new way to look at life. They will experience the kingdom of God together, whether in the United States or abroad.

High school students can dig into their own faith. As they step outside themselves, they will find freedom in living a life of service.

Young adults looking for a semester or summer experience can leave the mundane behind as they focus on developing deep relationships in unique service areas domestically and overseas.

Young adults seeking the ultimate adventure will find their worldview challenged and their lives wrecked for the ordinary on an all-encompassing 11-month journey that calls participants out of their comfort zone and into real faith, discipleship, and community.

Wherever you are in your life, we want to help you find a mission experience that will change your life.
We believe Jesus did not call us to just get people to say a prayer. Instead, he called us to a lifestyle with him.

We know a life with Jesus is a life with hope. And we are committed to bringing that hope to the people who need it most.

OUR MINISTRY FOCUSES ON THE LOST SHEEP THAT SOCIETY SHUNS. EVERYWHERE WE GO, WE ENTER INTO THE DARKEST AND MOST HOPELESS PLACES FIRST.

We know God wants to personally communicate with us everyday. He leads us to serve in ways we might never imagine on our own. In the lifestyle we are called to, we ask, listen, and obey: asking God for guidance, listening for his response, and obeying him to the best of our ability.

When we help our missionaries do this, we believe hearts change: both those of people being served and those who serve. And as hearts change, we see God’s kingdom planted throughout the world.
You’re chasing the American Dream, but you still feel that feeling. You know, the one saying there’s got to be more. You want to make a difference in the world. You want to matter.

The world is a big place, full of overwhelming heartache. Hunger. Poverty. Sickness. Pain. It’s easy to be weighed down by the enormity of it all.

All too often people look at the problems of the world and say, “Someone should do something about this.”

WHY NOT YOU?

A mission trip can turn your world upside down in the best of ways. Let Jesus fill that need in your heart as he uses you to make a different in the lives, communities, and hearts of those who need it most.

It’s time to make a decision. It’s time to step away from what’s comfortable and be Jesus to someone in desperate need of hope.

Each Adventures trip has its own distinct flavor. Serving in over 70 different locations throughout the year — urban, rural, and even wilderness treks — everyone who says “yes” will have a unique experience. And if you don’t see a trip that goes where God is leading you, we can work with you to create a custom missions opportunity, too.

But serving in amazing places is only half the journey. The other transformation happens as you get to know God. Your trip leaders will not only handle the logistics of where you serve and where you sleep, but they will also challenge you to grow spiritually as you wrestle through faith questions.

IT’S TIME TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE.

Don’t let age or time limitations stop you from going. Adventures in Missions offers trips for all ages, from a few days to a lifetime.

Experience God like you’ve never felt him before. Step in where people need him the most, around the corner or around the world. Be a part of the story as God changes the world for his glory.

SIGN UP FOR A TRIP TODAY AND BE THE CHANGE
CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

- AGES 21-35
  - TIME 11 MONTHS
- AGES 18-22
  - TIME 9 MONTHS
- AGES 18-22
  - TIME 1-6 MONTHS
- AGES 14-18
  - TIME 2-4 WEEKS
It's about the Kingdom
The World Race is an extended journey around the world following the path Jesus took with his disciples. It’s a journey of abandoning lesser things and embracing adventure. It’s a journey of brokenness, healing, and redemption as you venture into dark places and leave them filled with the light of Jesus. It’s a journey that shows it’s not about you — it’s about the kingdom.
Begin the new year with a resolve for adventure and hope as you serve as Christ did in 11 nations. Launching in January allows you to easily step into a season of new experiences, challenges, and cultures. It also enables you to celebrate the beginning and end of your journey with family at Christmas — and you’ll come back with a new perspective on Jesus’ birth after walking alongside him for a year.

July Racers come from all walks of life. While some are just finishing school, others are finishing jobs or moving into a new season. God’s timing and direction are key for those leaving in July. Whether you’re a recent graduate or ready to get away from the corporate world, July could be the time to go. There’s just one question: are you ready for something radically different?

The September route is common for anyone on a school calendar. Training camp starts in the summer and you’ll return in time for the next school year. It also allows for unique cultural experiences like spending Christmas at an orphanage in Africa or having a mango hunt in Thailand on Easter morning. But whatever adventures in learning this year brings, prepare yourself — the World Race isn’t your typical classroom experience.
On the World Race, you can expect to see Jesus show up for you and the people you meet. Whether you end up feeding the hungry on the streets of South America or dancing around a campfire with the warriors in Africa, you will see God move. He will move in normal conversations. He will move in spectacular settings and incredible circumstances. He will move in ways you never expect. So as you travel the world with a backpack and a tent, keep your eyes open. You never know where you’ll find him next.
SHE WAS NINE MONTHS OLD AND WEIGHED ONLY NINE POUNDS.

When I met Ayesha, my world transformed. As I held her, she writhed in pain. I could see every bone in her fragile body.

She was in the hospital, left to die because her family couldn’t afford treatment. I posted her picture on Facebook, and a few days later I got a message from a friend back home. She wanted to sponsor Ayesha’s recovery.

My friend paid for medicine and transfusions, and Ayesha’s now healthy and thriving.

God changed my life through Ayesha. I didn’t feel adequate to be his hands and feet to this little one, but he asked me to, and it has brought me to my knees in dependence on him.

— Story from Emily Chant
Two weeks into her Race, Sarah Gustafson and her team saw God work in the middle of a change of plans. After shuffling between hostels, they met an atheist named Kelan. He joined them in ministry to see what this “Jesus” was all about and accepted Christ later that night. Their wild goose chase for a hostel ended in salvation for a young Irish man.

Helena Jordão and her team were serving at a home for street kids in Kenya when they encountered demons for the first time. After a little girl started writhing and voices came out of her, they knew they had to call on Jesus for his healing power. As they cast demons out of the little girl, they realized this wasn’t just the stuff of the Old Testament - Jesus does miracles today.

Jenn Watson met Zi Ping in a Chinese orphanage and immediately knew he could be a part of her family forever. It only took a quick Facebook conversation for Jenn’s sister and her husband to say “yes” and begin the adoption process. In one day, her squad helped raise $32,000 to fund the adoption, and Zi now lives in Pennsylvania with his forever family.

**TESTIMONIES**

**JORDAN ALESSI**

“The World Race has opened my eyes to who I am and how I can better fulfill my role in the kingdom of God.”

January 2013

**KRISTAN GIBSON**

“The World Race is a tool that makes its Racers more aware of the injustice that goes on in the world and changes them into people that live missional lives, even after the World Race ends.”

January 2011

**AMANDA BENNES**

“I never thought one year could turn into a lifetime of stories and memories. The World Race gave me a new perspective on life and a new respect for people and myself. I’m forever changed, forever loved, and forever blessed.”

January 2013

**CHRISTINA CALLEGARI**

“The World Race has opened up my world. I am wrecked for the ordinary. I have seen what the Father has for me, what he has for all of us, and it’s so much better than anything this world has to offer. The World Race is by far the hardest thing I have ever done, but it’s also the best thing!”

September 2013
Leave the mundane behind
Leave the mundane behind to pursue kingdom living.

Your late teens and early twenties are a time to choose. Will you be ordinary? Or will you take some risks and be amazing?

Dive into the nations. Venture out to all corners of the world, where you can focus on discipleship, community, and serving others.

Whether for a summer or a semester, serve those who need it most and discover the incredible plans God has for you.
Vibrant culture and incredible desperation collide in India. The caste system separates rich and poor. Women are deceived into trafficking; orphans and beggars are yearning for love. The poor, abandoned, and outcast in India need hope. Your team can enter these lost places and love the hopeless. There’s an urgency — the people of India need to know God’s love for them, to find their worth and identity in Jesus Christ. Are you ready to be a part of what God is doing here?

While discovering local culture, Passporters find the heart of God woven into daily activities. Ministry looks different on every Passport trip, because it naturally emerges from relationships and the Passport way of life, not just as a daily assignment to complete.

With a low life expectancy and high infant mortality rate due to AIDS, hope is just one of the necessities many people of Zimbabwe go without daily. You’ll have so many opportunities to share hope through the love of Christ. You could work in orphanages, do local outreach or hospitals visits, help with prison ministry, and more. Whatever you do, you’ll impact lives as you become the hands and feet of Jesus and show the nearness of Christ. Will you bring Jesus to Zimbabwe?

Nicaragua’s biodiversity and booming tourism mask its hurting and forgotten people. Unemployment is rising and most Nicaraguans live on less than two dollars a day. Connect with people in the slums, serving the needs of people in absolute poverty. Spend time serving the children of a local orphanage. Construction, gardening, and teaching English help in tangible ways, while you build relationships and show them how precious they are to Jesus. Will you bring God’s love to children and the poor in Nicaragua?
Passport trips provide the chance to spend extended time on the mission field. Expect to let go of your expectations about specific ministry. Passporters focus on prayer and listening for God’s guidance. This spirit of obedience equips them to go anywhere the Lord leads.

On a Passport trip, ministry is a way of life, not just a daily assignment. You can expect to have the freedom to meet needs you discover during your trip. Be prepared to engage in local culture, build relationships, and follow God’s leading as you serve with your team. Come with an open mind about what God has for you and you won’t be disappointed!

LOCATIONS

Central American Expedition: El Salvador, Panama, Costa Rica
Africa Expedition: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi

Guatemala | Honduras | Nicaragua | Costa Rica | Kenya | South Africa | Swaziland | Botswana | China | Thailand | Nepal | Philippines | Cambodia | New Zealand | India
I MET GIFT AT A CARE POINT IN SWAZILAND.

He greeted me with a broad smile and a “hello my friend!” I instantly gravitated towards him, hoping he would share his dreams. It only took us a few questions before I struck gold. He spilled his dreams in a whirlwind of feverishly spoken words to my open ears.

Gift is an engineering student right now, but he eagerly shared with me his dream of opening a sports academy. Gift’s academy will teach more than soccer; he dreams of a place where he can teach children they can be absolutely anything they want to be, and then provide them with hope and practical help to accomplish their dreams. He told me, “I will not waste my life, and I will not let them waste theirs.”

Although Swaziland has been hit hard by HIV/AIDS, Gift believes in his people, in their future, and in God’s ability to make his dream a reality. Gift has already begun organizing games and training kids — and most importantly, showing them the love and hope of God.

— Story from Blake Smith
Jill Lockhart expected to convert the whole nation of Swaziland. But when she arrived, she found herself heartbroken by the crowds of orphans, the poverty, and the illness that dominates much of the nation. When God directed her to set her expectations and goals aside, she found a conviction to see and love people one at a time in order to change her heart and transform a nation for good.

Gretchen Pederson was surrounded by dirt floors and garbage piles; next door a woman was butchering a hog. A boom box and a tamborine played worship music in the sweltering heat. But God showed her it’s not about atmosphere or the music. A group of Nicaraguans simply raised their hands in worship for the holiness of God. Gretchen stood in tears, soaking in the pure presence of God.

In Thailand, Sami Sukupchak’s new friend Happy shared her fears: the end of the world, that she couldn’t know Christ because her parents were Buddhist, her physical pain. And then the team began to pray. The Holy Spirit showed up and Happy prayed to Jesus. God not only healed Happy of her pain, but he also strengthened her to talk to her family about Jesus. Happy discovered freedom and a new family in the body of Christ.

“How has my heart changed? It is no longer blind. It holds a deeper desire to see restoration and redemption. I am passionate for justice. My life has changed and though it is hard, it is beautiful.”

“I probably will never be able to share the rawness and entirety of what God set before me. I am not the same person that left Columbus, Ohio. I am, in fact, a completely different person.”

“I’m finding Jesus and then finding myself in him, rediscovering my passions and my identity. I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

“I am learning that God is the one who keeps me going. He fills me up so that I can fully give. He takes the wheel. He is my portion. He is my reason to press forward.”
Dig in to your own Faith
Represent Jesus.

Ambassador connects you with real people struggling to survive and with real people serving like Jesus did.

With Ambassador, you get a chance to build real relationships.

A chance to dig into your own faith.

A chance to live and serve in a new culture and see how God stays the same no matter where you are.
**EXPERIENCE**

how Christ is alive

**IN YOU**

Don’t let age disqualify you from missions. Ambassador brings teenagers into the work God is doing around the world. Discover how real God is, experience the freedom to ask the right questions about your faith, and listen for the answers that will lead your heart to help a hurting world.

From domestic trips to international excursions, you will be where God is in the world. You will live in community and grow in love. You will experience how Christ is alive in you as you work hard, play hard, and love hard. Exploring the world around you, you’ll see different cultures, know faith in action, and feel what God is doing in you and in the world.

**SWAZILAND**

Swaziland has a vibrant African heartbeat and a distinct culture that gives life to all who visit. However, that heartbeat is slowly dying. More than one out of every four of people live with HIV. Hospitals are overpopulated and Swaziland is home to nearly 70,000 AIDS orphans. Don’t be fooled into thinking you can’t make a difference. God’s power is in you if you just let it flow.

**PUERTO RICO**

Even though Puerto Rico’s tourist industry is thriving, nearly half of the population lives in poverty. Lack of education makes this even worse; 62% of Puerto Ricans don’t graduate from high school. This feeds problems of crime, poverty, and unemployment. But Jesus offers hope to his people here. Be the instrument God uses to change a nation. Share your life with those in need and discover what real love looks like.

**CHICAGO**

Chicago has an explosion of cultures, food, and people that merge together like no other place on earth. The Windy City varies in attractions, from shopping and pro sports to swimming in Lake Michigan. Yet the people need loving care. Nearly a quarter of the people in Chicago live below the poverty line and desperately need your help and your hope. By serving the poor, you could change a community forever.
On an Ambassador trip, you can expect your faith to be challenged and strengthened as you process the problems of the world and what you can do as a follower of Jesus. You will serve with leaders who will ask you tough faith questions, push you to find personal answers in Scripture, and work with you to find your place with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

As you grow in your faith, expect to encounter others needing relationship and hope. Interact with spiritual mentors that will strengthen your faith. See life from a different perspective, and press into how God is leading you to change your world and his.
IN NICARAGUA, WE LEARNED THE TRUE MEANING OF THE “BODY OF CHRIST”

We gave freely of our possessions, shared in extreme happiness at the smallest of things, and cried in each other’s pain. We exposed our utter and complete brokenness. No one forced me to spend hours digging through my Bible for just the right references or crafting each of my words to spell out what I wanted to say - I wanted to.

What we experienced was the Church as it was meant to be. Serving and loving Jesus together. We didn’t have small group or a scheduled Bible study. We couldn’t understand many of the sermons, and much of the time we just sat in awe of the beauty God placed around us. But we were more a church than any building I’ve ever been in or any sermon I’ve ever heard. I have never felt closer to God.

- Story from Laura Kurtz
Teens often go on mission trips with expectations of what God will do through them. But sometimes the pressure to bring home stories of the miraculous, of lives changed, of success and “mission fruit” can turn those expectations into limitations. One teen felt discouraged when she didn’t see the results she expected. But she learned that sometimes God wants to show us something different — something amazing and beautiful. She learned to ask “Do we worship the fruit? Or do we worship the gardener?”

Sometimes service means getting dirty. On one Ambassador trip, a teen worked on painting a roof. He remembers, “In fact, it wasn’t really paint, it was this rubbery stuff that would protect the roof from weather. Even though our ministry looked like a lot of work with our hands, God was still working in our hearts. From the rooftop, we could see and pray for the whole community. It was cool to see everything going on around us. God was definitely watching us and filling us with his presence.”

Part of one team’s ministry was to visit a local senior center where most of the residents only spoke Spanish. At first they struggled to communicate, but then they met a man who plays guitar and asked if he wanted to play. He began to strum and in no time he was belting out some of his favorite Spanish songs. They started a dance party right then and there. The team did the Salsa and other Latin dances with the residents. They loved it! They broke through the language barrier with their dance moves.

Nicaragua Guatemala
Uganda Nicaragua

“On this trip, God taught me a lot about listening to and obeying his voice. He freed me from fear and helped me to surrender to him. He made my identity more secure in him.”

“Every day really is a whole new spiritual journey. I find myself looking forward to what God will reveal to me each day more than anything else!”

““My time in Nicaragua wasn’t about planting rice on the side of a volcano to help feed impoverished families or the dirt we shoveled or the number of times we made a child laugh. It was about learning to live in God.”

“1 will carry the moments I’ve had on this trip with me for the rest of my life. Christ has challenged me, comforted me, spoken to me, and loved on me in more ways than I can count.”
Launch a faith Adventure
Launch your youth group into a faith adventure.

Adventures Youth takes junior and senior high youth groups on a journey of development by engaging them in urban, rural, and international communities.

Your students will see the value of their presence and experience God’s guidance firsthand as they serve.
Guatemala bursts with life everyday. The Latin traditions of family, good food, and vigor for life make Guatemala a favorite for all visitors. However, the very things that make Guatemala distinct are slowly dying. Orphanages often fill up and have to turn children away. The nation’s elderly often live in overcrowded and ill-equipped group homes. Come restore joy by spending time with forgotten populations. Your love can bring hope to the broken-hearted.

APPALACHIA

We know the rest of the world needs Jesus, but sometimes we forget that America does too. Stay close to home and serve your neighbors. With many ways to serve, there is something for everyone. Whether building a house or helping run a thrift shop for the less fortunate, you will be exposed to a variety of ways to serve the community on this trip. Don’t miss this opportunity to be Christ in the US.

Dallas has a lively mix of urban flair, Western culture, and Southern hospitality that can’t be found anywhere else. It seems this metropolis is thriving but much of the southern portion is known for its poverty. The people are so hungry: for food in their bellies and love for their hearts. Come be an instrument of healing as your youth group listens to the broken-hearted and sees the change Jesus continues to do today.

Adventures Youth is designed to help youth discover the power of God in their lives. While many teenagers attend church, most of them have not experienced life outside of their communities. Lead your youth on an adventure to see firsthand what it means to be an influencer in the name of Christ. Help them see the reality of poverty and the impact they can make as a follower of Jesus. They could hear the stories of the homeless, experience the power of prayer, and make a difference in a place that needs hope. By taking your youth group outside their comfort zones, they can see and be a part of the change Christ is making in the world around them.
Adventures Youth trips are about letting God lead your youth into deeper ministry and faith than they may have experienced before. We believe God has something to say to everyone, and we plan every youth trip expecting God to lead participants into the work he is already doing in the communities that we visit.

Your team can expect to connect with ministries serving the marginalized and forgotten in their community. You’ll see your youth grow closer together as they discover compassion and love for the people Jesus loves. As they read Scripture, meet ministry leaders, and build relationships with the people they serve, they’ll learn the world is not about their comfort, but about seeing every person as a unique creation of God.

DISCOVER compassion & love FOR PEOPLE

LOCATIONS
Philippines | Guatemala | Western PA | Nicaragua | Puerto Rico | Appalachia | Atlanta, GA | Hilton Head Island, SC | New Orleans, LA | Dallas | New York | St. Louis
OUR GROUP WENT DOOR TO DOOR

telling people about the block party with our ministry and asked if they needed prayer. Most people did not answer their doors.

Trying to get refocused, we prayed. As soon as we said “Amen,” we ran into a woman named Jenny. She told us her doctors said she had a tumor, but it was too soon to tell if it was cancerous. We responded by laying our hands on her and praying.

She started to cry. She felt so blessed, and it was one of the best experiences of my life. Just think that if we had not prayed, Jenny probably never would have known that there is hope in God.

We gave her our number and said if she needed any help or just for us to pray for her again to call. “I’ll call,” she said, tears running down her face. “I’ll call.”

- Story from Jenna Malin
Sometimes it’s uncomfortable to strike up conversations with strangers, even when God leads you to them himself. Two girls were a bit reluctant about just walking around and handing out water, so one of the trip leaders pulled the girls aside. She encouraged them to simply pray and ask God who they should give the water to. As soon as the girls finished a simple prayer, they saw a woman. They walked over to hand her some water, and the woman said, “It’s not really about the water, is it?”

One team thought it was a little strange when they learned two of their translators weren’t followers of Christ. They expected translators who understood the foundation of what they were trying to communicate, but God had bigger plans. The Spirit told them to keep their eyes and ears open for the people serving us in the day-to-day, and this team listened. That week, one of their translators, Fresia, helped them share the gospel hundreds of times, and then finally believed it for herself.

Serving in downtown Philadelphia, Jeni met a woman named Cissy while she was handing out sandwiches and water. Cissy told how she was abused and abandoned by her family and the consequences of her struggle to support herself on the streets. Cissy had lost all hope. But then God found her. “I was standing on the side of the road all dressed up, and God spoke to me and I was saved right there.” Cissy’s story showed Jeni how God cares and wants to redeem us, even when we think we’re too far gone.

“God is good and I stand in awe of what he is doing through this trip. During our week we had nine professions of faith during VBS. We have been so blessed.”

“The (local) kids miss the youth group — really touched a lot of them in a positive way. We really appreciate all your help and your service to our people.”

“There are opportunities all around us when we pray first then step out in obedience and faith knowing that the good work that God began in us he will eventually see through to completion!”

“The Lord brought together brothers and sisters from different regions on the country to share together in bringing His kingdom on earth both to the Appalachian community and in their own hometowns.”
Rekindle your sense of Purpose
With an Adventures Short-Term trip, not only will you work together to serve the community around you, but you will also experience life in community with other believers.

Learn what it means to worship, live, and serve as brothers and sisters bonded by faith.

Be transformed as the body operates together and as Jesus works through you to impact the world around you.

18+ & FAMILY GROUPS
5 DAYS-3 WEEKS
ADVENTURES.ORG/ADULT
New Orleans has a heartbeat all its own. With diverse culture and unique food, this city continues to make history daily. But unfortunately, “The Big Easy” continues to remain in ruin. The aftershocks of hurricane Katrina have displaced many of its citizens, and worse, hurt the vibrancy of the people. Come be part of restoring New Orleans to its former glory. The time is now.

Cambodia’s distinct Asian beauty is like no other place on earth. With the architecture of Angkor Wat, beautiful farms, and native villages, this country has charmed the hearts of millions. However, with 95% of the country practicing Buddhism, much of the population has never heard the name of Christ. Many live on less than a dollar per day. Come bring hope and help in the name of Jesus.

Jamaica has beautiful beaches, exotic culture, and eye-catching landscape. While it seems to be paradise, so much of the native population lives in poverty. Desperate to feed families, many are forced into human trafficking. Hoping to market their country to tourists, many of the needs of the people go unheard. Come bring help to people who are desperate for change.

Short-term missions isn’t just about serving, nor is it only for youth groups. Adventures Short-term offers adults and families a glimpse into the missionary life and gives you a trip to discover the power of Christ. While serving in the community, bond with your team and see where the power of Christ works in people’s lives.

Grow by talking with brokenhearted people and experience how Christ can minister to their hearts and yours. Find where God has equipped you by putting yourself in situations where you have to stretch your comfort zone and God has to show up. You may work with the poor or hang out with kids. You could visit places that may feel forgotten to shine the light of Christ into dark places. By the time you come home, you and the world will both be changed.

Highlights

SEE where the power of Christ WORKS

Be exposed to the NEEDS OF A HURTING WORLD

SEE COMMUNITY as you live with other believers

Learn to listen for God’s voice and FOLLOW HIS LEAD

EXPERIENCE LIFE within another culture

See Christ change your life as you SERVE THOSE AROUND YOU
Adventures Short-Term Missions is designed to show participants what they can do to change the world. Be prepared to experience diversity in lifestyles and worship practices, to come face-to-face with poverty, and to see what it will take to restore the world to the way God wants it to be. You could talk to the poor and pray for those who need a listening ear. Or you could help clean a neighborhood that desperately needs a loving touch. Together, participants will find that where their comfort ends is where God begins.

LOCATIONS

Kenya | Swaziland | Cambodia | India | Philippines | Thailand | Vietnam | Ireland | Romania | Brazil | Costa Rica | Ecuador | Guatemala | Haiti Relief | Jamaica | Mexico | Nicaragua | Puerto Rico | Appalachia | Atlanta, GA | Chicago, IL | Hilton Head Island, SC | New Orleans, LA | Philadelphia, PA | Washington DC

WHERE YOUR COMFORT ends, GOD begins
THE MOMENT I COMMITTED TO THIS TRIP

I fell in love with everything about India. From the old buildings to the stunning people, I knew that I was going to see God shake this country with his unending love. From the moment I stepped off the plane I began developing relationships with people. I am forever changed.

We have spent most of the time with the children and from the first day, I didn’t see them try to resemble God, but they did. I have never truly met someone who I felt could say, “Yes, they are the perfect example of God” before. I know these children are not perfect, but the love, kindness, and patience they have for one another, and for others, is something I have never seen. They have all impacted my life in this short amount of time in an indescribable way. Now having the honor of knowing them and the staff at the orphanage, I cannot imagine not having the impact from them. Not knowing them would mean not seeing a true example of heaven coming down to earth.

-Story from Ashlyn
A group of women gathered at 7:30 in the evening on the fifth floor of a building in Bangkok, Thailand. They lifted prayers up to the Lord, pleading for the lives represented in Patpong, for those desperate for love. The prayers rose up and drowned out the noise from the street below. On the street, pleasure, lust, and perversion were worshipped. But on the 5th floor, missionaries sang praise and offered a safe haven for the dancers.

When God pointed Jade Ripp to Haiti, she almost didn’t listen. She had never seen poverty or hunger or people fighting daily for their lives. She lashed out towards God, wondering how he could allow anyone to live like that. But when she woke up the second day in Haiti, she felt different. God began answering her questions. God began to open her eyes to witness the pure beauty of Haiti. For the first time in her life, Jade felt love despite the pain of a broken world.

As Allison Owen walked toward church, the stunning sound of African voices filled the air. For several minutes she stood worshipping the Savior. The Swazi men, women, and children sang their angelic songs as the rest of the team tried to sing along or stood in silence and in awe. “When they sing, you can hear their souls.” Allison will never forget standing, swaying to the beat of their music, looking at the beautiful African landscape. God was surely present. She simply kept thinking “God is here and we are here!”

**SHANNON THOMSON**  
India

“*The leper community was the revelation that we’re going to struggle, but there’s always light and hope in Him. His love and warmth cannot be contained even by the barriers of this world. I came to serve them and they served me a big dose of God’s love.*”

**CONNIE ROCK**  
Thailand

“I’ve come to love these countries and the people, and am passionate about the ministries and those who have picked up their lives and moved there to live a missional life amongst the poor and hurting.”

**KRISTEN TORRES-TORO**  
Bolivia

“At first I was intimidated because of my lack of fluency, but that didn’t matter, and I began to speak in Spanish! Some of my favorite moments are things we did with the camp and the staff. It was incredible to see the Church in action, and take part of it as well!”

**TIM SCHMOYER**  
Haiti

“I worked with Adventures In Missions to put together a custom trip and soon a bunch of people all jumped on board. That intergenerational mix turned out to be so healthy — I never would’ve imagined it to be so incredible.”
Bridging the Gaps
Church-to-Church exists to build connections within our faith family through support, fellowship, and active partnership for change.

Whether the need is disaster relief or encouragement in tough times, we unite as a body, one church connected in relationship with another.

The struggles of individual bodies become “our struggles” as two churches, diverse in culture, come together in love.
Haiti has been ravaged by hurricanes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. Many Haitians have lost everything but you can ensure they don’t lose hope. Partner with a Haitian church and see the healing power of relationship. You may do relief work among the poor and literally house the homeless, or you could spread the gospel to people who have never heard his name. Is your church wrecked for this nation? Join with a Haitian church and bring them healing.

Malawi captures the hearts of millions of tourists each year with breathtaking views and culture unlike any other place on earth. However, beneath this charming exterior lays a country in need of Christ. One in 10 adults has HIV/AIDS, and 70% of all hospital beds fill up because of the disease. Many children have been orphaned. Partner with the church here and spend time with people who need Jesus’ healing touch. Your life can be the example of the living hope of God.

Known for its vibrant culture, Cuba has everything: great food, exotic sites, and lively entertainment. However, despite this colorful exterior, much of the country lies in ruins. Poverty is rampant throughout major cities, and government corruption continues to widen the chasm between the poor and the rich. Come be a part of restoration. You could help build up the underground church or take care of orphans. The possibilities are endless. All we need now is you!
Be prepared to be a living example of how the family of God knows no distance. While many churches overseas hear of American churches caring for them, few Americans come and experience in person the struggles of their brothers and sisters. With Church-to-Church, your congregation forms a lifelong friendship with a sister church in need of support.

This is not a one-time transaction; rather, you build an ongoing relationship with multiple visits to the same church to see lasting change. While you may work to build new houses or repairs, the bulk of the work lies in sharing the burdens of partner congregations. With fellowship, love, and trust, your effort could provide healing to a hurting part of Christ’s body, unifying us all around the globe.
IN INDIA, I FOUND GOD’S WORK

happens by caring for people in prayer and presence. While we were visiting a leper colony, I found the love of God ministering to me as well as to the people of India. We spent time fellowshipping with the women and children. Sometimes it seemed right to just sit quietly and take in this group of people with a heart for community and love.

As the time drew near to say goodbye, our team gathered around our friends to pray for those women, a newborn, and their families. I held the hand of a young woman and prayed aloud over her; one of the very few times I’ve ever done such a thing. Once we finished, she turned and spoke Hindi to her mother in urgency. Her mother grabbed my hand, and led me off to pray for her father. We were led through the steady rain to the home.

We walked back through the raindrops and I could not stop my eyes from tearing. God had placed that man on my heart and though their family asked us to pray for his healing, it was my own heart that felt bound up by the Lord.

―Story from Shannon Thompson
HEALING THE WITCH DOCTOR

One team met a man who had been a powerful witch doctor for over 20 years in the community when he met Jesus. The demons were fighting hard to keep him. He had fought them with everything he had when he asked the team for help. They prayed, rebuking every demon in the name of Jesus. They bound the enemy in Jesus’ name and said, “Flee!” Peace settled in, and the man’s eyes spoke of nothing but the settling love of Jesus Christ.

ROLLING DOWN THE INTERSTATE INTO MOORE, OKLAHOMA

One team member began to run towards him. With a tear-stained face, the man looked the missionary in the eyes and held his arms high like a child does his father. He had fallen with nothing left but a cry and a crawl to safety. The missionary picked the man up and carried him gently to the sidewalk.

TESTIMONIES

PASTOR EDUARD

“Through our connection with our partner church, God has enlarged our ministry.”

CECE QUINN

“There are people who ask for me here [in Haiti], and that means the world to me.”

ANDY LOWRY

Athens Church

“If there were hundreds of thousands of these partnerships across the globe, I would say that’s heaven on earth – that’s the biblical mandate.”

TOM THUL

Zion Lutheran

“Even those who have not yet made the trip participate in many ways — donations, prayers, packing, collecting, promoting, etc. — creating a deep sense of living the Word.”
Establish a Lasting Presence
Adventures LongTerm transforms cultures by representing the living God — being Jesus in that place. Simply put: our long-term missionaries become part of a community and transform it by loving neighbors in everyday life, through discipleship, love, and community.
Known for its beautiful beaches, exotic history, and diverse population, the Dominican Republic seems like paradise. However, upon closer look, the people further from the coastline need your help. With minimal media coverage of the damage done from past hurricane activity, recovery has been slow. Come partner with the church to bring hope in Jesus’ name. Whether it is building a house for the homeless or playing with orphans, the way to restoration is in your hands.

Thailand needs the light of Christ. Still a huge hub for sexual exploitation, prostitution feeds over $4 billion into the country’s economy. While efforts have been made to take a stand against this issue, the society still accepts and tolerates these policies. Come be a part of change by building a relationship with people who may have never felt true friendship. By sharing the love of Christ, you can help change a nation.

We crave relationship. We were made to be with each other and God. While the people of Ireland have a rich church history, many see faith as dead, outdated, and irrelevant. Come alongside long-term missionaries and be the example of the life change by faith. The people of Ireland don’t need another church. They need Jesus in you!
Long-term missionaries serve by being the physical presence of God in their community. You can expect to learn about the culture, form deep relationships, and live in the neighborhood where you serve. By living in community, you learn firsthand the needs of the people and you can experience the Holy Spirit leading you to meet those needs. Living and serving through the Spirit builds credibility and sends a message: “Jesus seeks us out. He sent us for you.” As you live day-to-day intertwining your life with people in love, you build a witness for Christ that changes lives.

LOCATIONS

Current Bases: Guatemala | Philippines | Honduras | Ireland | Kenya

Future Bases: Cambodia | Thailand | Japan | Haiti | Romania | Malawi
JUST AFTER WE ARRIVED IN GUATEMALA,

the Lord led Kacie, one of our team members, to a woman who makes a living selling chicklet gum on the street. At least once a week, Kacie brought the woman a meal, sat on the sidewalk with her, and listened to her story.

As Kacie’s friendship with the woman grew, our team felt God calling us to invite the woman and her large family over for dinner. So we did just that. Tears began to roll down the woman’s face as she thanked Kacie — not for the dinner, but for seeing her. For stopping and listening. For being there, week after week.

How many people do I pass by without noticing every day? As our team walked away, the prayer that rose up out of my heart was a simple one: Lord, open my eyes that I may see...
Beyond the lush beauty of the Dominican Republic, families lie in ruin. Single mothers struggle to make ends meet, and children grow up without a father. Ronnie Herrera was one of those children. But Ronnie met Jesus through Miguel and Kristen Shaul, long-term missionaries called to the DR to raise up a generation of leaders. They prayed for months for God to send them young people to disciple, and Ronnie was the answer to their prayers.

For almost 10 years Mercy Ng’ang’a has been praying over patients at a hospital in Kijabe. She’s seen thousands of children healed and even more people come to know the Lord. She has invited long-term missionary Matt Patch and his team to join in her ministry, pray over patients, and watch God work miraculous healings both of the body and the soul.

Amy Duncan and Aimee D’Hondt are giving university-aged students in Asia the opportunity of a lifetime: to learn and practice English with native speakers. Not only are these students returning the favor in helping to teach Amy and Aimee the local language, their skills in English will allow them to shape their nation during this pivotal point in its history.

“Every day is a new adventure at our home in Guatemala. That definitely messes with my planner side, but stretches me to depend that much more on the Lord.”

“God has entrusted 16 precious children to me and I love them with a love I truly didn’t know existed in me. We provide clothes for them to replace their dirty torn ones. For most of them we are the only arms that hug them all day long.”

“I know without a doubt that this is what God is calling me to. To know you are walking in obedience and in step with his will leaves you with a sense of peace that can’t be explained.”

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“As we continue to live and serve here in Romania, we are learning more and more to rely on each other and to work as a team.”
SWAZILAND

We believe God has a redemption plan for the HIV/AIDS pandemic. We see a generation of children raised to take leadership of their country and go throughout the world to preach the Gospel. We want to see a generation raised to lead toward an abundant and holistically healthy future. We see healthy communities full of healthy families characterized by healthy relationships.

You can help.

Join us as we work in our established neighborhood care points where we feed, disciple, educate and give our kids access to healthcare.

You can be the hope of Jesus to a nation in need of spiritual and physical healing.

CUSTOM TRIPS

Still can’t find exactly what you’re looking for? Let us help you create a custom trip for you and your group. Just send us the best time for you to go, where you’d like to serve and the size of your group so we can get started!
CENTER FOR GLOBAL ACTION

Although a summer or year overseas may be the first step in your kingdom journey, this journey is incomplete until you dig deeper.

Your story isn’t over.

We believe in the way Jesus did discipleship: a radical three-year model involving risk and apprenticeship. The Center for Global Action is the next stage in your growth process. Encountering the kind of learning Jesus modeled won’t happen in a classroom; we believe it takes three core elements: community, discipleship, and development.

Step into a life-giving community and engage in deep discipleship while moving toward your future and discovering your unique role in the kingdom. You will gain more than skills; we aim to see you experience life, community, mentorship, and a fuller understanding of your identity.

KINGDOM JOURNEYS

Kingdom Journeys exists to equip teams of men and women to realize God’s dreams for the kingdom. You’ll serve Kingdom minded organizations to further their vision and experience growth. You’ll work on everything from branding, marketing, leadership training and discipleship, to creative consulting and ministry outreach.

While on the field, you’ll be mentored by top dream builders, and embrace big projects with the possibility of making a significant contribution. You’ll learn how to lead with excellence and grow in community, learning what it means to dive deeply into relationships.

Connect to your dream by connecting to God’s dreams. In each new country you’ll help kingdom entrepreneurs build their dreams. You’ll learn what it takes to make them happen.

ALUMNI Opportunities