

Harvest Buffalo Short Term Missions Policy

Global Missions is primarily the job of every local church and the purpose of the church's existence is to go into all the world with the gospel; making disciples of every people on the earth.

Harvest Buffalo is defined by its mission, its foundational values, and its understanding of a healthy follower of Jesus. We exist for God and His glory. This missional vision and focus cultivate an environment that produces global missions and our global mission is fueled by our local church's mission to glorify God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the Spirit of the Great Commandment.

So we can say, "the mission of the church is Missions and the mission of Missions is the Church."

Through short-term missions we seek to lead volunteers in missional giving, investing, preaching, teaching, and ministries of compassion that inspires hearts and lives to be surrendered to the Great Commission. Short-term missions teams will go out from Harvest Buffalo with a passion to reach the whitened harvest fields of near and far-off places by serving our global partners.

Goals for short-term missions volunteers

- Fulfill your calling to do the work of an evangelist
- Experience God at work; building His church around the world
- Direct your passions and giftings to encourage and equip Harvest Buffalo global partners
- Return equipped and able to inspire our church toward a greater pursuit of global missions.

Requirements for short-term missions volunteers

- Demonstrate an active and obvious commitment to Jesus Christ
- Show engagement in the "rhythms of life" at Harvest Buffalo
 - Worshipping Jesus Christ corporately
 - Walking with Christ in small groups
 - Working for Christ on a serving team
- Complete the Harvest Buffalo short-term missions application
- Be confirmed to join the short-term missions team
- Participate in pre-trip team meetings offered by Harvest Buffalo
- Raise required financial and spiritual support determined for trip
- Attend a re-entry/debriefing meeting upon return

Application Process

- Complete a short-term missions volunteer application
- Interview with team leader (Pastor Ricky)
- Give references
- Submit to review and confirmation

Pre-trip orientation and preparation for short-term missions volunteers:

When God saved you, He commissioned you to engage in the greatest of all causes, namely, to glorify Him by making disciples of Jesus. With the commission, God gave you unique, Spirit-empowered gifts to play your part in reaching the lost and serving the church.

Orientation and preparation are critical for the unification and development of any serving team at Harvest Buffalo. Participation in meetings will be required for short-term missions volunteers. We will build cohesion as a team, learn together our purpose, and be equipped to fulfill the work of the ministry. Trip meetings will be led by the trip Team Leader.

Support-raising for short-term missions volunteers

- Support raising is both financial and spiritual
- Non-refundable trip deposit of \$100 is due when confirmed to join a team
- Donors are welcome to contribute to you personally. However, in order to make a tax-deductible contribution, we require checks made out to Harvest Buffalo with your name in the memo line.
- Funding progress can be obtained by contacting Harvest Buffalo
- 100% of trip expenses must be received before departure
- A prayer team will be built by each volunteer and team

Re-entry for short-term missions volunteers

A re-entry meeting will be facilitated by Harvest Buffalo to help cement life change and to cultivate ongoing growth and commitment to Christ and His church. This meeting will be also be designed to enable participants to better apply lessons learned, to nurture their continued growth, to bear spiritual fruit, and integrate their experiences and growth within our local church.