



Mercy & Truth Medical Missions

Outreach Application

Please complete the following information and return the application to:

Mercy & Truth Medical Missions, Inc. 636 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS 66101

Applications must be accompanied by \$300.00 (\$100.00 is designated toward airfare deposit) non-refundable deposit.

Outreach Country _____

Dates of Outreach _____

Personal Information:

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobil: _____ E-mail: _____

Gender: _____ Birth date: _____ Home Airport: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical History: _____

Current Medications: _____

Passport Information: (Enclose two copies of your passport and immunization record)

Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

City and Country Issued: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

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Professional Experience: Please include 2 copies of current professional licensure

List your role/ specialties: _____

Do you speak any other languages? Which?

Previous missions experience:

Church Home:

Are you a Christian or of another belief, please describe:

Is there anything else we need to know about you?

How did you learn about Mercy & Truth Medical Missions?

Students Only: Please list your (a) college, (b) your address and phone number there, (c) your current instructor or dean of school and (d) your area of study.

As a team member on a Mercy & Truth Medical Missions outreach, I agree to:

- Accept responsibility to represent Mercy & Truth Medical Missions with dignity and cultural sensitivity, by being a positive role model for Americans in foreign countries
- Conduct myself in a courteous and respectful manner; and exhibit professionalism, excellence and compassion for those whom I am serving
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by Mercy & Truth Medical Missions board
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse of people or animals
- Abstain from and not tolerate foul language, jokes or gesture, being especially sensitive to cultural differences in gestures and clothing
- Comply with nationals and show deference to customs and differences in lifestyles
- Under no circumstances possess, sell, or consume alcohol or controlled substances while participating on a Mercy & Truth Medical Missions outreach
- Accept responsibility to promote and support Mercy & Truth Medical Missions and to carry out the mission statement during the outreach and all related activities
- Care for and manage all property and equipment both owned and borrowed by Mercy & Truth Medical Missions or local churches with respect; and to operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a responsible manner.

I understand that failure to comply with any component of this code, or participation in other inappropriate conduct as determined by the team leader, Field Director, or administrator, may lead to being removed from the outreach and returned home from the field if necessary. Mercy & Truth Medical Missions will assume no costs involved in such cases, and no reimbursement of funds will be made.

Signature _____

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Liability and Medical Release:

I, _____, hereby release Mercy & Truth Medical Missions, Inc., from any liability regarding loss, accident, injury, disease or death sustained or contracted by me while traveling to, from or during the designated outreach. I further agree to hold harmless the above from any expenses incurred as a result of any of the aforementioned events. I also give consent for any personal medical treatment that becomes necessary during the outreach with Mercy & Truth Medical Missions, Inc.; and I will be solely responsible for costs of the treatment involved.

I agree to provide for myself, if desired, travel insurance for loss of articles, travel, illness, injury and death. I will assume all responsibility for any additional personal expenses incurred during this trip.

Completed application requires notarized signature and date.

Signature _____

Date _____

Notary _____ **State of** _____

Signed this day of _____ **My commission expires** _____

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Mercy & Truth Medical Missions International Outreach FAQ's

Please keep for your records.

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1. What services do Mercy and Truth staff provide?

Mercy & Truth works to ensure the success of each outreach project long before it begins. Our staff consistently maintains relationships with our in-country partners who will host you during the outreach. We will be working with these partners to arrange everything needed for your time there. We will also facilitate each team's flight plans through our travel partners. Whether you live locally in Kansas City or elsewhere in the world, our staff will communicate regularly with you in the months leading up to your outreach, both to educate you about the host country and to keep you up-to-date on important information. Finally, we are always available to address any questions or concerns you may have.

2. What immunizations do I need?

We follow the immunization suggestions of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for each country we enter. You can find current information for any country in the “Traveler’s Health” section on their website at www.cdc.gov. The immunization guidelines of the CDC are only recommendations and are to be used at your discretion. However, we recommend that you are current on your **tetanus, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B** shots.

3. What is covered in the ground costs?

All expenses in the following list are included in the ground costs:

- Meals
- Lodging
- Transportation
- Visas, airport fees, and departure taxes
- Short-term travel insurance (provided by Mercy & Truth for the duration of the outreach)
- Medications (project-specific medications purchased for the outreach)
- Translator costs
- Security costs
- Contribution to hosts
- Other expenses related to a specific outreach, which would be detailed in your team information (i.e., a day safari in Africa)

Expenses which are not covered in the cost of your trip include spending money, travel outside of the Mercy & Truth itinerary, CEU credit (30 hours of CEU available through Mercy & Truth), loss of your ticket or luggage, vandalism, passports and visa pictures, immunizations or additional travel insurance.

4. Can I gather my own supplies?

Yes. We encourage you to get your friends, family, co-workers, and church involved. Mercy and Truth staff and your team leader can provide you with suggestions about supplies to gather for your outreach project. Please note that you must provide a detailed list of all gathered items to Mercy and Truth no less than two weeks prior to your departure date, so that these items may be added to the master supply list for the outreach.

5. Can I schedule my own flights?

No. Mercy and Truth has an approved flight itinerary for each outreach. Often flights into the areas we serve operate on a very limited basis, so our teams need to travel together.

6. Does Mercy and Truth provide any travel insurance for team members?

Yes. Mercy and Truth does provide insurance that covers each team member for the stated duration of the outreach project. The policy coverage includes but is not limited to:

- Emergency Medical Evacuation
- Repatriation
- Hospital Admission Deposit
- Emergency Family Travel Arrangements
- Lost Document Assistance

7. Could this outreach be cancelled?

Yes. An outreach project can be cancelled or rescheduled at the discretion of Mercy and Truth

Medical Missions. Although rarely done, it would most likely occur due to one of the following:

- Conditions in the host country are determined to be unsafe for the team. (Mercy and Truth relies on information and recommendations from the US.
- State Department, CDC, and other organizations in making this decision.)
- The outreach fails to achieve the minimum amount of team members required to make the project financially feasible without overburdening existing team members or Mercy and Truth. (Determined at the application deadline date)

8. Can I cancel my own trip?

Yes. The following guidelines will apply when a team member cancels his or her own participation in an outreach for any reason:

- The deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.

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- Any hard costs incurred by Mercy and Truth prior to the cancellation will be nonrefundable

(i.e., plane tickets, visa costs, insurance costs, etc.)

- Per IRS standards, any remaining funds donated to Mercy and Truth on behalf of the team member will be redirected to the general fund of the organization unless a refund is specifically requested by the donor.
- Cancellations once air tickets are purchased will incur a 10% cancellation penalty after any non-refundable costs (i.e., plane ticket cancellation fee, visa, medications, insurance, postage, etc.).
- Cancellations within 30 days of departure will incur a 50% cancellation penalty after any non-refundable costs.
- If a team member cancels one trip and transfers to another trip during that same calendar year, funds donated to the cost of the first trip can be transferred to another trip up to application due date of the first trip. Funds not transferred by application due date are non-transferable.

9. Can I stay longer than the outreach?

Yes. We have had several team members who wanted to continue their adventure in the host

country beyond the dates of the outreach project. Here are a few things to consider:

- There may be additional travel costs to you for altering your return flight itinerary.

Mercy and Truth staff can help you organize your travel plans at the time we book the tickets through our travel agents.

- You will be responsible for all ground costs occurring outside the stated duration of the outreach project. You will also be responsible for arranging your own schedule and accommodations, though Mercy and Truth and/or your in-country hosts may be able to provide some limited help with this.
- Mercy and Truth is not liable for anyone remaining in a country beyond the stated duration of the outreach project. Any travel insurance to be effective during an extended stay must be purchased separately by the individual.

10. Do I have to fly to Kansas City before the outreach?

No. Normally we will work with our travel partners to fly you from your nearest major airport to a city where you can connect with the rest of your team prior to leaving the United States. If this is not possible, or would require significant extra expense on your part, we will make every effort to ensure that you are able to connect with your team in a major international airport before entering the host country.

11. What kind of precautions do we take in dealing with patients in an international clinic?

Standard medical precautions such as gloves and masks are utilized regularly when conducting international medical clinics. However, due to the conditions in many places we serve and the high volume of patients we normally see, safety precautions are often not achievable at the level you may be accustomed to using. We ask that each team member use their own knowledge and common sense when treating patients.

12. Will the team members be expected to evangelize?

No. Team members are not required to evangelize, but we certainly encourage you to take advantage of opportunities God provides to do so whenever you are able.

13. Is there an age limit for your outreaches?

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No. Minors (under the age of eighteen) may be allowed to join a Mercy & Truth international outreach with a Minor Permission to Travel Form signed and notarized by each legal guardian and are accompanied by at least one guardian.

This policy can be amended by the MTMM CEO on a case-by-case basis. If the policy is amended and a minor is allowed to participate, that minor must have a notarized and signed

Minor Permission to Travel Form.

14. Is it safe?

Yes. The safety of our team members is of utmost concern to us. Mercy and Truth's staff has over 10 years of experience in leading international teams. We receive regular updates from our contacts in the host country, as well as daily information from other organizations that monitor international security. Any international travel will always involve some risk, but we will never travel to a location that would seriously endanger our teams.