

Biltmore Church | Missions

Clarkston, Georgia

Trip Information and Fundraising Milestones

Trip Dates: April 12th - April 18th, 2025

Type: Short-term

Cost: \$600

Who can Go: 14 years and older

Trip Spots: 20

Vision:

Just outside Atlanta, the city of Clarkston—affectionately called “the Ellis Island of the South”—is home to one of the most diverse populations in America. In Clarkston, 60-70% of the population is foreign-born, resulting in more than 50 countries and 100 ethnic groups all residing within the same 1.4 square miles. It is often the first stop for most of the estimated 40,000 refugees who have resettled in Georgia over the last three decades. Here, these families can find a friendly face and helpful services at Send Relief’s ministry center. While we are there, we will serve through:

- Afterschool programs
- Evangelism
- Meeting physical needs through compassion ministry and more!

We believe that one day people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship God around His throne. Through partnering with Send Relief in Clarkston, our prayer is that the Gospel would be made known in Clarkston and carried throughout the nations that are represented there.

What’s Expected:

As a team member joining Send Relief in Clarkston, Georgia, 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 26
- Training #1: March 30

Requirements

- **Prerequisites**
 - Must be 14 years old
 - 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 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 January 5th

Milestone 2: 50% funded by January 26th

Milestone 3: 100% funded by March 30th

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!