

# FAQs

## **Q: WHY SHOULD I GO?**

A: The question to ask might be “why would I not go?” God invites us to be part of what he is doing around the world and to step out of our comfort zone so that others can share in the hope that we have. His commands to share the gospel with the nations are clear (Psalm 96:3, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Acts 13:47, Romans 10:13-15).

## **Q: IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WILL KEEP ME FROM GOING?**

A: If you have a major health problem you should consult with your doctor before applying. A servant spirit is also needed to be a part of an Impact Trip team, and if you are unable to be flexible or teachable, then you will not enjoy the experience and will make it difficult on your team members.

## **Q: WHAT ABOUT THE COST? (IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY TO RAISE – CAN’T I JUST PAY FOR IT MYSELF?)**

A: Impact Trips are funded through support raising. Whether you are concerned about the cost or not sure why you should raise support, God is concerned about people being involved in his mission. This is an opportunity for you to grow in your trust of God and his provision, and an opportunity for others to be a part of what God is doing through your team.

## **Q: THAT SEEMS LIKE A BIG TIME COMMITMENT. CAN I JUST SHOW UP AT THE AIRPORT?**

A: There is a time commitment involved because you are joining a team, not a trip. Your team will meet approximately six times prior to departure to get to know each other and prepare for your time on mission together. The team will also meet at least once after you return. Your meetings will prepare you to better understand yourself, the culture into which you are traveling, and the specifics of your mission.

## **Q: I WANT TO GO BUT I CAN’T COMMIT TIME FOR PREPARATION. WHAT DO I DO?**

A: If your schedule does not permit you to be a part of the preparation, you should not travel this year and wait until you can make room in your schedule for it. That does not mean you have to be left out! The most successful teams include both travelers and non-travelers; those not traveling can pray, give, and mobilize others to complete the mission. Commit to praying for a specific team or leader and/or designate funds toward an individual or team. You can also get involved with ENCOUNTER’s [local partners](#).

## **Q: MAY I DRINK ALCOHOL OR SMOKE ON THE TRIP?**

A: No. ENCOUNTER requests that you do not drink alcohol or smoke.

**Q: HOW DO YOU ENSURE THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS OVERSEAS?**

A: ENCOUNTER works closely with our partners, and we do everything in our power to ensure safety in health, food and travel. In almost all instances, we are assured safety when following the direction of the local hosts. Ultimately, our security is in the hands of the Lord.

**Q: DO I NEED A PASSPORT?**

A: Yes. You must have a valid passport to apply for any international trip.

Any further questions?

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