



Ask For the Nations Ministries

We are very excited to have you join us as we minister in Ghana, West Africa!

We are currently planning a two part mission for February, 2014. Specific dates will be announced by June 30th. This mission is in partnership with **Giving Hope**.

If you want to participate, please complete the application and background check and return it, along with your \$15 application fee. You may turn in your application in person or mail it to our West Coast Office: **AFN Ministries 11918 SE Division St Ste 443 Portland, OR 97266**

Our 2014 mission will have the following goals:

- ❖ Build and furnish an orphanage, in partnership with Giving Hope.
- ❖ Welcome children to the orphanage
- ❖ Retreat center and school maintenance
- ❖ Vocational, health, and family classes
- ❖ Evangelism and Outreach
- ❖ Feeding Program
- ❖ First Aid treatment and training at village schools
- ❖ Pastoral Training 4 week school

Phase One

The objective of phase one is to complete the orphanage building project. This project is in partnership with Giving Hope. The trip will be 12-13 days. The first half of the trip will be spent completing the orphanage and preparing everything for the opening of the orphanage. (Our goal is for the children to move in by the end of this trip.) The second half, we will be spending some time visiting villages, churches and schools outside of the city.

Phase Two

The objective of phase two is to welcome the children into their new home, and to complete maintenance at the school and retreat center. No formal training or skill is required for these projects, just a willingness to work hard. However, if you do have a skill or formal training, it is always a goal of ours to partner craftsmen/women with local men and women who desire to learn building trades. This will be a mini apprenticeship for them, so come willing to teach with patience.

The other activities listed above will take place during both phases of the mission.

This mission trip is **\$2815.00** per applicant. This includes your application fee (\$15) and your deposit (\$500), both of which are nonrefundable. (Your deposit is your contribution to the mission/project. All deposit funds are used for the mission.) The remaining balance is for airfare (\$1640), transportation, lodging and food (\$590), and visa fees (\$70), and will be due at different dates along the way. You are responsible for your passport, travel insurance, and vaccinations. **Yellow Fever is required.**



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This mission is open to anyone, and will be filled on a first come basis. Only fourteen spaces are available per phase. Applicants are welcome to participate in both phases.* This trip is open to families with children.** Spaces are held by a deposit. Deposits are due after your application has been processed and approved.***

*Please contact AFN Ministries directly if you wish to participate in both phases of the project. This will mean remaining in the country for about 24 days.

**Children will not be counted in the total number of spaces available. Children must be five years or older, and remain with their parent at all times. Childcare will not be available. Children are expected to be a help and not a hindrance. Families with children who disrupt the mission will be asked to leave at their own expense. Please consider the conditions and requirements carefully before applying for your child. AFN has the right to say no to any family/child applicant if we feel their participation is not in the best interest of the child or the mission.

***AFN has the right to deny any applicant if we feel their participation is not in the best interest of the mission or the individual. Passing of a background check is required for approval.

Timeline

Trip Dates Announced: The official trip dates will be announced by the end of June. Tentative Dates: **February 10th-22nd and February 24th-March 8th.**

Informational Meeting: **June 20th 6pm at Truelife Church: 12501 NE 99th St. Ste. A-110 In Vancouver, WA 98682**

Application Packet Due: **JULY 31st**

Application Approvals, sent out via email: **August 15th.**

Deposit Due: **August 31st** \$500 (Your Deposit holds your spot. Spots are held on a first come basis. It is best to pay your deposit as soon as your application is approved.)

*Team Meeting: August-TBD 1 hour

Team Meeting: October-TBD 30 minutes

Team Meeting: December-TBD 30 minutes

Team Meeting: February-TBD 1 hour

Payment Due: **September 1st** \$500.00

Payment Due: **November 1st** \$1000.00

Final Payment DUE: **January 1st** 800.00

Passports DUE: **January 1st** (Must be turned in or mailed to the AFN WEST COAST address for Visa processing.)

Departure-TBD Meet at Airport 3 hours prior

*All team meetings can be attended via conference call.



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MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name (**EXACTLY** as it appears on your passport):

Last _____ First, Middle _____

Please call me: _____

Male Female Birth Date ____/____/____ Country of Birth: _____

Passport # _____ Date Issued: _____ Expiration: _____

Passport Issuer / Authority: _____ Nationality: _____

Marital Status: Single Engaged Married Name of Spouse _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Home Phone: ____-____-____ Work: ____-____-____ Cell ____-____-____

Emergency Contact *(Please provide at least one. Must be 18 years of age, and able to make decisions on your behalf.)*

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: ____-____-____ Work: ____-____-____ Cell ____-____-____

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: ____-____-____ Work: ____-____-____ Cell ____-____-____



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The following information is private and will be kept confidential.

Medical History

Please list any medications you are currently taking:

Please list any allergies you may have (include food, environmental, medication):

Please list any physical or mental disabilities or limitations you may have:

Please give a brief medical history. Include all important information that would be needed to properly treat you in the event of a medical emergency.

Criminal History

Yes No Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a crime against children?
Yes No Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a violent crime?

If yes, please explain:

Due to the nature of this trip, a background check is required. Do you agree to comply with this requirement? Yes No (Background check form enclosed.)

Would you like to disclose any information prior to this background check? Yes No

End of Confidential Information.



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Experience/Skills

Please list all languages, besides English, you are fluent in: _____

Please list your occupational skills. Include any special training or certifications you have:

Please list any construction skills:

Please list any other skills or special training:

Would you be willing to teach a workshop? Yes No

What would you most like to teach a workshop about?

Are you comfortable with public speaking? Yes No

Do sing or play an instrument? Yes No What do you play? _____

Are you a member of a church, or do you attend a church regularly? Yes No

Name of Church _____ Pastor _____

Please read carefully and sign.

All trips are subject to change and/or cancelation. Application fees and deposits are non-refundable. Funds used to purchase airfare and/or accommodations are not refundable after purchase has been made. You must have a current passport, valid for at least six additional months beyond the scheduled departure date. You must be 18 years of age at time of trip, unless traveling with a parent or guardian. Participation in this trip is at your own risk. A release of liability form is **required** before departure. A background check is **required** and must be completed before this application can be processed. All funds must be paid by the corresponding due dates. Applicants with outstanding balances will not be allowed to depart with the team.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Ask For the Nations Ministries Background Check Authorization

Print Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Former Name(s) and Dates Used: _____

Current Address Since: _____
(Mo/Yr) (Street) (City) (Zip/State)

Previous Address From: _____
(Mo/Yr) (Street) (City) (Zip/State)

Previous Address From: _____
(Mo/Yr) (Street) (City) (Zip/State)

Previous Address From: _____
(Mo/Yr) (Street) (City) (Zip/State)

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License Number/State: _____ Phone Number: _____

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize Ask For the Nations Ministries and its designated agents and representatives to conduct a comprehensive review of my background causing a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report to be generated for employment and/or volunteer purposes. I understand that the scope of the consumer report/ investigative consumer report may include, but is not limited to the following areas: verification of social security number; current and previous residences; employment history, education background, character references; drug testing, civil and criminal history records from any criminal justice agency in any or all federal, state, county jurisdictions; driving records, birth records, and any other public records.

I further authorize any individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency (including the Social Security Administration and law enforcement agencies) to divulge any and all information, verbal or written, pertaining to me, to Ask For the Nations Ministries or its agents. I further authorize the complete release of any records or data pertaining to me which the individual, company, firm, corporation, or public agency may have, to include information or data received from other sources.

I hereby release Ask For the Nations Ministries, the Social Security Administration, and its agents, officials, representative, or assigned agencies, including officers, employees, or related personnel both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may, at any time, result to me, my heirs, family, or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Release of Liability

In signing this form I, _____, agree not to hold Ask For the Nations Ministries, Giving Hope, World Outreach Center, and Truelife Church, its officers, employees, or other agents liable for any injury, loss, damage, or accident that I might encounter while on a mission or humanitarian trip.

I realize and acknowledge that my participation on a mission or humanitarian trip to a foreign country includes many risks and possible dangers. I am well aware that my travel to such a foreign country exposes me to such risks as accidents, disease, war, political unrest, injury from construction projects, and other calamities.

I hereby assume any such risks that might result from my travel to a foreign country, and I unconditionally agree to hold Ask For the Nations Ministries, Giving Hope, World Outreach Center, and Truelife Church, its officers, employees, or other agents blameless for any liability concerning my personal health and well-being, or any liability for my personal property that might be lost, damaged or stolen while on a mission trip.

I have carefully read the foregoing and I understand that my signature herein holds Ask For the Nations Ministries, Giving Hope, World Outreach Center, and Truelife Church, its officers, employees, or other agents harmless for any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity in schedule.

Signed _____

Date _____



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AFN Cultural Rules for Ghana

NEVER use your left hand to greet or eat.

ALWAYS ask permission before taking someone's picture.

ALWAYS eat what is served to you.

NEVER give someone, even friends of the ministry, your phone number, email, or address. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.** When you are asked, direct the person to Jody, Stephanie, or Bishop Frank., and let the person know you can be contacted through them. If someone offers you their address, direct them to Jody, Stephanie, or Bishop Frank. Let the person know you can correspond through them. Often an address is given with expectations (even if not communicated), and the acceptance of the address means you're going to meet those expectations.

NEVER give someone one money or a gift of high monetary value (i.e. Electronics, jewelry, etc...). **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.** If you would like to bless someone with money or a gift, please first speak with Jody, Stephanie, or Bishop Frank. We can make the appropriate arrangements for you.

NEVER say "yes" or "promise" money, sponsorships, gifts, future visits, ongoing correspondence, or anything else of this nature. Even if you have the best intentions, please do not agree to anything. It's best to direct the person to Jody, Stephanie, or Bishop Frank.

The work of Ask For the Nations Ministries is ongoing in Ghana, and the observation of these rules will help preserve and protect the relationships we've spent years establishing. Please, there are no exceptions to these rules.

AFN General Rules and Guidelines

You are expected to follow local and international laws, and may face local prosecution from law enforcement if said laws are broken.

You are expected to follow all instructions from your team leaders. Your safety is our number one concern. Please listen and do what is asked immediately.

The use of alcohol, drugs, or sexually explicit materials is prohibited at all times.

Smoking is not allowed inside the Retreat Centre or on any school, church, or orphanage grounds.

The development of a romantic or sexual relationship with a local person or team member is prohibited.

Flexibility is required. Complaining is not tolerated.

Please remember that although it may not seem like it, the local people understand English very well. Please keep your cultural observations to yourself, and keep your comments and conversations clean and appropriate.

Always use common sense and good judgment when traveling abroad.

I agree to up hold these and all other rules or guidelines established by AFN Ministries. I understand that by breaking these or any other rules or guidelines, I may be asked to leave the country and return home at my own expense.

Signature _____ Date _____