

QUALIFICATIONS OF TEAM MEMBERS

Adult Participants: International and Domestic

Cartersville First Baptist Church is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention with a rich history in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As such, we seek to make disciples with the same biblical foundational beliefs.

Therefore, in order to participate in a Cartersville First Baptist Church-sponsored mission trip (a trip that is commissioned, provided administrative support, and/or funded in part by Cartersville First Baptist Church), each team member is to meet the following criteria at the time of application:

- A born-again believer in Jesus Christ.
- A member of Cartersville First Baptist Church for at least 3 months.*
- Affirm our statements of faith.
- All participants should be involved in tithing.
- Active in Sunday School and/or serving in a CFBC ministry such as children's or student ministry, greeting, leading a discipleship group, etc., with regular attendance.

Additionally, each applicant must also:

- Submit to and pass a criminal background check.
- Complete Sexual Abuse Awareness/Child Safety Training.
- Have and provide documentation of personal medical insurance coverage.
- Sign a waiver and release of liability for CFBC.
- Complete all required forms, trainings, processes as required for each trip.

It is understood that there may be extenuating circumstances to the qualifications stated above. These should be discussed with the Team Leader and/or the Missions Pastor.

Juvenile Participants:

Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (Unless the trip/activity is specifically designated as a "Youth Trip")

* In some instances, team members may consist of individuals who are members of other like-faith churches. In that situation, a letter from the pastor of that church must be submitted in order to ensure the prospective team member meets the same criteria as CFBC participants. Generally, these team members are expected to pay the total cost of the mission trip without financial assistance from Cartersville First Baptist Church.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Is this the right opportunity for me?

Obviously, the first and most important part of this decision should be prayer. Throughout the New Testament we see examples of Jesus directing the steps of His disciples as they make plans, and we want to ensure that we are continuing to seek his guidance as we do the same.



When prayerfully considering whether to apply for a mission trip each person should also genuinely contemplate the following:

- Are you willing to forgo the “comforts of home”. For example, no air conditioning, shared sleeping quarters, eating unusual foods, little or no phone service and/or internet access, etc.
- Do you have or will you be able to obtain a passport in time for this trip, with at least six months remaining before expiration? (For international travel)
- Are you willing to obtain all vaccinations required by the country being visited and recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention?
- Understanding your physical health, are you able to safely travel and participate in the planned activities?
- Are you willing and able to make the financial commitment and/or willing to actively fundraise the required amount?
- Are you able to commit to the time requirements of preparation, training, and travel?

Some of these may be matters that you need to surrender to the Lord and ask for His strength to overcome or resolve. I would just encourage you to remember that our God is still the God of miracles, and nothing is beyond His ability and control. We welcome the opportunity to pray with you about anything that you see as an obstacle to your participation.