

**CHINA 2010
MISSIONS TRIP**



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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE TRIP?

1. To glorify God by spreading God's love to the orphans of China. This can be through holding babies, just playing games with children, or sharing your testimony through translation to adults around the orphanage. For those who desire to do so there will be opportunity to teach some Bible lessons. Even with the language barrier children can still experience God's love through us. We'll use spiritual gifts of mercy, compassion and service just spending time with children that the rest of the world seems to have forgotten.
2. To raise up potential adult short-term mission trip leaders for the future mission endeavors of Village Bible Church, and the broader Kingdom of God, through prayer, study, equipping, and encouraging one another through our preparation for and participation in this opportunity.

WHO WILL WE BE WORKING WITH?

We will be teaming with Visiting Orphans and it is a non-profit organization that was established in 2005 by America World Adoption Association as a way to further help the orphans of the world. Visiting Orphans works to fulfill the biblical mandate given in James 1:27 of "visiting orphans" in their distress. They conduct many mission trips for churches, schools, and individuals from around the United States to orphanages around the world including China, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, Ghana, Ecuador, Peru, Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras, Russia and Costa Rica. Visiting Orphans works with Christian churches to help raise orphan awareness in the hopes of each orphan experiencing the blessing of family through: reunification, transitional services and adoption.

While in China Visiting Orphans partners with government run Social Welfare Institutes (SWI) to help bring love and assistance to some of those 20 million children without families. Since 2005 Visiting Orphans has sent over 30 teams from American churches to visit these SWI's. Although the SWI's do all that they can to provide the best life for the children living there, assistance and help is still needed. Teams don't go in with an agenda, they go in to serve and to love.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Though going to China can be a culturally exciting trip this trip is about serving the orphans and leaving our own agendas behind. Those who the Lord calls to participate in this trip will see much of the rich culture of China, but the focus is on just spending time lavishing love on these orphans. We will spend time building relationships with the children and staff at the orphanage and encouraging them. We will play games with the children, make crafts with them, and show them they are loved. We will also have the opportunity to do Bible teaching through translators. Here's a sample itinerary:

Day 1 & 2 - Travel from the U.S. to Beijing, China. Your guide will meet the team at the airport and you will board a private bus headed to your hotel in Beijing.

Day 3 - Travel by plane or bus to the city where the orphanage is located.

Day 4 through 8 - The team spends its days building relationships with the children and staff at the orphanage. Your days will be spent playing games with the children, doing arts and crafts, or service projects to improve the orphanage.

Day 9 - Travel back to Beijing.

Day 10 & 11 - We will have some time to explore some of China's most memorable sights; the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Olympic Stadium (Bird's Nest).

Day 12 - Team departs China and heads home.

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE TRIP?

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WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS?

1. Actively participate in church life at Village Bible, including a service role, and small group if at all possible.
2. Know how to share your personal testimony of your relationship with Jesus.
3. Be able to share the gospel clearly and simply.
4. Pray for and share the gospel with 3 people before the trip.
5. Send out 30 (or more) prayer support letters.
6. Pray for this ministry experience daily.
7. Participate in all scheduled training dates.
8. Read Before You Pack Your Bags, Prepare Your Heart by Cindy Judge and complete assignments.

WHAT ARE THE TRAINING DATES?

There will be 4-5 training sessions / team meetings on Sunday afternoons prior to departure. These dates will be determined once a team is in place.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS & IMMUNIZATIONS?

A passport and visa are required for this trip. However, these documents can be obtained on short notice. The easiest way is to get the application through the local post-office. The Aurora post-office also provides photo services. The missions team will assist anyone accepted on the team through getting the proper visas. It is highly recommended that you obtain all suggested immunizations for travel to this part of the world.

WHAT IS THE COST OF CHINA 2010?

\$3,200-3,500. This includes international airfare, accommodations, 3 meals a day, in-country transportation, travel insurance, translator/guide, tourist site entrance fees. Each person going on the trip will be required to send out thirty (30) letters to family and friends to raise support. Each team member is responsible for the full amount of the trip. This will be a faith-endeavor, we will strive to raise funds together, and we have never *not* seen the Lord provide.

APPLICATION FOR CHINA 2010

Fill-out the application online at: www.villagebible.org/missions then click on the short term missions tab.

We prefer these applications submitted electronically, but if you prefer paper applications are available at the Welcome Center

TURN PAPER APPLICATIONS IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE:

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By April 18, 2010

Thank you for **prayerfully considering** what the Lord may be calling you to do to spread his glory to the ends of the earth!!