



Short Term Mission Application

SHORT-TERM MISSION APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please check the list below and ensure all are complete before handing in your Application Package. _____ Completed and signed Application Form

_____ Completed and signed Liability/Waiver Form

_____ Completed and signed Friend/Peer Reference Form (sealed)

_____ Completed and signed Spiritual Leader Reference Form (sealed)

_____ Completed Emergency Contact Form

_____ Completed and signed Team Commitment

_____ A photocopy of your passport (P.3)

_____ Criminal Record Check

_____ A recent photo

_____ Guardianship Form

In submitting this application:

- I express my agreement with Oksana's Harvest Vision, Mission, Values, & Statement of Faith.
- I am willing to work under the direction of the Leadership Team and perform all activities with a God-honoring attitude.
- I am committing to time and energy devoted to pre, mid and post mission activities.
- I agree to participate in training and all requirements for the mission.
- I agree to conform to the standards of National Christians, even if those standards are stricter than my own.

Name (please print) & Signature of Applicant

Date

Please return your completed package to the church to the attention of Joseph Pinter, Director of Missions. If you have any questions during this process, please contact Joseph at contact@ukraineorphanoutreach.org.



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CONSIDER THE COST OF A MISSION ASSIGNMENT

- Short term missions can be rewarding and life-changing; however, they can also be stressful. Please consider factors in your personal life at this time that may distract and prohibit you from fully committing to the mission and adapting to unusual conditions.

- Participants must adhere to guidelines outlined in the Team Commitment. This will be explained more at the retreat.

- Traveling abroad includes risks and certain dangers. Please be aware that precautions will be in place for the ultimate safety of everyone, however the risks and dangers will present themselves differently than normal life in Canada. Ensure that you inform yourself of the political/social environment of the mission destination.

Financial Costs:

- Participation in the mission assignment is contingent on sufficient donations being received to cover the expenses related to the assignment.

- Donations: Donations sufficient to cover the assignment expenses must be received at least 4 weeks prior to leaving.

- Donors: Anyone, yourself or others, can be a donor toward the expenses of your mission assignment.

- Passport: A passport is required for all missions.

- Immunizations: See your doctor for their recommendations.

- No one will be considered or accepted as a team member until a completed application and all paperwork have been received.

- Your application will be reviewed, and a personal interview is required. You will be notified by the Missions Ministry if you are approved as a team member within 1 week of your interview.

- Team members are expected to attend all team meetings.

If you are unable to participate in your mission for any reason, the Missions Ministry must receive cancellation notice as soon as possible. You may be responsible for any missions' costs already incurred on your behalf.



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APPLICATION FORM FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

DESTINATION & DATE: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION: (please print)

Name (as written in passport) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) _____ Male _____ Female _____

Citizenship _____ Passport # & Expiry Date _____

If under 19, Names of Parents:

Father's Name

_____ Phone# _____ email _____

Mother's Name

_____ Phone# _____ email _____

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION:

Please describe your journey with God and your experience of salvation.

Where do you currently attend church? _____

How long have you attended? _____

What ministries have you been involved with at church?

Do you serve in any volunteer/leadership role in your church or in the community?



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What are your spiritual gifts?

Please name a pastor/leader at your church who could give you a reference:

Have you ever served on a mission trip, or had any cross-cultural experience? _____

If yes, where and when?

Please explain briefly why you want to participate in this mission assignment. What changes in your life are you hoping to see as a result of the short term mission? Why?

WORK EXPERIENCE/TALENTS:

Do you speak any foreign languages fluently? _____

Please list any specific talents that you have. (drama, singing, instruments, puppets, construction, mechanical, medical, teaching, etc.)

List 3 strengths that you can offer the team:



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List 2 of your weaknesses where the team could encourage you.

HEALTH INFORMATION:

Do you have any condition which might affect your ability to fully function as a missionary on this trip (i.e., fear of flying, depression, anxiety, sleeping disorders)?

Do you have any chronic illnesses or allergies? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, explain:

Are you presently under medication prescribed by a doctor? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give the name and function of the medication.

How would you describe your health and fitness?

Excellent _____ Good _____ Average _____ Needs Work _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION: What are your personal expectations for this trip?

As the team will cross international borders, we must ask the following:

Do you have a criminal record? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain:

Because you will be working with children, you are required to have a criminal record check. Please go to the RCMP to get this. This should be completed before submitting your application.



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LIABILITY/WAIVER FORM

I, the undersigned, an applicant for volunteer short-term missionary work with Oksana's Harvest Ltd (OHL), do waive and release all claims against OHL and its agents, for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, or expense resulting from the use of any vehicle, any strikes, war, weather, sickness, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations or arising from any act or omission of any steamship, airline, railroad, bus company, taxi service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual. I also release OHL and its agents and agree to indemnify them, with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that I may personally incur or any damage or injury to the person or property of others that I may cause, while participating with OHL. I understand that the air carriers' liability for loss or damage to baggage, or for death or injury to person or property, is limited by their tariffs and/or by the Warsaw Convention. I hereby grant OHL and its agents full authority to take whatever actions they may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety, and I fully release each of them from any liability for such decisions or actions as may be taken in connection therewith. I authorize OHL and its agents, at their discretion, to place me, at my own (or my parents') expense for medical treatment. I understand that this is a supervised program and that group standards must be observed. I will at all times remain under the supervision of OHL and its agents and will comply with rules, standards and instructions for behaviour. I hereby waive and release all claims against OHL and its agents arising out of my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards and instructions. I agree that OHL shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct and that it may at any time terminate my participation with this team for failure to maintain these standards or for any actions or conduct which OHL considers to be incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort and welfare of others. If my participation is terminated, I consent to being sent home at my own (or my parents') expense. All references in the Release to OHL and "its agents" shall include all of its officers, directors, staff members, missionaries, group leaders, employees, agents and affiliated organizations. All references herein to the "parents" of the applicant shall include the legal guardian or other adult responsible for the applicant. This shall be interpreted to mean that OHL shall not be liable for any sums in excess of the insurance policies carried by OHL, if any, and that this does not release the insurance carriers.

Mission Project & Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____



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To be signed by parents or guardians of applicants under 19 years of age:

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above applicant and that I have read the foregoing Agreement and Release (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility), and hereby relinquish any claim that I might have against OHL or its agents (as set forth above), both in my own behalf and in my capacity as legal representative of the applicant, including without limitation any claim arising as a result of the applicant's leaving the supervision of OHL or at a time when the applicant has left the supervision of OHL.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

FRIEND/PEER REFERENCE FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION



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Please return this form in a sealed envelope as soon as possible.

CONFIDENTIAL

To be filled in by the Applicant:

Trip Destination: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

To be filled in by a Friend/Peer:

The information you provide on this reference is important. Applicants accepted to our Mission Assignments will face significant challenges personally, spiritually, socially, and culturally. Therefore, we need to have a complete picture of the applicant's strengths & weaknesses. Do not be afraid to be honest. A weakness or negative information does not necessarily mean the applicant will be denied. Follow up will take place for clarification before a decision is made. Thank you for your help.

Name _____ **Phone** _____

1. Your relation to the applicant is: _____

2. How long and how well have you known the applicant? _____

3. In what ways has the applicant encouraged or influenced you? _____

4. Comment on the applicant's ability to get along and work with others:

5. How has the applicant demonstrated leadership?



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6. What are the applicant's strengths?

7. In what areas could the applicant improve?

8. Have you ever known the applicant to demonstrate depression, moodiness, or withdrawal? If so, please explain:

9. Have you ever had occasion to question the applicant's morals, honesty, etc.? If so, please explain:

10. How do you think the applicant will respond in a cross-cultural setting?

11. Would you want this person on your team? Please explain:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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SPIRITUAL LEADER REFERENCE FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION

Please ask a Pastor or Church Leader to fill out this form and return it in a sealed envelope as soon as possible.

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To be filled in by the Applicant:

Trip Destination: _____ **Name of Applicant:** _____

To be filled in by Pastor or Church Leader:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

1. Your relation to the applicant is: _____

2. How long and how well have you known the applicant?

3. Comment on the applicant's ability to get along and work with others:

4. How has the applicant demonstrated leadership ability?

5. Comment on how the applicant relates to members of the opposite sex:

6. What are the applicant's strengths?

7. In what areas could the applicant improve?



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8. How does he/she react in stressful situations?

9. Have you ever had occasion to question the applicant's morals, honesty, etc.? Please explain:

10. Has the applicant ever shown signs of rebellion? Please comment:

11. What are some evidences of this person growing in his/her walk with God?

12. Please explain what attitude the applicant has demonstrated toward evangelism & relief opportunities:

13. Please comment on the applicant's suitability to participate in a compassion project:

14. Please comment on the applicant's ability to work in a cross cultural setting:

I recommend the applicant:

_____ without hesitation; _____ with reservation; _____ I do not recommend

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

PROJECT NAME _____

PROJECT START DATE _____ PROJECT END DATE _____

As standard procedure, we require the following information from anyone participating in a Project with Oksana's Harvest. (Note: husband & wife each needs to complete a form.)

Full Name (as shown on passport):

(Last) (First) (Initial) (Signature)

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Doctor's Phone: _____

Medical Card Number: _____ Province Issued: _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE PROVIDE 2 CONTACTS:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Do you have any medical conditions? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you take prescription drugs?* Yes _____ No _____

Please specify: _____

Do you have any allergies?* Yes _____ No _____

Please specify: _____

*Please be sure to bring your own allergy medication and enough prescription drugs for the duration of the trip.

Medical Information for children accompanying you on the project:

Child's Name	Doctor's Name	Doctor's Phone	Medical Card Number
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ALL INFORMATION GIVEN IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL



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Team Commitment

Short Term mission teams are dynamic in nature and are designed to bring team members closer to God while making Christ known throughout the world. Team members should be able to experience the diversity of the worldwide Body of Christ, to expand their vision, and to participate in fruitful ministry that has long lasting impact. In order for this to occur, we need to agree on how we will act – our attitudes and expectations. Please read and sign the following Team Commitment:

1. Spiritual Growth – I will be open to learn from God in all situations. I will have regular Bible study and prayer times with God before the trip and daily on the trip, because I believe that growing individually is essential to growing as a team.
2. Teamwork – I commit myself to be a team member who brings unity. I am willing to sacrifice my own agenda and personal luxuries for the sake of the team. I commit to resolve all conflicts according to biblical principles. This involves prayer as the first step, personal confrontation in love as the next step, and the counsel of a third party, (one of the team leaders), as a third and final resort according to Matthew 18:15-17.
3. Team Preparation/Meetings – I commit to participating in all team meetings and training before, during and after the trip.
4. Positive Attitude – I commit to encourage my teammates and build them up throughout our trip. I will refrain from complaining. I realize that each team member will be looked upon as an example of how a Christian should act and I will not treat that responsibility lightly. I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive, as plans may need to be changed. I will be a “positive” and not a “negative” on the team. I will come with an expectant heart to enjoy this experience and grow through the difficult situations.
5. Ministry and Work Opportunities – I will seek to be an example of the love of Jesus to the people we meet throughout our trip. This includes giving testimonies, actively participating in ministry/work opportunities, and exhibiting Christ-like behavior (John 4:35, 1 Corinthians 10:31). I am willing to be a servant and make myself available in any type of endeavor as needed.
6. Health and Personal Risk – I commit to take full responsibility for my own health during this entire mission experience and I will prepare myself spiritually, mentally and physically – including the recommended immunizations. I will take full responsibility for my own personal safety and health.
7. Leadership – I recognize that the team leaders are placed in authority and I am willing to submit to their leadership both when I agree and especially when I disagree with decisions (Hebrews 13:17). Cross-cultural ministry may present situations that I may not fully understand, but I will still choose to cooperate and submit to my team leaders and the national hosts.
8. Guest – I recognize that I am an invited guest of our host ministry. Therefore, I will conduct myself in a manner that honors our host. I will be careful not to offend them with what I wear, eat, drink, do and say. I will follow Jesus instructions: “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before



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you” (Luke 10:8). I also acknowledge that Christianity is lived out differently around the world and as a guest I will cooperate with Christianity as it is lived out in the host culture.

9. Relationships – I agree to be sensitive in how I relate to members of the opposite sex, both on the team as well as those in the host country. I will not pursue relations beyond basic friendships and I am willing to receive honest correction from my team leaders or host if my behavior becomes inappropriate.

10. Consequences – I agree that in the event my conduct is considered detrimental to the team or to the host and mediation during the mission has failed to correct my behavior, I will return home immediately at my own expense.

11. Witness – I agree not to use/purchase any illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products while on this mission as it may be a stumbling block to others.

12. Prayer & Finances – I commit to raise the necessary prayer and financial support for the mission. I understand that my payments must be made on the dates as indicated in the handbook and that my mission costs are my complete and personal responsibility. If I am unable to raise or pay the finances for my mission costs, the church is not responsible for paying the amount due.

Name (please print)

Signature of Applicant

Date



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Guardianship Form Information & Instructions

By law any minor (under 19 years of age) traveling internationally must have a guardian form completed if: If they are traveling without one or both parents.

- The parent staying home and the parent traveling must complete the form. The traveling parent should be designated as the child’s guardian for the duration of the trip.
- If both parents are not traveling, they must complete the form and designate an adult traveler as the child’s legal guardian for the duration of the trip.
- If one or both parents are deceased, a copy of the death certificate(s) must accompany the guardianship form, along with the evidence of sole custody or legal guardianship. If BOTH parents are traveling with the child, the guardianship form IS NOT necessary! Each form MUST be completed and notarized! The guardian/parent and the child must keep the original completed and copy while traveling. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

Guardianship Form

I _____, and I _____, Father / Custodial Guardian Mother / Custodial Guardian give permission for our child, _____ Name of Child to go to _____ City and _____ Country as a member of a Oksana’s Harvest Team, under the care and supervision of _____, Missions Trip Team Leader for Oksana’s Harvest, departing from _____, City on and Province of _____ Departure Month _____, Day _____, and Year of _____ Departure and returning on , 20 ____ . Month _____, Day _____, and Year of Return _____

Father / Custodial Guardian Name & Signature Date Signed

Mother / Custodial Guardian Name & Signature Date Signed

The Province of _____

Sworn and subscribed in my presence this day of _____, 20 ____

(SEAL) My Commission expires (Month, Day, Year) Notary Public

This form is an international travel requirement. This form must be notarized. Both parents are required to sign. If one parent is deceased, a death certificate must accompany this form.