

# Biltmore Church | Missions

## Puerto Rico

### Trip Information and Fundraising Milestones

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

**Type:** Short term, National

**Cost:** \$1,600

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

**Trip Spots:** 17

#### **Vision:**

Join us as we serve alongside Send Relief and partner with them in their mission to meet physical and spiritual needs around the world in Jesus' name. On this trip, we will have a strong emphasis on compassion ministry and construction. In an effort to reach the community, we will engage in evangelism, prayer walking, meal distribution outreach, and rebuilding churches and homes.

We believe that one day people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship God around His throne. We have the unique opportunity of ministering in Puerto Rico, a beautiful island that has a population of around 3.2 million. In 2017, Hurricane Irma devastated the Island leaving many physically, spiritually, and economically vulnerable. As the community has experienced much devastation over the years, the need for the gospel is ever expanding.

#### **What's Expected:**

As a team member joining Send Relief in Puerto Rico, 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 6th grader - graduated 12th 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
- **Medications**
  - Check the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website for the recommended vaccines.

### **Steps to Apply:**

- You can apply by applying through the website at [Biltmorechurch.com/missions](http://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 16

**Milestone 2:** 50% funded by March 16

**Milestone 3:** 75% funded by April 27

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

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

#### **Donating Online:**

1. Go to [www.biltmorechurch.com](http://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](mailto: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!