

Biltmore Church | Missions

L.A. California

Trip Information and Fundraising Milestones

Trip Dates: June 14th - June 20th, 2025

Type: Short-term

Cost: \$1600

Who can Go: Rising 9th graders - graduated 12th graders

Trip Spots: 12

Vision:

Join us as we partner with Send Relief. Send Relief is committed to strengthening the surrounding communities by caring for the large refugee population, protecting children and families, and fighting human trafficking and homelessness. By partnering with various churches, the Los Angeles United School District, and local organizations, the ministry center:

- Hosts food distributions
- Raises awareness about the epidemic of trafficking
- Provides temporary housing for trafficked survivors
- Mobilizes churches to compassion work
- Helps refugees acclimate to their new home

We believe that one day people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship God around His throne. The sheer size of Los Angeles calls for considerable strategy in any attempt to reach the city. The city population alone, 3.8 million, is larger than 21 states. We are excited to partner with the work that is already being done to reach those in this city.

What's Expected:

As a team member joining Send Relief, you will be an extension of their presence in the community. You will be helping them establish relationships and have Gospel conversations with families and children of the surrounding communities. Other expectations include:

- Honoring - The way you interact with people that are not like you will directly impact their view of Jesus. You must be mindful of the things you say, the way you interact and the way you show honor, in order to not create any barriers of the Gospel being heard.
- Maintain flexibility - Scheduled activities are subject to change due to various factors so maintaining a spirit of flexibility allows you to be open to any changes God may have for your team.
- Care - Serving on a short-term mission trip is a great way to serve and care for our long-term missionaries. Offering to cook a meal, watching their children so they can go out, cleaning, game nights, etc., are all great ways to care for our missionaries on the field.
- Show Up - Be present for all pre-trip and post-trip meetings as well as all in-country activities. We want you to make the most of your time as you engage the nations with the hope of the gospel.

Team Meetings (Minimum of 3) and Dates:

- Interest Meeting: October 20
- Parent Meeting: January 12
- Training #1: February 16
- Training #3: March 16
- Training #3: April 27
- Training #4: May 18
- Celebration Dinner & Debrief: August 10

Requirements

- **Prerequisites**
 - Must be a rising 9th-10th grader
 - Attends connect group on a regular basis (50%)
 - Must complete kids ministry training if kids ministry is involved.
 - Must be able to articulate the Gospel
 - Interview with a student pastor
- **Preparation**
 - Abide by the Mission Trip Fundraising Guide
 - Attend 75% of the trainings
 - Follow along with the mission booklet

Steps to Apply:

- You can apply by applying through the website at Biltmorechurch.com/missions
- Your student pastor will reach out to set up a time for an interview with them and your small group leader.
- After the interview, the student pastor will reach out to you to let you know if you have been approved.
- To solidify your spot, you will need to pay a nonrefundable deposit of \$150 for a national or \$300 for an international deposit on your Biltmore profile.

Fundraising Milestones:

Milestone 1: 25% funded by February 16th

Milestone 2: 50% funded by March 16th

Milestone 3: 75% funded by April 27th

Milestone 4: 100% funded by **May 18th**

Below are two ways to make payments/donations toward your trip.

Donating Online:

1. Go to www.biltmorechurch.com
2. Log into your profile by clicking the person icon on the far right.
3. Under your account, scroll down to **“My Mission Trips”** and select the **“Participant Page”** tab
4. Select **“Make Payment”**

***Note:** You can write a paragraph about your trip on this page and share your trip link with others. They will be able to donate directly to your trip this way.

Write a Check:

Checks should be made payable to Biltmore Church and **NOT THE INDIVIDUAL**. When someone writes a check, make sure they put your name and trip name in the memo line of the check. Checks should be mailed to the following address:

Biltmore Church
35 Clayton Road
Arden, NC 28704

If you have any questions about these dates, milestones, or how to give, please reach out to your trip leader or the missions team at missions@biltmorechurch.com. Please know that you're being prayed for by your trip leader as well as the Biltmore Church Missions Team as you begin this journey!