

Mission to Bloomington 2009

All participants are responsible for completing all the forms in this packet and mailing them to Evergreen Community Church (address below) by the application deadline.

Here's what should be included in your envelope:

- (1) Application
- (2) Church and spiritual background
- (3) Assumption of risk (if you are age 18 years and older)
- (4) \$50 application fee
- (5) Personal reference
- (6) Child/Youth worker form (if you will be participating in a project that works directly with children, such as Kids Kamp). Request this form by contacting Lynn Newman at 952-564-3765 or lnewman@evergreenc.org

The application fee of \$50 should be a check made payable to Evergreen Community Church. Make sure you write, "Mission to Bloomington" and your name in the memo portion of the check.

If you are part of a family that will be participating in MTB, you only need to send in one \$50 application fee per family. Upon acceptance, this \$50 gift will go towards your mission trip account. If you are not accepted the money will be returned to you. Note that once you are accepted and your check is cashed there will be no refund.

You may pay the full amount yourself (upfront with your application fee if you want) or you may raise the support from others and mail that in by the deadline.

The minimum gift amount to be raised by an individual or the first participant in a family is \$200. The second participant from a family must raise a minimum gift amount of \$100. And the third participant from a family must raise a minimum gift amount of \$50. There is no cost for additional family members. So, the maximum amount that a family needs to raise is \$350.

If you will be raising funds please read the Support Forms documents before beginning your fundraising. These documents include guidelines, sample letters, and all the forms you need to submit with your payments.

All contributions, including those given by you, are tax-deductible. Since these gifts are tax-deductible there cannot be a refund once the checks are cashed. If you are not able to participate, the money you have contributed will be used to fund MTB.

If you have questions about the registration procedures or general questions about the mission trip and its activities, please contact Jeff Groen at 952-564-3780 or jgroen@evergreenc.org

Here is the address for Evergreen Community Church office. This is where you will be mailing all your forms and finances:
Evergreen Community Church
Mission to Bloomington
2300 East 88th Street
Bloomington, MN 55425

Application for Mission to Bloomington

Name & Age _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Telephone (home): _____ Telephone (work): _____

Telephone (cell): _____ Email: _____

If you are under the age of 18 please provide the name of sponsoring adult or teen ministry leader: _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Which of the following 3 options are you interested in?

- Mornings Monday thru Friday (Kids Kamp) until 2:30pm & Saturdays

NOTE: Request a Child/Youth Worker form by contacting Lynn Newman at 952-564-3765 or newman@evergreenc.com

- Afternoons & evenings Monday thru Friday (noon to 9pm) & Saturdays
 Both of the above options.

The cost is the same for all 3 options.

I, _____ believe and agree with the enclosed statement of faith.

I commit my time, talents, energy and prayers to the Lord to make a success of the Mission to Bloomington trip.

Signature & Date

Church and Spiritual Background

You may use an additional sheet of paper if needed.

1. Describe why you want to be part of a Mission to Bloomington?

2. Briefly tell how and when you became a Christian.

3. Describe briefly your current involvement in the church.

4. What are your strengths in a team-based setting?

5. What are your weaknesses in a team-based setting?

6. Have you had any previous mission experiences? If yes, please list them (when/where).

Evergreen Community Church Assumption of Risk for Mission to Bloomington Volunteer

Note: This form is for use by adult volunteers (18 & older) who participate in Mission to Bloomington.

Because Evergreen Community Church may not have insurance to cover injuries or accidents that occur on such trip we ask volunteers who participate on such trip to assume all risks associated with them as a condition of their participation.

I, _____, in consideration of my acceptance as a volunteer on Mission to Bloomington sponsored by Evergreen Community Church, represent and agree that:

1. I am a volunteer and not an employee of Evergreen Community Church.
2. I am aware of the hazards and risks to my person and property associated in a mission capacity, such hazards and risks including, but not being limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, war, terrorists acts, weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies, criminal activity, and random acts of violence. I accept my assignment with full awareness of these risks, and subject to any insurance coverages that may be available to me from any source, and only with respect to Evergreen Community Church and its agents, officers, directors, and employees. I voluntarily assume all risks of death, injury, and illness associated with such risks, and any damage to my personal property, and I release Evergreen Community Church and its agents, officers, directors, and employees from any liability whatever arising as a result of death, injury, or illness that I may suffer as a result of participation in the mission project. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service (2 Cor. 11:23-28).
3. I attest and certify that I have no medical conditions that would prevent me from performing my duties.
4. I expressly waive any defense to enforcement of any provision of this commitment arising from a claim of lack of consideration and warrant that this commitment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation upon me enforceable against me in accordance with its terms.
5. I am aware of the hazards and risks to my person associated with participation in a short-term mission trip, as described above. I further understand that Evergreen Community Church may not have any insurance coverage that would apply in the event of my death, illness, injury, or damage to my property that may occur during my participation on the trip, and that if I desire insurance coverage I am responsible for the cost of such insurance.
6. I expressly agree that this assumption of risk agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. I further state that **I have read the foregoing assumption of risk and understand its contents, and I voluntarily sign this release as my own free act. This is a legal document and I understand that I have the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing it.**

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ City _____

State & Zip _____

Important: Please have 2 witnesses observe your signature, and have them sign below. They must be at least 18, and should not be relatives.

Witness #1

Witness #2

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Statement of Faith, Page 1

Mission to Bloomington

About the Bible

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. God spoke through chosen people who were the authors of the sixty-six different books in the Bible. The Bible is not considered a story, but rather, an anthology of true accounts of history by the different authors. The Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament starts at the beginning of the world and ends before Jesus Christ is born. The New Testament starts with the birth of Christ and ends with the book of Revelations. The first four books of the New Testament are different accounts of the life of Christ written by four of his disciples. We believe that the Bible (also called the Scriptures) is true and that over time, the Scriptures were copied very accurately from their original manuscripts. We consider the Scriptures to be the final authority on different issues in the faith and practice of Christianity. They are the only writings that exist that are inspired by God.

About God

One of the mysteries of the Christian faith is that we believe in only one God, but that God is represented by three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is called the Holy Trinity. The different persons of God have different qualities and functions. God the Father, created the universe and the world we live in. He created animals, plants and everything else in nature. He also created humans who exist as the image and likeness of God. They were created to rule the earth and to have a relationship with God.

About People

Because God intended to have relationship with human beings, he gave them their own free will and the ability to choose whether or not to follow God. Right from the beginning, humans decided to be independent from God and go their own way. This created a rift between God and people. Since people wanted to be independent, God became like a stranger to them. No matter how hard they tried, they were unable to get back the relationship they had with God. Since the time when human beings turned away from God, all individuals have suffered from the consequences of being separated from God. We see evidence of this in the different injustices large and small that happen in everyday life. We also see this in ourselves. Because we are not perfect, we can try to reach out to God on our own, but we will always fall short. And when God reaches out to us, our independent and sinful nature gets in the way and prevents His presence in our lives.

About Jesus Christ

The second person of the trinity is God the Son who is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Son of God and was born of a virgin named Mary. Jesus is God in the form of man. Like other people, He was tempted by sin but instead chose to live a perfect life, obedient to God. He serves as a sinless example for all people in his actions and words. Because God loved us, He came to earth as Jesus to give people a way to restore their relationship with Him. Jesus voluntarily paid for the sins of all humans by dying on the cross and receiving the judgment we deserve for our own sins. When He rose from the dead, Jesus ascended into heaven and now rules with God. At the end of the world, Jesus will return to earth to judge the living and the dead.

About Salvation

Salvation means receiving the grace or forgiveness of God and having our relationship with Him restored. To receive God's forgiveness for our sins, we need to ask Jesus Christ to come into our life and become our Savior. By realizing that we can't reach God by our own actions or good deeds, we know that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. Jesus is the One who bridges the gap between God and people.

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About Human Destiny

All people will eventually die. The question is, what will happen after you die? For the people who have accepted Jesus, they will spend eternity in the presence of God (heaven). God will reward them for their life of obedience and service to Him. For the people who haven't accepted Jesus, they will spend eternity apart from God (hell). Their existence will be one of pain, frustration, and despair.

About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. Before Jesus went to his death, he told his followers that he would be leaving, but that he would send a helper or counselor called the Holy Spirit. After we ask Jesus into our lives, the Holy Spirit also comes into us to renew us, guide us, and motivate us to live according to God's Scriptures. The Holy Spirit also gives each individual special gifts or abilities to help them in their service to God. If, by faith, we tap into the Holy Spirit, we are then able to become more like Jesus and to reveal to others that we belong to God.

About the Church

The Church is the entire body of people who believe that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Bible, observance of baptism (by immersion) and communion, fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to teach others about salvation. Wherever God's people meet regularly and do these things, this is considered a local expression of the Church. Under the leadership and guidance of pastors and other appointed leaders, the church members are to work together in love and unity, serving as an example of Christ.

About Faith and Practice of Christianity

The Bible is the final authority in all matters. We recognize that there are some issues that are not specifically outlined in the Bible. On these matters, each believer is to go by his or her own conscience and convictions, led by the Lord.

Personal Reference Form for Mission to Bloomington (Page 1)

Applicant's Name _____

Your Name & Phone # _____

What best describes your relationship to the applicant:

Pastor Small Group Leader Other _____

How long have you known the applicant?

Less than six months One to two years
 Six to twelve months More than two years

How well would you say you know the applicant?

Very well Well Somewhat Not very well

Please mark an "X" in the box that most accurately describes the applicant.

Strong Average Weak

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Faithfulness with tasks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal discipline |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leadership ability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Teachability and humility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Readiness to serve |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Effectiveness in caring for others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Effectiveness in evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Effectiveness in discipleship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Healthy relationship with opposite sex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Relationship with spouse/roommates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Moral purity |

Write any comments to clarify the above in the space below:

Personal Reference Form for Mission to Bloomington (Page 2)

Applicant's Name _____

Does the applicant have any deep emotional problems, addictions, doctrinal stances, or moral weaknesses that could prove a disruption to the summer project? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

What is your overall recommendation for this applicant's involvement with Evergreen's Mission to Bloomington? (Select as many as apply)

- Could handle major responsibilities
- Great candidate for outreach leader
- A right hand person
- This project would be great for their life
- May require extra care
- Not suitable or ready for this project

Additional Comments:

Please complete this form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with their name on the front.

Support Raising Instructions for Mission to Bloomington

You may ask others for financial support to cover your gift for Mission to Bloomington. The most common way of doing this is to send a letter to potential donors (friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc.). It's a good idea to include a general overview of what you will be doing on the trip as well as some personal thoughts on why you would like to participate. Enclosed you will find one sample support raising letter. The following paragraph is a required part of the support letter that each missionary sends out for support raising purposes.

“Gifts to support mission trips sponsored by Evergreen Community Church are tax-deductible. Checks must be made out to Evergreen Community Church. Should the mission trip become over funded the excess funds may be used for a different mission activity to be determined by Evergreen Community Church. In the unlikely event that the mission trip is changed or canceled, or the missionary is unable to make the trip, Evergreen Community Church will use the collected funds for missions activity to be determined by Evergreen Community Church.”

Submitting Funds

As you receive the gifts from yourself and/or others submit them to Jeff Groen along with a Mission to Bloomington Support Form (see next page). You will need to submit the balance of your fee by the deadline in order to participate on the trip. Keep a running total of what you have raised so far so you can be sure to have the necessary funds submitted before the deadline. Make sure that “Mission to Bloomington” and the missionary's name are always written in the memo portion of each check.

Send your gifts/checks to Evergreen Community Church at the address below.

Evergreen Community Church
Attn: Mission to Bloomington
2300 88th St.
Bloomington, MN 55425

Each time funds are sent in they should have a copy of the Support Form (see next page) attached to the gifts sent. If multiple missionaries send funds together please make sure each group of checks are separated and clipped together with the missionary's name and the financial form attached to the gifts.

Mission to Bloomington – Support Form

Missionary: _____

Number of gifts: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Total raised to date: \$ _____

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SAMPLE FUND RAISING LETTER

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope this letter finds all of you well. I am writing to share with you an adventure I am going to be involved with this summer. I am joining about 30 others in a volunteer service trip called "Mission to Bloomington." We will be working with Evergreen Community Church.

I am looking forward to many exciting activities throughout our week. We will be operating a day camp for kids and organizing various events and service projects for the community.

The trip will take place August 1-9. I am wondering if you would consider supporting my efforts by sponsoring the trip financially. I need to raise a minimum of \$200 dollars by July 1st. The money goes to cover the expenses of the kid's camps, various events and service projects.

If you would like to contribute, please send a check made out to Evergreen Community Church to me at the following address:

Joe Clark
My Street
My City, My State, My Zip

Thank you for your support. Feel free to call me if you have any questions about the trip.

Joe

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