



Mission Statement:

Vision International is raising up gospel leaders in this generation to invade unreached parts of the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Included in this packet is a lot of information regarding this ministry, what you need to do and fill out in regards to going with us on future trips to the nations!

Here is a list below:

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VISION INTERNATIONAL

President and Founder: Brian Essary

Vision of this ministry:

To raise up 1,000 gospel leaders in our generation and to invade the unreached parts of the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What we do:

Vision International has a heart for the nations and a desire to see the unreached people of the earth come to know the Lord. Our main focus is through evangelistic crusades.

What does this mean?

This means we go into a village or town and set up a stage. Along with the stage there will be a sound system, lights, a music team, and thousands ready to hear the gospel. The crusade is promoted for weeks in advance by printing flyers, passing them out and also posting them up wherever possible. A team of the nationals from the ministry we are in contact with will do the promotion.

What does the trips typically look like from start to finish?

- Get your passport
- Get your papers filled out and sent in to Vision International
- Send out support letters and start raising money
- Follow up with those that you asked to help support you
- Get needed shots
- Send in money as needed for your trip, i.e. for purchasing your plane tickets, travel insurance and miscellaneous costs, etc.
- Keep yourself stirred up in prayer and spend time with the Lord. It is necessary that you do not get caught up with the “business” part of the trip and not keep your relationship growing.

- Begin to talk to the Lord on your expectation of the trip in regards to what **YOU** believe God is going to do in and through you. When you put an expectation out for God to meet, He will meet it because He is faithful.
- Once everything is finalized you will receive your itinerary for the trip.
- The team will meet at an international airport that flies to the destination of the trip.
- Travel time is anywhere from 20 to 30 plus hours so be ready to be flexible, to be stretched, and not to complain.
- Once we get to our destination country we will more than likely have a layover in some part of that country. We will either stay in a hotel until our next flight or stay at the air port.
- Travel includes plane rides, train rides and a lot of driving time.
- We will connect with our contacts, get to our hotel, rest and then either start the crusade that night or the night after.
- We will be shown the different areas of ministry that our contacts are involved in. We will have many opportunities to minister through various ways. Be prepared to share your testimony.
- Outside of the crusades and seeing the ministry of the nationals, we will have a free day to experience the area we are in.
- Please be respectful and eat the food you are given. If you don't like it, at least try it to show appreciation.
- Schedules typically change, so be flexible.
- You will more than likely be hit with a culture shock of the nation. Please bring a notebook to write down what you are feeling, seeing, tasting and experiencing. It will help you process the trip better.
- Again, on the way out of the country there will be 20-30 plus hours of travel, so be prepared for that.
- Make sure you are always carrying your passport as you will be asked for it on occasion.
- We strongly encourage you to read a book called "Re-Entry". This book will help you to understand this process of coming back to our home country.
- We want you to know thousands are going to heaven because we were obedient to answer the call to go to the nations!

VISION INTERNATIONAL TRIP APPLICATION

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Initials Blue Forms
Initials Rec. Form
Initials Passport

Deposit \$ Date -----/-----/-----

Please attach a recent head-shot of yourself here.

(Must have been taken within the last 3 months)

Please list the trip(s) you would you like to join us on:

Have you previously been on a trip with us? _____

Today's date ___/___/___

Personal Information:

Name (EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Name you are known by _____

Circle one: Male Female

Birth Date ___/___/___

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

Citizen of which country: USA Canada Other _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____

Marital Status: (circle one) Single Engaged Married Separated Divorced

Name of spouse _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If you will move to your Permanent Address prior to the mission trip, what date will you be there? ____/____/____

(Filling this date out is very important so that you will receive all trip correspondence at the correct address.)

Home phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell phone: (____) _____ - _____

Out of which city will you be flying? _____

My Pastor recommends my going on this trip yes / no

Date you made a commitment to follow Jesus ____/____/____

What is your relationship to Brian Essary and Vision International? How were you introduced to this ministry?

Please explain briefly on a separate sheet of paper the reason you desire to go on this mission trip and attach it to this one.

You are done!

Please send this application, a copy of your passport (If you do not have your passport yet, please send in everything else, and when you receive your passport send in a copy promptly) and your \$25 application fee to:

Vision International: 3245 East Belmont Springfield, Missouri 65802

Vision International Confidential Pastoral Recommendation

Applicant: Please fill out all the information in this box.

Applicant's Name: _____ Trip _____
Applicant's Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Applicant's Social Security #: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Pastor:

Please complete the recommendation, place it in your letterhead envelope and send to Vision International without returning to the applicant. Your prompt attention to completing and returning this form is greatly appreciated.

Pastor's Name: _____

Title: _____

Pastor's Phone: Home (____) _____ - _____ Work (____) _____ - _____

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____ City: _____

State / Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please read the following before filling out this recommendation.

Serious consideration will be given to your evaluation of the applicant's character and fitness for short-term missions. We need to know as much as possible about our applicants to make fair appraisals of the qualifications, matching all applicants with the best possible ministry opportunity for them. Your responses will be held in strict confidence.

If you have any questions, please call (480) 302-0507 to speak with a Vision International representative.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

If you have known him/her less than four months, is there someone you can recommend to assist with the recommendation? _____

How well do you know the applicant? By Face/Name/Casually/Fairly Well/Very Well

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES THE APPLICANT?

Skills	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Poor	Unknown
Adaptability					
Servant life					
Spiritual life					
Maturity					
Response to Authority					
Spiritual influence on others					

Character	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unknown
Procrastinates					
Critical					
Irritable					
Complains					
Depressed					
Argumentative					
Domineering					
Rebellious					

Leadership	Experienced	Some experience	No experience
Lead small groups			
Public speaking			
Confrontation/Accountability			
Personal counseling			

How often does the applicant attend your church? _____

Is the applicant involved in the ministry of Helps in his/her church? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what areas _____

To your knowledge, has the applicant had a salvation experience? ____ Yes ____ No

To your knowledge, has the applicant's interest in missions been influenced by a desire to escape a difficult situation such as:

Family problems: Yes No

Financial struggles: Yes No

Troubled romance: Yes No

Are you aware of:

Any mental or emotional illness Yes No

Instability in the applicant Yes No

To your knowledge has the applicant used illegal drugs? Yes No

If yes, within the last year? Yes No

Have you ever had reason to question the applicant's morals? Yes No

Do you have any reason to lack confidence in the applicant? Yes No

For MISSIONARY position: Based on the above information the applicant is:

Strongly recommended

Recommended

Recommended with reservation

Not recommended

If the applicant was Recommended with Reservation or Not Recommended, please explain on an additional sheet of paper.

Other comments:

Thank you!

Please send to: Vision International, 3245 E. Belmont, Springfield, MO 65802

Personal Information Form

Name _____

Trip _____

PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THESE FORMS AND MAIL ORIGINALS TO THE VISION INTERNATIONAL OFFICE.

****If you answer "Yes" to any of the following, please give a complete explanation below and/or on a separate sheet. Please include date of last involvement or episode and length of involvement or episode.**

Have you ever:

Served time in a detention center or jail? ___Yes ___No

Are you currently on trial for or have you ever been convicted of a crime? ___Yes ___No

Been involved with illegal drugs? ___Yes ___No

Been involved with gang-related activities? ___Yes ___No

Been involved with a cult or the occult? ___Yes ___No

Had diabetes or hypoglycemia? ___Yes ___No

Taken medication for behavior? (Please list below)___Yes ___No

Had seizures? ___Yes ___No

Had fainting spells? Yes ___No

Had an eating disorder? (Please list details below)___Yes ___No

Had breathing problems? ___Yes ___No

Had psychiatric care? ___Yes ___No

Been involved in homosexual activities? ___Yes ___No

Do you have any physical impairment? ___Yes ___No

Have you ever had problems entering or exiting the U.S.? ___Yes ___No

Explain from questions above: _____

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Do you have any drama experience? ___Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Please rate your drama skills on a scale from 1-10: _____

Do you feel comfortable speaking in front of large groups? ___Yes ___ No

Do you have any experience preaching? ___Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain:

Other comments: _____

FUND RAISING IDEAS

- Support letter that you send to friends and family
- Garage sale
- Talk with Krispy Kreme (www.krispykreme.com) or some franchise and see if they can donate, or you buy their “product” at a discounted price and then you resell it in front of a grocery store and make the profit. (YES IT IS LEGAL!!)
- Car wash
- Go door to door with a partner or a group with a basket of eggs and ask them how much they will pay you to crack an egg on your head. Explain what you are doing and why and how much money you are needing to raise.
- Bake Sale at your church, school or work
- Any other idea that you can think of that is safe and legal, make it fun and believe God that He is faithful to cause the finances to come in!

Example support letter:

Dear friends and family:

Happy New Year!! Can you believe it's already 2010? Honestly, it's hard for me to think that 2009 is already over. This whole last year has been a new season in and of itself for me. Moving back home after living in Oklahoma for three years and graduating from Rhema has been an adjustment, but it's been worth every minute!

Here is a quick picture at what my life this last year has looked like!! I have been heavily involved in serving at my home church, right now involved in the young adults ministry and on the worship team. In late August I started at Mesa Community College to major in international business and minor in Spanish. I also started my own small business called Personal Assisting By Josie. It is by the grace of God and through our constant communication that I am able to live successfully!

I wanted to let you know that this February 14th to the 25th I will be heading to India with Vision International. We will be holding mass crusades in the evening and ministering to children, youth and battered women during the days. I am asking you to be a part of this trip, whether through prayer, financial support or both! The ministry I am traveling with has been going to India for the last ten years preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and has seen thousands give their lives to the Lord and countless healed through the name of Jesus. You will be sowing into an effective ministry not only in the natural but also for eternity! The total cost of the trip is \$3,500 and if you are able to give it will be a tax deductible donation! I didn't go to Rhema to just let the Word of God sit under my belt, but I'm putting my faith into action by going to the nations.

I would love for you to be a part of this God adventure with our team!! I appreciate your support in advance for this trip and thank you for all your current love, support and encouragement!

Love you!!

Josie Rogers

"The fruit of the uncompromisingly righteous is a tree of life and he who is wise captures human lives for God; as a fisher of men, he gathers and receives them for eternity!" Proverbs 11:30

Main points you want in your support letter:

1. Make sure you fill your supporters in on your life, what you are involved in, and how you are involved in blessing your home church or where ever else.
2. Provide the when, where, who, with and how much the trip is going to cost.
3. Discuss the credibility of the ministry you are going with.
4. Discuss the purpose of your trip: What you and the team will be doing, how you will bless this country individually and corporately, and what you are expecting God to do.
5. Provide where they can send a donation: We recommend that you ask your home church if they are willing to receive donations on your behalf so the supporters can receive a tax credit.
6. Preferably make your letter one page and leave space in between topics. You do not want to overwhelm your readers with too much information.
7. Do not just print on white paper, but consider a colorful or printed background. It will bring the words more to life!
8. We also encourage you to prepare an envelope with a stamp and a destination address where supporters can send in a check. Within that envelope, place an index card with your name, the date of the trip and where you will be going on it. Make sure they know not to write your name on the memo line of the check.

We hope this information helps you in writing your support letter!

TRIP PACKING LIST

- One suitcase
- One carry on bag
- Jeans with no holes
- Comfortable shoes (we will be on our feet much of the day, tennis shoes and jeans are ok during the day).
- Shorts are permitted only around the hotel and while in transit.
- Golf shirts, polo style shirts or button up shirts during day are ok. No t-shirts please. T-shirts are ok around hotel and while in transit.
- At night during crusade dress slacks with button up shirt or nice polo for men. Short sleeve is ok. For women dress pants and a nice top or a long skirt and a nice top.
- Hand sanitizer: Bring more than one travel bottle.
- Hand wipes
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Personal toiletries
- Towel and wash cloth
- Flip flops for the shower
- Bible, notebook and pens

- ☐ Snack food (we will be at the mercy of eating whatever food is provided for us. I recommend you bring some of your own to eat throughout the day.)
- ☐ DO NOT pack drinking water. It will be provided for you.
- ☐ Imodium A.D. You might wish you had bought it if you don't.
- ☐ Plastic forks and knives; unless you do not mind eating with your hands.
- ☐ Two regular sized trash sacks.
- ☐ Credit card for emergencies and hotel while in transit.
- ☐ Power adapters if you need to use anything that must be plugged in.
- ☐ One role of toilet paper. We can purchase more while in the city before traveling.

- ☐ Please bring your spending money for food, taxi, etc. in cash.