

Student Ministries Cross Cultural Ministry Application

Thank you for your interest in serving through cross-cultural ministry.

We at Golden Hills Community Church consider it a privilege to facilitate ministry and to partner with people who have a passion to serve with Christ's love. Our goal as the Student Ministries of GHCC is to help students grow in their trust and knowledge of Christ through service.

We commit to serving cross-culturally through hands-on work, prayer and fellowship because we desire to be a blessing to the host community. We serve because we know that the Lord delights in our involvement with Him and as such we know that in part the fruits of this relationship are attributable to His character at work in us. In addition, we believe that through serving we grow and have the expectation of being challenged and changed.

Intro to Application

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider and answer the questions in this application to serve cross-culturally. We understand that by doing so you have already taken a huge step of faith.

We pray that this first step will mark one of many more along the path which the Lord has set before you. We appreciate that you may be daunted by the prospect of filling out these application papers. Our intention is to use the application process to help us get to know you as a person. Please be assured that we are not looking for perfect candidates but we are looking for evidence of a desire or call to serve God cross-culturally.

We will accept completed applications and references on or before: March 20th in the Student Ministries Office at GHCC. At the same time as you turn in your application, be ready to sign up for an interview by writing your name in an open time slot on the interview sign-up sheet in the student ministries office.

After your interview, we will act and respond with due diligence, efficiency, and prayerful consideration to notify all who applied of their status on the teams. Those who are approved and invited for this trip will be asked to turn in a nonrefundable deposit that will go towards the cost of the trip, along with acceptance paperwork by **March 27th**.

We look forward to getting to know you and the prospect of partnering with you on this journey of faith. If you have specific questions about this trip, please contact the Student Ministries Office at (925) 516-0653 x7127.

Once you sign up for your interview, write it here to keep for your records:

Date/Time of Interview: _____

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Trip Information

Trip #1 - Denver, Colorado

Ministry Partner: Send Relief

Dates: July 2-9, 2022

Cost: est \$950 (\$150 deposit)



Vision: Sharing the love of Jesus is central to everything we do at Send Relief. Whether it's responding to natural disasters, caring for refugees and displaced families, fighting human trafficking at home and abroad, supporting adoption and foster care efforts and strengthening communities facing economic and physical crises, our goal is the same.

Location Detail: Denver is a city known for breathtaking scenery, awe inspiring mountains, a plethora of open spaces, and over 300 days of sunshine that attracts individuals from all over seeking the outdoor lifestyle. Your mission experience will include working alongside a collaborative of established and emerging church planters in the 33-city area that makes up Denver metro area, and also well-established churches. You will also be working with the new Send Relief ministry center that is serving the underserved in the city. This work will include opportunities to assist with mercy and compassion projects as well as outreach opportunities into new communities where church plants are being established.

Mandatory Training and Events Schedule

February	At Small Groups	Cross Cultural Ministry Applications Available
Sunday, March 20th	12:30pm	Student & Leader Applications Due (sign up for an interview slot)
March 21st-24th	11am-5pm	Student & Leader Interviews
Thursday, March 24th		All Participants and Leaders Notified of Acceptance by E-mail
Sunday, March 27th	10am-2pm	Ministry Acceptance Paperwork and \$150/trip Deposit Due
Sunday, April 3rd	5pm-7pm	FIRST MEETING #1 - Team Pics & Partner Development
Sunday, April 10th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #2 - Missions Intro & Ch. 1
Sunday, May 1st	5pm-7pm	Training Session #3 - Missions Ch. 2 & 3
May 4th-5th	7pm	Sharing at HSM/MSM INVITE SUPPORTERS, FRIENDS, & FAM
Sunday, May 22nd	5pm-7pm	Training Session #4 - Missions Ch. 4 & 5
Sunday, May 29th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #5 - Missions Ch. 6
Sunday, June 5th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #6 - Missions Ch. 7
Sunday, June 26th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #7 - Final Meeting (logistics)
Sunday, June 26th	12:30pm-1pm	Team Prayer on the Plaza
July 2nd-9th	TBD	Denver Cross-Cultural Ministry Trip
Sunday, July 17th		Video of Team Testimonies

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Trip Information

Trip #2 - Tijuana, Mexico

Ministry Partner: Spectrum Ministries

Dates: October 1 - October 7, 2022

Cost: est \$650 (\$150 Deposit)

Vision: Spectrum Ministries is committed to serving the poor of Tijuana with and into the love of Christ.

Mission: Fulfilling the Great Commission by following the Greatest Commandment - Loving God and Loving People.

Method: Activity Days (Weekly Fun, Outreach, Relief, Washing), Orphanage Outreach (Relationship Building to Orphans and Orphanage by Giving Relief), Dump Ministry (Relationship Building to Residents by Giving Relief), Feeding a Neighborhood (Building Relationships by Giving Relief to Strategic Neighborhoods), Grupo (Weekly Meeting with Kids), Building (Development of Neighborhoods and Friends of Spectrum in Tijuana)

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Sunday, August 7th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #3 - Missions Ch. 2 & 3
Sunday, August 21st	5pm-7pm	Training Session #4 - Missions Ch. 4 & 5
Sunday, August 28th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #5 - Missions Ch. 6 & 7
Sunday, September 11th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #6 - Culture Presentation #1 Dinner @ Pastor Steven's
Sunday, September 18th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #7 - Culture Presentation #2 Dinner @ Pastor Steven's
Sunday, September 25th	12:30pm-1pm	Spectrum Prayer on the Plaza
Sunday, September 25th	5pm-7pm	Training Session #8 - Culture Presentation #3 Dinner @ Pastor Steven's
September 28th-29th	7pm	Sharing at MSM/HSM INVITE SUPPORTERS, FRIENDS, & FAM
October 1st-7th		Spectrum Ministries Cross-Cultural Ministry Trip
Sunday, October 9th	5pm-7pm	Spectrum Recap & Debrief Dinner @ Pastor Steven's House
October 12th-13th	7pm	Spectrum Team Testimonies @ MSM/HSM INVITE SUPPORTERS



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Frequently Asked Questions

General

1. Why Denver and Tijuana?
 - As a church, we believe that an effective cross cultural ministry trip requires a healthy partnership in the field. Because of this, we have prayed for each location and believe that these are the ministries that God is asking us to partner with and serve.
2. How are the costs of the trips calculated?
 - Trips are calculated based on food, ministry opportunities, travel, and lodging costs. Budgets will be reviewed with the whole team in detail during team training. We try to keep the cost of each trip as low as possible.
3. How do I know if I should attend one or both of the trips?
 - Take time to pray and ask God if you should attend both trips. Part of that process will include checking your schedule, talking to trusted mentors/parents, and considering the financial ramifications of each trip.

Finances

1. What if I don't raise enough money or I don't get it in on time?
 - All participants are held accountable for paying the agreed upon price of either trip. If monetary deadlines are missed, the MS and HS pastors will set up a meeting with individuals who have missed the deadline(s) to determine if trip attendance is wise.
2. Do I need to send Prayer letters if I can pay for the trip myself?
 - Yes. The purpose of prayer letters is to primarily raise prayer support and then to allow people to partner with the ministry financially.
3. What do I do with extra money that I raise?
 - Anyone who gives to the trip does so with the understanding that their money is given to GHCC to be used as God directs. If any extra money remains after the trip it stays under the authority of GHCC.
4. If I have raised support and then I am no longer able to attend the trip what happens to the money?
 - A letter must be sent out to all supporters letting them know of your absence. Because support is for the trip no refunds will be given to individual donors.

Attendance

1. How many times can I miss meetings?
 - Any unexcused absence is grounds for disqualification from the team.
2. How do I communicate absences?
 - All absences must be communicated to MS and HS Pastor by your scheduled interview
3. If I initially sign up for one trip and after the teams have been formed I want to go on the other, can I do so?
 - If space is still available, then yes.

Application Process

1. What happens if I turn my application in late?
 - Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Do I have to have all the reference forms filled out?
 - Yes, all references are required. Students are required to have three references, leaders only need two.
3. What if my schedule doesn't allow for an interview during the allotted time period?
 - A special interview must be set up with the MS or HS pastor no later than March 26th at 5pm.

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Personal Information

Full Name (as it appears on government-issued ID or passport) _____

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Cell _____

Date of Birth _____

School _____ Graduation Year _____

Are you a Christian? _____ (If you are not a Christian, please note that ministry is an opportunity for us to share with others about the reality of the gospel and how that affects us personally. Although it does not immediately disqualify you from participating on this trip, not having Christ as your Lord and Savior means that you are missing out on life with Him! It will also prevent you from actively participating in most of the work on this trip. Please consider where you are with the Lord first, before going any further in this application.)

What foreign languages do you speak? _____

Can you speak the language/s well enough to share your testimony? _____

What are your hobbies and interests? _____

Is there any training or experience you have which you feel is a definite asset to your serving? _____

Family Information

Parents/Guardians Name _____

Parents Marital Status ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Remarried

Parent Phone Numbers _____

Parent E-mail(s) _____

**If my son/daughter is accepted to participate in this ministry of GHCC, I agree to support him/her fully in this spiritual endeavor. I promise to pray for and encourage my child in any way possible. This includes being responsible for transportation, adherence to team commitments, and other responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Church and Ministry Experience

How long have you regularly attended GHCC? _____

What is your involvement in Student Ministries small groups, volunteer staff, etc.? _____

What other ministries are you currently involved in at GHCC? _____

Medical Status

Height _____ Weight _____ What is your present state of health? _____

Briefly state your medical history _____

Do you have any condition that requires medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain _____

Please list any food allergies _____

Do you have health insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of insurance company _____

Insurance policy number _____

Pre-Trip Questionnaire

Describe your conversion and Christian experience and what Christ means to you today (including details of evangelistic activities and baptism).

How do you describe your walk with God right now? _____

What spiritual gifts do other people say you have? How have you displayed those gifts?

Why do you want to do cross-cultural work/missions? _____

What is your previous experience with missions? _____

What do you hope to see the Lord do in and through you in this cross-cultural event? _____

What is your family's attitude to your involvement in cross-cultural ministry? Why? _____

Preferred Trip Destination ☐ Denver (July 2-9, 2022) ☐ Tijuana, Mexico (October 1-7, 2022)

Note: This is a preference only. You may be placed on a team based on specific ministry needs and best fit.

References

Please provide names and contact information of your references. Please seek their approval before submitting their names.

Church Leader/Small Group Leader Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Adult Christian Friend Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

(Students Only) Parent Name _____

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Trip Availability

Please initial by each event listed below to communicate you ARE available. Any event without an initial communicates you ARE NOT available for that event. If accepted to this year's team(s), you are committing to attend each event with an initial.

DENVER:

	March 21st-24th	Interviews
	Sunday, March 27th	Paperwork and Deposit Due
	Sunday, April 3rd	Training Session #1
	Sunday, April 10th	Training Session #2
	Sunday, May 1st	Training Session #3
	May 4th-5th	Sharing at HSM/MSM
	Sunday, May 22nd	Training Session #4
	Sunday, May 29th	Training Session #5
	Sunday, June 5th	Training Session #6
	Sunday, June 26th	Training Session #7
	Sunday, June 26th	Prayer on the Plaza
	July 2nd-9th	Denver Trip
	Sunday, July 17th	Video Team Testimonies

SPECTRUM:

	March 21st-24th	Interviews
	Sunday, March 27th	Paperwork and Deposit Due
	Sunday, April 3rd	Training Session #1
	Sunday, July 31st	Training Session #2
	Sunday, August 7th	Training Session #3
	Sunday, August 21st	Training Session #4
	Sunday, August 28th	Training Session #5
	Sunday, September 11th	Training Session #6
	Sunday, September 18th	Training Session #7
	Sunday, September 25th	Prayer on the Plaza
	Sunday, September 25th	Training Session #8
	Wed/Thurs, Sep. 28th-29th	Sharing at MSM/HSM
	October 1st-7th	Spectrum CCM Trip
	Sunday, October 9th	Post-Trip debrief
	Wed/Thurs, Oct. 12th-13th	Spectrum Team Testimonies