STUDENTS

BILTMORE MISSIONS

MIDDLESBROUGH 2027 | June 18-26

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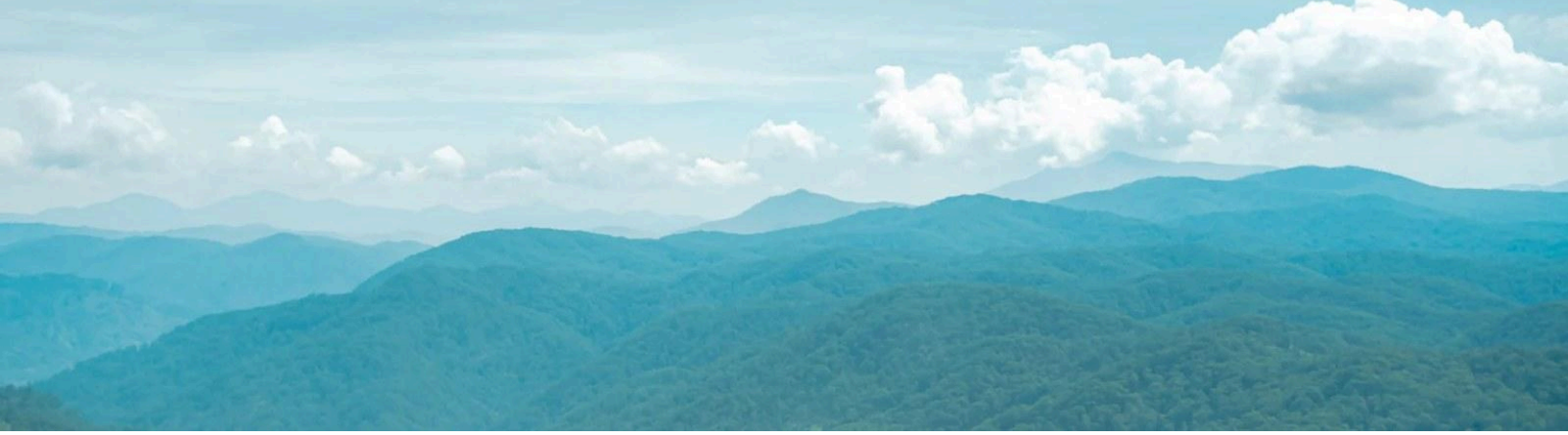

A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRUCE

For “everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” Romans 10:13-15

Thank you for considering a short-term mission trip with Biltmore Church! This is more than an opportunity to visit a new place. It’s an opportunity to participate in something much bigger than yourself. From the very beginning to the last few pages of Scripture, and throughout human history, God accomplishes His mission by sending people who do know Him to people who don’t know Him.

The reality is, in our community and around the world, there are people who don’t know, and have no access to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is why Biltmore Church embraces the mission. We exist to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus who reach up, reach in, and reach out. We have been saved out of our sin, into a family, and onto a mission. We go, not because God needs our help, but because He delights in inviting His children into his mission to reach the world with the gospel.

God is at work around the world and we want to send the people of Biltmore Church out to be a part of what He is doing. We take mission trips each year to encourage our partners, engage in the work they’re doing, and disciple our people to have a heart for the nations. I’m praying that God uses this trip to stir your heart up for His mission here in Western North Carolina and around the world.

Pastor Bruce

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Trip Dates: June 18, 2027 - June 26, 2027

Type: Short-term, International, Evangelism + Apologetics

Cost: $3,400

Who can go: Completed 9-11th grade students (Hendersonville Campus only)

Vision

Join us in serving alongside local churches in Middlesbrough, England. This trip will include opportunities to share the Gospel through evangelism, participate in compassion ministries, and engage with students in schools. In a postmodern culture where many see Jesus only as a historical figure, we will place a strong emphasis on apologetics—offering clear and thoughtful answers to help others see the truth of the Gospel.

We believe that one day, people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship God around His throne. England is considered a postmodern society, meaning that the majority of people will never step inside a Christian church and will never hear the true Gospel. As we minister among this community, our prayer is that the gospel would be made known among this people group and spread throughout this city to multiply and strengthen local disciple-making movements.

Field Partner Website: https://www.uk-usaministries.com

- **Religious Landscape:** England is now considered a post-modern Christian society which means the gospel has historically had a strong influence on beliefs, values, and way of life, but where active Christian faith is now less common and many people are skeptical of absolute truth claims or traditional religious authority. Teams may experience a wide variety of religions and beliefs. Teams will have the privilege of sharing that Jesus is not a historical figure, but living Savior.
- **Cultural expectations**: England is a highly diverse and multicultural location where politeness and punctuality are valued, so be mindful, courteous, and aware of your surroundings.
- **Evangelism method/strategy:** Three Circles
- **Sample schedule:** A typical day will include breakfast and a team devotion, followed by morning street evangelism. Teams will pause for lunch and continue evangelism throughout their day. Evenings will be spent in debrief, dinner, and time to connect as a team.
- **Accommodations:** Participants will stay in a hotel near their ministry sites.

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What's Expected

As a team member joining in on the ministry of the International Mission Board in London, you will play a key role in supporting missionaries, as they work to engage those around them with the Gospel.

- **Evangelism / Prayer Walking** - The primary focus of this trip is evangelism. You'll have the opportunity to share the hope of the Gospel with non-believers and plant seeds that will bear fruit long after the team leaves.
- **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 and mission partners.
- **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.

Requirements

- **A follower of Jesus.** Students have professed faith in Christ and have been baptized as a believer.
- **Connected to our church.** Students have been actively participating in Biltmore Church and Biltmore Students for at least six months.
- **Involved in a Connect Group.** Students are in a student Connect Group at least twice a month (Sundays or Wednesdays and confirmed through attendance or their Connect Group leader)
- **Eligible by grade.** Students have completed the grade required for the trip they're applying to.
- **Trainings and documents**. Students will commit to attend and participate in the required trainings and provide all required documentation.

Qualifications

- A genuine, growing walk with Jesus
- A servant's posture
- Behavioral and emotional maturity
- Teachability and humility
- A heart for the nations
- A realistic understanding of what the trip actually is

Visa / Passport

- Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally.

While not preferred, cost, details, and schedule are subject to change

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Team Meetings

- Team Building / Trip Vision
- Evangelism Training / Ministry Prep
- Logistics / Team Building

Responsibilities

- Carry yourself at all times as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Engage with people from other cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Comfortability initiating and facilitating spiritual conversations.
- Commitment to hearing from God through His Word on your decision to go on this trip.
- Fundraising- It is your responsibility to fundraise the total amount required.

Fundraising Milestones

We believe fundraising is a crucial part of your mission trip. It invites others to be a part of what God is doing around the world and in you as well as teaches you that God will provide the funds for your trip. Below you'll find your fundraising milestones for this trip. These milestones are not meant to be seen as obstacles that stand in your way but as celebration markers of God's faithfulness as you get closer to your trip.

- Milestone 1 (25%): February
- Milestone 2 (50%): March
- Milestone 3 (75%): April
- Milestone 4 (100%): May

Please note that you cannot begin fundraising until you have completed the application and interview process and been accepted. Once accepted, you will receive access to a personalized participant portal, which must be used for all fundraising efforts.

APPLY ONLINE

Biltmorechurch.com/missions

The process for going. Here's every step of the journey from I'm interested to going and serving!

1. **INFO MEETING**
   - Curious about going? Start here. Come to your campus mission trip info meeting with your family to hear the heart behind ***why*** we go, see the trips assigned to your campus, and get your questions answered. Parents are required to attend! This first step is for them and you!
2. **APPLY**
   - God is nudging you to go - now what? Fill out the Student Mission Trip Application. We place a high value on our students and these trips, and we want to make sure this is the right trip for you. Your parent/guardian will sign the application alongside you.
3. **INTERVIEW**
   - This is one of our favorite parts! Your Campus Student Director will coordinate a time to meet with you and your parent(s) to hear your story, why you want to go, and what God is stirring in you. Then, your parent(s) will join on the back end, so we can cast vision together and answer any immediate questions. All students are required to apply and interview.
   - **A word on the interview:** Every now and then, after we've talked and prayed together, we may sense that this particular trip or this particular season isn't the right fit or time just yet. So, you will either receive a GO or NOT YET confirmation from your Campus Student Director. If you are told NOT YET, your Campus Student Director will point you to some helpful next steps that will help prepare you for the next opportunity. Some of those may include joining a ReachTeam, joining your student Serve Team, or participating in local mission opportunities here in WNC.
4. **YOU'RE IN**
   - Once everything is complete, we'll reach out to you and your parents with good news and confirm your spot on the team. You'll get added to the team roster, join our group communication platforms, and begin to receive specific trip details.
5. **PARENT CONSENT AND FORMS**
   - Because you're a student, a few forms are required to keep everyone safe and well cared for. Your parent/guardian must complete a consent and medical release/liability waiver, and your family will review and acknowledge our support-raising policy together.
6. **TRAIN AND PREPARE**
   - Before we go, your team will meet together to prepare spiritually, grow as friends, and get ready for the place you're headed. These trainings will be required and are part of your commitment.
7. **RAISE SUPPORT**
   - Going on a mission trip is something God invites others into *with* you. You'll be expected to write letters and invite people to pray, give, and follow along on your journey. This not only helps challenge and stretch you, but it stirs the hearts of other followers of Jesus.
8. **SENT**
   - You are sent. You and your team will serve our partners, share Jesus, and get a front-row seat to what God is doing among the nations.
9. **BRING IT HOME**
   - The trip doesn't end when you're back home. We'll celebrate what God did, process it as a team, and follow up with the people who sent you. How God worked and moved continues to carry you in the seasons ahead!