

YOUR Opportunity

GERMANY 2026

PARK CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION TRIP



INFORMATION MEETING: Sunday, November 23 – 10:15 AM – Room 220

PRAY — ENCOURAGE — ENGAGE — IMPACT — JOIN US!

WHERE: Pforzheim, Germany

WHEN: August 6-15, 2026 *Departure and return dates depend on flight costs and availability.*

ESTIMATED COST: \$2,800

WHAT: See how God is building up his Church, the German people, and the many international residents in Germany. Ministry will include an English Language Conference, Youth Group programming, and leading worship opportunities. One day of sight-seeing is also planned. Flexibility is key! **Work together. Worship together. Grow together.**

WHO: High School and older *(under 18 must be accompanied by parent)*

APPLICATION: A application form located on the **PC App** or at **parkchapel.org/outreach** will be **online in November.** *[Online forms may have a time limit. Review the questions and prepare your answers prior to filling out the form.]*

PARTICIPANT CAPACITY: 10-12

DEADLINES:

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 4, 2026

CONFIRMATION DEPOSIT, \$100: January 12, 2026

1ST PAYMENT, \$1,100: March 3, 2026

2ND PAYMENT, \$1,100: May 4, 2026

FINAL PAYMENT, \$500: June 8, 2026 (Online or via mission trip mail-in form)

Please note that the above cost does not include passports, vaccinations, personal spending, etc.

TEAM LEADERS:

Rachel McKinney (rmckinney@parkchapel.org) and John Hobbs (transport@hobbsindy.com)

MINISTRY PARTNER – JARED & ELIZABETH CRABTREE: A Park Chapel family with a passion for mission work, Jared and Liz began their ministry with Kontakt Mission in 2021. They are helping establish a church planting movement among the German people and the many Muslim background refugees in the Pforzheim area. Working closely with fellow believers, they are learning from and helping train and support local workers as they seek to follow God's leading as He builds His church. In continued alliance with their partner church team (the Free Evangelical Church), they are laying the foundation for a Bible-obedient, truly international church in the months ahead. **<https://gokmusa.org/>**

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TEAM MEETINGS: Team meetings are a vital part of preparing for your trip. The first team meeting will be in **January 2026** following 2nd service where the team will receive a **participant's guide, discuss fund-raising and payment schedule, share team contact information, set team meetings and learn "to-dos" to prepare for the trip** (documents needed, passports, ministry events, vaccinations, etc.) The remaining team meetings will be scheduled at that initial meeting.



MISSION TRIPS

HOW DO I APPLY?

Application and deposit due dates are posted on the website on the short-term trips page. Applications must be completely filled out online. We suggest you review all the questions ahead of time and have your answers ready prior to filling it out.

WHAT DO YOU DO ON A MISSIONS TRIP?

Each trip is different. A general overview is included online with the trip information including the name of the team leader(s). For more questions about a specific trip, please contact the team leader. Generally, we seek to serve our ministry partners around the world in the way that best meets their needs. This could involve using your God-given skills to lead training sessions or a pastors conference, encourage overseas Christians and ministry leadership, serve at a feeding center, in a school, at a clinic, or in any other way as requested. Being flexible is a part of every trip.

IS IT SAFE TO GO ON A SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP?

All international travel involves an element of risk. We are mindful of any travel advisories that might be issued. Park Chapel and our ministry partners are committed to doing everything to ensure the safety of trip participants. Our pre-trip training and meetings will include safety guidelines and trip participants are expected to adhere to these and follow the directions of trip leadership.

DO I NEED TO HAVE ANY PREVIOUS MISSIONS EXPERIENCE?

No. Some trips require specific skills or professional knowledge (such as a medical background or preaching ability). Otherwise, these trips are open to anyone who would like to apply.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ON THE MISSION TRIP TEAM?

Typically anywhere from 8 to 20 people participate on a mission trip depending on the trip parameters. A minimum of 3-4 people is required. Park Chapel's Global Outreach Team reserves the right to cancel or postpone a trip based on insufficient participation.

DO I NEED A PASSPORT?

A passport is needed for all overseas trips. Make sure you apply for your passport well in advance of the trip. Passports

typically take at least 4-6 weeks to process. Also check the expiration date on your passport (you need to renew if your passport will have less than 6 months before expiration upon return from our trip). If you need more information on passports visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

WHAT IS A VISA?

A visa is an entry document required by a foreign government in addition to your passport. Not all foreign governments require a visa. If a visa is required, your team leader will inform the team.

DO I NEED TO GET IMMUNIZATIONS OR SHOTS?

Many countries do recommend immunizations. If an immunization is required, you must have proof of that immunization to enter the country or to return to the United States. For the most up-to-date information on what is needed for the country you will visit, contact [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or a local travel clinic. Any costs not covered by your medical insurance must be covered by you. Your team leader will also provide this information.

WHAT DOES THE TRIP COST INCLUDE?

Costs include airfare, transportation in country, lodging, travel insurance, and team meals. Not included are your passport, immunizations, souvenirs, and personal expenses such as snacks or meals away from the team. We provide an estimated cost, but the total cost could vary slightly depending on the cost of airfare.

HOW DO I PAY FOR MY TRIP?

Many people are not able to completely pay for their trip. It is important to contribute as much as you can, but we also encourage you to raise support through other means. Support raising can be a unique opportunity to see God provide in ways that will strengthen the faith of those going on the trip. We provide information on support raising to help you in the process of raising financial and prayer support.

WHAT KIND OF PREPARATION IS PROVIDED?

Team preparation takes place over at least 5-6 meetings leading up to the trip. We cover topics such as support raising and team-building, prepare the programs we'll be involved in, and in general prepare to serve as a unit. Attendance is expected in order to build team unity and receive the necessary information and materials prior to your trip.