



**SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATION**  
(to be completed by ALL applicants)  
**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

*Attach  
recent  
photo here*

**Instructions:**

- Complete the application—*Please print clearly.* Make certain all portions are complete.
- **Attach a recent photo (if you have not served on a church-wide Grace mission team before).**
- Sign the application. Have your parents or guardians sign it if you are under 18 years of age.
- Place completed application in the tray on the Outreach Counter, or place it in Bobbie Davidson’s box in staff mailroom.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Applicant’s Full Legal Name and address as it appears on travel document (passport or driver’s license):**

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Polo Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Information (Except Downtown L.A. and Angola Applicants)**

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth date (mm/dd/yy):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Engaged  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  Remarried

Known Medical condition(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**MISSION PROJECT—FOR A GRACE-SPONSORED TRIP**

Location for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applying for one of the *Jordan* teams, please indicate above either “Jordan-Wheels” or “Jordan-Home Visitation”)

If that trip is not possible, is there another that interests you? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **MISSION PROJECT—FOR TRIPS NOT SPONSORED BY GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH**

(Applicants for Grace-sponsored trips can skip to “Spiritual Life” section below)

Where will you be serving?: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission agency name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the project, including primary purpose and goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Project cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount raised to date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event we decide to participate financially, to whom do we make the check payable and where should it be sent?

Describe the type of training you will receive and include dates if they are known: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

How and when did you put your trust in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus Christ today? \_\_\_\_\_

If a friend were to ask you, “How can I become a Christian?": how would you respond? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended Grace Baptist Church? \_\_\_\_\_

What worship service do you regularly attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Please carefully read the attached Grace Baptist Church Statement of faith. Can you sign it without reservation?

Yes     No

If you checked "no" please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a Grace Evangelism Training Seminar?     Yes         No

Have you had the privilege of leading someone to Christ?     Yes         No

List ministries where you have served at Grace and other activity in Christian service:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

List any past Cross-cultural mission experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **EDUCATION**

Describe any education you have had that will assist you on this short-term missions trip:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **REFERENCES**

You must have a Confidential Reference form (attached) turned in to complete the application process. If possible it should be from a Grace Baptist Church staff member or ministry leader. It should be someone who knows you well, and has seen you serve in ministry. ***Please provide below the name of the person to whom you will give the reference form:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**MISCELLANEOUS**

What foreign languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any specific skills, gifts or interests that made you choose this trip? If so, describe them: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anything else we might need to know? Comments?: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*The undersigned acknowledges that participation in the events/activities described herein also constitutes approval to be photographed and to have those photographs placed in church-related publications, including the church website. The undersigned also agrees that the information supplied in this application is accurate.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Minors (under 18): *Please have both parents consent to your participation in this short term mission by having them sign on the lines below agreeing to the following statement:***

*“I am aware of my child’s desire to participate in the missions project described, and I give him/her my whole-hearted support.”*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



## Confidential Reference Short Term Missions

**To the Applicant:** Please give this confidential reference form to a ***Grace staff member or ministry leader (Shepherding Group Leader, Youth Group leader, Sunday School teacher, Grace Group leader)*** who knows you well and has seen you serve in ministry. Ask them to mail the completed form directly to the Missions Department at the address below.

**Please Note:** This reference form is required for those who are seeking to serve on a Grace Mission team. ***References are not needed for team leaders or members of the Missionary Training Program.***

Dear Friend: \_\_\_\_\_ is being considered for membership on a short term mission team from Grace Baptist Church. We would appreciate your willingness to help us understand the applicant and his/her strengths and weaknesses.

1. Your name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you known this person? \_\_\_\_\_  
In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_  
In what area of ministry have you seen this person serve? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What, in your opinion, are the major strengths of this person? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What areas of weakness or need for growth do you perceive in the applicant? Please be specific.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you consider the applicant to be emotionally and spiritually mature? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Based upon your knowledge of the applicant, would you recommend his/her participation on a Grace Mission team? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your time and thought in completing this reference. Please do **NOT** return it to the applicant, but mail it to the address below:

*Bobbie Davidson  
Grace Baptist Church,  
22833 Copper Hill Dr.  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350-3980*

# Statement of Faith



## **The Bible**

We believe the Bible (containing 66 books of the Old and New Testament) is the word of God, fully inspired by Him through the Holy Spirit in the original manuscripts (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Since God's word is both true and everlasting, it is our supreme authority for faith and conduct. His word is absolutely trustworthy, inerrant and infallible--it cannot be proven false, erroneous or mistaken (Isaiah 40:8); Matthew 24:35; John 14:23-24, 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 2:4-5; 1 Peter 1:24-25).

## **God**

We believe that there is but one living, true, personal and sovereign (supreme, independent ruler) God (Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 24:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:9). His being is Spirit (John 4:24), and His attributes are those essential qualities which identify and describe His nature. Because God is perfect, He cannot and will not act contrary to His nature (Matthew 5:48; Leviticus 19:2).

God is self-existent, eternal (John 5:26), truth (Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:18), infinite (Psalm 90:2), unchanging (Malachi 3:6; James 1:17), all-knowing (1 John 3:20), present everywhere at once (Psalm 139:7-10), all powerful (Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 19:26), righteous (Psalm 145:17), gracious, merciful and abounding in lovingkindness (Exodus 34:6), holy (1 Peter 1:15-16), just (1 John 1:9), faithful (2 Timothy 2:13), wise (Romans 16:27), sovereign (Psalm 115:3, Acts 2:23, 17:24-27; Ephesians 1:11), and He hears and answers prayer. God is, at least, all of these attributes at all times while completing His plans and purposes.

We believe in the triune God (Isaiah 48:16; Matthew 3:16-17), one in essence (Deuteronomy 6:4), yet manifest in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father is God (1 Corinthians 8:6), the Son is God (Hebrews 1:5-8); Matthew 1:23; 1 John 5:20) and the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).

## **Jesus Christ**

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. In the flesh, Jesus was one person, with two natures—true God and true man, yet without sin (Matthew 2:17-18; Philipians 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 John 4:9).

We believe according to the Scriptures, in the historical, literal death, burial and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. This act is the satisfaction for the sins of the whole world (Acts 26:22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 2:17-18; 1 John 2:2) and has provided redemption for mankind by His shed blood.

We believe the resurrected Christ was taken into heaven where He is now and always lives to make intercession for the believers. He will appear two more times: at a time yet future, Christ will return and the believers will be caught up with Him in the air, to be with Him forever. In a separate event, Christ will also return from heaven and reign on earth for 1,000 years before the final judgment of evil (Acts 1:11; Ephesians 1:17; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17; Hebrews 7:25; Revelation 1:7; 19:11; 20:15).

## **The Holy Spirit**

We believe the person of the Holy Spirit is God, and given by God to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, guide into all truth, comfort, regenerate, sanctify and daily lead those who are in Christ. He also indwells forever, from the moment of regeneration, and desires to empower, fill and minister through the believer. (John 3:3-5; 14:16-17; 16:8, 13; Acts 1:8; 1:5; 5:3-4; Romans 8:9, 13; 1 Corinthians 12:11-13; Titus 3:5-6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:2).

## **Salvation**

We believe that man, in the person of Adam, was created in innocence, but by voluntary transgression entered into sin, thus plunging the whole human race into condemnation and death; so that now all mankind is, from conception, sinful and shaped in iniquity, and all become willful sinners with the first expression of personal choice and so are without excuse before God (Genesis 3; Psalm 51:5; Romans 1:18-20; 5:10-19).

We believe that the only escape from the condemnation of sin and eternal punishment in hell is through the redemption effected by Jesus Christ. He voluntarily took upon Himself a human body and nature, yet without sin; and by His suffering, death, burial and bodily resurrection, made full justification before God for the sin of man. God has graciously chosen and called the believer. The free gift of salvation is given solely by grace to all who personally repent and believe/trust in Him. Salvation is by God's grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, no works, however, good, make this salvation more secure (Matthew 25:46; Mark 1:14-15; John 1:12-13; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 2:5-6; 10:9-13; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Ephesians 2:1-10; Philippians 2:5-8; 1 Timothy 1:16; Titus 3:5-7; Hebrews 4:15, 10:4-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

We believe that every Christian, as a new creation, will give some evidence of personal conversion (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4; John 15:8; Colossians 1:10; 1 John 3:10).

As individuals, all Christians are Priests alike. They can offer fitting sacrifices of praise and thanks to God while coming into His very presence through Christ without any other human agent or mediator (1 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 13:15-16). We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept eternally secure by God's power. They will also manifest, by faith, the work of that power in their lives daily by refraining from sin and conforming to Jesus Christ (John 6:37-40; Romans 8:1, 8:38, 39; 1 Corinthians 4:8; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 1:4-5). The believer's salvation is a matter for rejoicing and motivation to maturity in Christ through daily obedience to God's Word, clearly forbidding the abuse of Christian liberty as an occasion to sin (Titus 2:11-15); John 20:31; 1 John 5:13; Galatians 5:13; 1 Corinthians 8:13; 2 Peter 1:3-11).

## **The Church**

We believe that the Church was initially identified in the New Testament, having been a mystery to the Old Testament prophets, but established by Jesus Christ who is its sole Head. It is empowered and perpetuated by the Holy Spirit. It is Christ's "body" for service and His "bride" for glory. Someday, Christ will present to Himself the Church in all her glory (Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-28; Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23-33; Revelation 19:11-16).

We believe the Church is primarily manifest through local churches that are comprised of born-again believers who observe baptism and the Lord's Supper, are governed only by the word of God, and answer ultimately to Jesus Christ (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 7:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-5; Acts 2:41-47, 14:23; Ephesians 5:23, 27). Our mission statement is: "To honor God as we make disciples of all nations through our worship, witness, care, cultivation and witness, until the Lord returns" (John 4:24, 25; 1 Corinthians 11:25; Ephesians 4:11-13; Acts 1:8).

# Timeline - Short Term Missions 2012

<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	<b>Summer Mission Launch</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Center</b>
<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	Firm due date for all applications		
<b>Late February</b>	Notification of acceptance, sending of acceptance packets		
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	<b>Team Leader Meeting</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>A3</b>
	Mandatory gathering for all team leaders and assistants This meeting is for ALL Team Leaders, Co-Leaders and Assistants		
	<b>Information Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>A3</b>
	Mandatory meeting for all missionaries and for parents of missionaries under 18. Other parents and spouses of missionaries are welcome. Topics will include: Support Team Discovery training Explanation of financial policies First Team Meeting		
<b>Sunday, March 18</b>	Deadline for mailing of support-building letters <i>(Outreach office needs to approve before mailing)</i>		
<b>TBA (April)</b>	Individual Team meetings		
<b>Friday, April 20</b>	<b>Team Leader Training</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>C215</b>
	(dinner will be served) Training is mandatory for new Team Leaders, Co-Leaders and Assistants; veteran leaders are encouraged to attend		
<b>Saturday, April 21</b>	<b>Cross Cultural Training</b>	<b>9:00 am - 3:00pm</b>	<b>A3</b>
	(lunch will be served) Mandatory meeting for ALL summer missionaries		
<b>Sunday, May 20</b>	<b>Evangelism Training</b>	<b>12:30 - 5:00pm</b>	<b>A3</b>
	(lunch will be served) Open to all missionaries, mandatory for those who have not previously received GBC evangelism training		
<b>TBA (May)</b>	Individual Team meetings		
<b>Saturday, May 19</b>	<b>Summer Team Commissioning</b>	<b>Close of 5:30 pm service</b>	
<b>TBA (June)</b>	Individual Team meetings		
<b>TBA</b>	Team de-briefing meetings - (within one month of return)		