



EVANGELICAL FRIENDS MISSION

LUKE 10 TRIPS

Policies and Information

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LUKE 10 TRIP GENERAL INFORMATION

Planning for Luke 10 Trips: Team members will receive further communication on how to prepare, including an orientation schedule, destination-country and trip specific details, and a sample packing list (to pack light!). Here are a few things to keep in mind as you plan for the trip.

Costs for Luke 10 Trips: Total costs and deadlines will be communicated to team members by the Luke 10 Trip Leader. Base trip “registration” cost includes all airfare, visa, transportation, meals, lodging and logistics expenses.

Items not included with base registration:

- Your flight to and from departure city.
- Passport costs.
- Personal items necessary for trip.
- Any necessary immunizations. We ask that you have received a tetanus/diphtheria shot in the last 10 years and recommend you be immunized for COVID-19.
- Costs for any unexpected required COVID quarantine resulting from a positive COVID test during travel that exceeds the team travel budgeted amount.

Passport: You will need a passport with an expiration date at least 6 months after the trip dates. You can obtain the application and instructions at any U.S. Post Office. See <http://travel.state.gov/passport/> for more information. Note that passport processes have been quite long lately, so do not delay getting started and consider expediting as needed.

Immunizations: EFM requires participants to have proof of a Tetanus/diphtheria shot in the last 10 years and recommends COVID-19 vaccination. Please take the time to read requirements and recommendations for the country that you will be visiting at the website of the US Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) and consult with your doctor. Use your county health department to greatly cut immunization costs. Note that it takes a few months for some immunizations to become effective, so don't delay in starting. Keep your immunization records with your passport.

Note: Your team leader will give you orientation in avoiding sickness based on destination and your team can communicate openly with any hosts concerning practices you are following to avoid travel sickness and to exercise care in providing only safe food and drink.

Spending Money: Most team members will want money to buy drinks or snacks (if it's available). You may also want to bring back souvenirs from your trip. If so, you need to bring money specifically for this. You should plan ahead how much you want to spend.

Offering: Usually, team members will not only feel a need to give of their ability, time, and talents on these trips, but may also feel compelled to give an offering if visiting a church or church service. Your team can work together to discern how to give and how much is

appropriate to give. Your trip costs already will generally provide appropriate host gifts and pay for team expenses as appropriate. Many problems can be caused on the mission field when team members give too much or don't give it properly.

Money Exchange: Your team and any local hosts will assist you in exchanging money as needed. You will want to be aware of any requirements for the condition or size of USD bills when exchanging money and if ATM machines are available.

Losses: EFM and your host church/region/yearly meeting is not responsible for any team member's lost money, stolen money, damaged baggage, lost luggage, or loss of any personal property.

Travel Expense Changes: The Luke 10 Trip Budget is set according to travel cost estimates which could change. If there is a dramatic increase or decrease in travel costs, this change may be passed on to team members. Team members will be notified as soon as possible of any changes.

Early Return Home and Cancellation Policy: In the event a team member must return home due to illness or disciplinary action, it is at the expense of the team member. You are fully responsible for any expenses incurred by the Luke 10 Trip due to your commitment, deposit and acceptance to the team that cannot be refunded.

Insurance: EFM does not provide medical or travel insurance to those participating in a Luke 10 Trip. Please check with your insurance provider and, if not adequately covered, secure a short-term travel policy if you wish.

Medical Attention: Doctors and hospitals are available in most areas of the world. Team members are responsible for all doctor and hospital bills. Of course, team leaders will see to it that team members are well cared for and any required medical attention is administered and paid. However, team leadership and/or EFM will expect full reimbursement for any such expenses once the team returns home.

Fundraising: When raising financial support it is important to remember from the beginning that the challenge and joy of missions work is in depending on God. You must trust and obey! Dedicate every detail of His mission to God in prayer. If it is God's will that you be a part of this mission trip, He will provide a way. In our experience in sending mission teams around the world, we have not had even one person who wasn't able to raise the necessary funds for the trip when they are faithful to take the needed steps for fundraising work. This is your chance to experience on a very small scale what most career missionaries experience for their livelihood on the field.

In approaching people to ask for help with your financial support it is important to help them

understand what you will be doing, the purpose of your trip, and that you believe this is God's will for your life. Some suggestions of people you might want to contact include family relatives, church leaders, church members, neighbors, and people in your community.

In looking at the amount of money you may need to raise for your trip, it may seem overwhelming. Remember that funds can come from a number of sources over a period of a few weeks or months, which will make it seem more attainable.

You will be provided with a sample fundraising letter upon acceptance to the team.

Responding to Donors: As with any missionary, it is important that you keep a list of contributions and donors. These are people who you will need to thank and send a brief report to after your Luke 10 Trip experience. This list may also include some people who you will want to brief on your schedule and specific prayer requests before you embark for the Luke 10 Trip.

Tax-Deductible Contributions: Contributions to the Luke 10 Trip via EFM or your church may be tax deductible in the United States when handled as follows: Checks or money orders from contributors MUST be payable to EFM or a church. This is the only way they can be tax deductible. The team member's name is NOT to appear on the check. All gifts eligible for tax-exemption consideration are donations to EFM or the church in the name of Luke 10 and your participation. Contributions whose gifts meet these guidelines will be given a receipt for their tax-deductible contributions.

Contribution Deadlines: Your deposit is due on the posted deadline in order to be considered a member of the team. All trip cost payments must be turned in by the posted deadline before the trip unless other arrangements have been made with your team leader.

Over-Pledges: Team members cannot personally receive money contributed on their behalf to EFM, even if it is over the mission trip expense. Therefore, if a person wishes to give spending money to a team member after the mission trip registration has been covered, it should be given to the team member personally and not paid to EFM. This money is not tax-deductible.

Any money received by EFM that is over the required registration for a particular team member will be applied to other expenses and Luke 10 Team costs at EFM. In the case of future missionaries who are participating in trips and retreats with EFM, funds donated on their behalf are held and will be used for present or future activities in which they participate with EFM.

Cancelations: If a team member cancels for any reason and does not go on the trip, anything that has been paid and is non-refundable to EFM, the team leader or church will not be refunded. Likewise, any contributions received are non-refundable. Deposits are non-refundable unless an applicant is not accepted on the team for any reason. In such cases, EFM will refund the deposit in full.

LUKE 10 TRIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. A committed Christian who is submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ made evident by their personal devotion and service to others and confirmed by the local church.
2. Someone with a servant's heart who is faithful and committed to God's work around the world.
3. Someone who is 18 years of age or older (unless accompanied by a parent).
4. Someone who is physically and emotionally able to handle the rigor of international travel and a highly flexible schedule.
5. Someone who is willing to fundraise for the cost of the trip and participate in any required pre-trip study/orientation.
6. Someone who believes in the power of prayer and the vital part it plays in what God is doing around the world to build His church.
7. Someone who agrees to abide by the Luke 10 trip policies.

Note: A Passport with an expiration date at least 6 months after travel dates is required.

LUKE 10 TRIP POLICIES

1. Following instructions of Luke 10 Trip Leader is mandatory. Any direct defiance of this authority will result in immediate termination of your participation in the Luke 10 Trip experience, and you will be sent home at your own expense.
2. Conduct yourself in manner that exemplifies the best qualities of a mature believer and a servant, reflecting Christ into your cultural setting.
3. Bring a positive attitude to your team, willing to give and take and maintain the spirit of unity and harmony of the group. You should extend politeness and courtesy to those with whom you come in contact such as nationals (local people where you visit), trip leaders, and team members.
4. No smoking or tobacco of any form, drugs, or alcohol are permitted.
5. Your words should be honoring and respectful to others. No inappropriate language is permitted.
6. Due to cultural consideration, practical jokes are not permitted.
7. You will be expected to acclimate to the culture whether you are overseas or in the U.S. This may mean eating food you are unfamiliar with or don't particularly like or participating in foreign customs. Your willingness to try new things and to accept the hospitality offered to you is a critical expression of love and acceptance to your hosts and local culture. It is a primary way that you will communicate that you like them and that you wish to acclimate in the spirit of incarnational ministry.
8. Pairing off is not permitted while on a team mission trip, as it tends to distract from the real purpose of the trip. There are no 'couples' on a Luke 10 Trip other than those who are married.
9. Separation from a group is NEVER allowed unless the team leader gives permission, and you are accompanied by other team members.
10. It is very important that you dress in a neat, clean, and modest fashion. Your appearance is important for how the local people will perceive you. You must submit to restrictions regarding dress and appearance in accordance with the culture where you will be a guest.
11. Being present with the team and participating in ALL Luke 10 trip activities is required for an effective, positive experience. Please let your family and friends at home know that when you are away, no news is good news and that you will have very limited access to communications. Our experience with short term missions has shown us that too much contact with home can distract from the focus of the trip and can create an unhealthy mindset.

Note: More specific expectations and guidelines will be communicated to the team as appropriate for destination and ministry.

LUKE 10 TRIP COVENANT

I COVENANT to be faithful to the Lord's leading as I take part in this Luke 10 trip. I commit myself to respond to the team's needs during this trip and offer my skills, gifting, influence, and capacity to God and my team. I realize this is not simply a mission trip but is part of a larger, overarching journey for Evangelical Friends called the Luke 10 Initiative. I recognize that by participating in this trip I am a part of something that will have worldwide kingdom impact and affect the eternal destinies of unreached peoples.

I am in harmony with EFM's statement of faith found at <https://friendsmission.com/statement-of-faith>).

I have read and agree to abide by ALL Luke 10 trip policies.

I understand that Luke 10 trip costs are subject to change and do not include items such as registration costs, passports, immunizations, spending money, and unexpected COVID quarantines due to a positive test. I understand that if my trip leader, church, region or EFM secures any tickets, hotel, or other trip arrangements on my behalf, I am obligated to cover any non-refundable costs.

I understand that EFM does not require that I have the recommended immunizations for my destination country, and I take full responsibility for immunization choices. A list of recommended immunizations can be found at www.cdc.gov.

I authorize the Luke 10 Trip leader to make medical decisions on my behalf in the event that I am unable to do so, and my emergency contact cannot be reached by phone. I understand that this authorization allows the trip leader to make necessary medical decisions that may include, but are not limited to, consent for treatment, surgery, or other medical procedures that may be required in emergencies. It is understood that I will assume any financial responsibility for any expense that may be incurred for said emergency treatment or for transportation home if necessary. I also understand that EFM will not carry medical insurance for me.

I do certify that said applicant is covered by adequate accident insurance. I will not hold EFM, its representatives, or hosting contacts responsible for personal injury or loss of valuables of any kind. EFM is recommending that each participant purchase a travel insurance policy which includes medical insurance, repatriation, and some coverage for COVID expenses. Each participant is responsible to understand the risks and what is covered through their insurance policies.