

## Mission Project FAQs

- What are participant requirements to be eligible for a Bellevue Mission Project?
  - Be a Christ follower and able to share your personal salvation testimony.
  - Be an active member of a Bellevue Life Group.
  - Bellevue Church membership is encouraged but is not required.
  - Members of other churches are welcomed to participate on one of our mission projects but must provide a letter of good standing from the Pastor of their home church.
  
- What are the age guidelines for different types of projects?
  - Children ages 10-12 may participate with parents on National projects
  - For International projects, children ages 12-14 may participate in “family projects” when accompanied by at least one parent or legal guardian.
  - Exceptions are for Music or Next Gen department projects and special projects approved by the mission office.
  
- Will I be required to have a mission office interview prior to being approved for a Bellevue mission project?
  - A mandatory participant interview is required for first time participants and for those who have not been on a mission project in the past 5 years.
  - Must be completed at least 45 days prior to project departure date.
  
- Is giving my personal salvation testimony part of the interview process and requirement for my participation on a Bellevue mission project?
  - Yes, all participants on a Bellevue mission project should be able to give their salvation testimony and be prepared to share it in a clear and concise manner.
  - The Participant Handbook has personal testimony tips and a work sheet to assist you in preparing your testimony.
  
- What expenses are covered by trip cost?
  - The published trip cost will cover your airline tickets, ground transportation, hotel expenses, insurance and food cost during the trip.
  - Personal expenses incurred during travel to/from your project (food, shopping/souvenirs) and pleasure outings during the project are not covered.

- Is financial aid available to assist with project expenses?
  - Yes, you may apply for scholarship assistance through the Mission Department.
  - When you register for a specific mission project online you will also find a scholarship application link at the same location.
  - Scholarship application must be received 45 days prior to project depart date.
  - A copy of your support letter (sent to [tbaugh@bellevue.org](mailto:tbaugh@bellevue.org)) and a brief interview is required to be considered for any scholarship assistance.
  - Scholarship assistance is available to Bellevue members and Bellevue Life Group members only.
  
- How do I, or my supporters make payments or contribute to my project account?
  - Any online payments by you or a supporter can be made through the Contribution link on your online specific mission project link. You can check your remaining account balance any time through this link. (Please do not call the Mission Office to check your account balance)
  - Checks can be mailed or delivered to the mission office for specific project or participant. Checks are to be made out to Bellevue Baptist Church without any participant's name anywhere on the check with a contributor form included.
  - Cash should be personally delivered to the Missions Office with a contributor form attached.
  - Contributor forms can be obtained from your project leader or from the Missions Office during regular office hours.
  
- What are Passport and Visa requirements?
  - A Passport is required for all international projects.
  - Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the project end date.
  - When a Visa is required, it will be obtained by the mission office and will be reflected in your project cost.
  
- How do I obtain a new passport or renew a passport?
  - New passport application or passport renewal forms can be obtained at local US Post Office or through government websites.
  - You should allow a minimum of 4-6 weeks for processing your application for new or renewal passport. Additional charges applied for expediting if necessary.

- What shots or vaccines are required or recommended?
  - Project destinations determine required vaccines
  - Ask your project leader or contact the local health department for vaccine requirements.
  - You should review your personal shot history and consult your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations.
  - Hepatitis, Typhoid and yellow fever vaccines are commonly required or recommended. Tetanus is highly recommended for all projects.
  - Vaccines should be obtained as soon as you are approved for a project since some vaccines require multiple doses.
  
- Where can I get a copy of the Participants Handbook that has more information?
  - You can get a paper copy from your team leader or mission office.
  
- Where can I learn how to use some of the gospel sharing tools we may take on our trip?
  - In the back of the mission participant handbook. examples are provided on how to use Paint Talk, Evange-Cube, Power Band Bracelet and the Ball of Colors.
  - Also ask team leaders for training if planning on using a specific sharing tool.
  
- Tips for travel and packing are also in the Participant Handbook.
  - Always keep money, valuables, medications and a change of clothing in your carry-on luggage since checked luggage can occasionally get lost.
  - A picture of your luggage and contents is helpful in case of lost luggage.
  - Always review luggage and weight restrictions of your airline before packing.
  - Be prepared to carry additional project supplies if needed and possibly another ministry supply bag.