



Christ Lutheran Church

Thailand Servant Trip Application Packet

General Information

Thank you for your interest in participating with Christ Lutheran Church in a servant trip to Thailand. Please review the following important information.

Our **requirements** for someone interested in a Thailand Servant Trip are the following:

You **MUST**

1. Prepare to be culturally stretched in a variety of ways such as eating strange food and be gracious and appreciative even in culturally uncomfortable situations. FLEXIBILITY is the word to remember and practice at all times!
2. Be in good health.
3. Be at least 16 years of age.
4. Prayerfully seek God's will for going at this particular time.
5. Agree with Christ Lutheran's Mission Statement and Core Beliefs
6. Be diligent in personal preparation through prayer, study and learning practical skills which would be of benefit for a short-term servant trip.
7. Be responsible for raising your own support.
8. Participate in whatever training sessions and/or meetings as may be required.
9. Learn as much as possible about the culture before arriving. (We devote training time to this)
10. Get all immunizations and/or medications necessary and find out what is needed for personal hygiene, clothing requirements and other practical matters. (Your team leader will coach you through this).
11. Have a servant's heart by putting others before yourself.
12. Complete all necessary paperwork for your trip (including obtaining a valid passport and visa-if needed)
13. Appoint a designated "contact person" here at home during your absence who will be a point of contact for you and also handle any emergencies and/or other situations which may arise during your travel.

A **Passport** is required for any travel by air, sea or land outside of the USA (including Mexico and Canada). If you do not have a passport, it is important that you get your passport as soon as possible. You are responsible for getting your own passport.

Please complete all pages of this **Application Packet**. All information will be kept confidential. A non-refundable **Application Fee** of **\$200** is required with the application. If you are not accepted on the team, the fee will be returned to you. If accepted, the fee will go towards your trip.

Please make check payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Write "Thailand Trip" in the memo section of the check. Your Application Fee payment will be applied to your overall short term mission fees if all the requirements for the short term mission are complete.

Each person is responsible for the total **cost** of their portion to go on the trip. Help is available for **support-raising** and some team support events will be held, however this does not negate your responsibility for the cost.

Please send/email/drop off following completed forms to the below address: Application Form, Medical Consent, Request and Release along with your \$200.00 Application fee to:

Christ Lutheran Church
3830 W. Tulare Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
Attn: Noel Thompson
noel@clcvisia.org

If you have any questions regarding the Application packet or the servant trip to Thailand, please contact Noel Thompson, 732-1851.

Submission of an application does not **guarantee** acceptance. We do encourage you to pray for God's leading as you submit your application. Final approval of participation will be determined by Noel Thompson in conjunction with Carissa Judson and Carol Zarndt-Salvador.



**Christ Lutheran Church
Mission Statement and Core Values**

Christ Lutheran Church has the following Mission Statement:

Our Mission Statement: *Living the truth of Christ's radical acceptance, we are committed to bridging the gaps of our community with unconditional love and grace*

Christ Lutheran Church has the following Core Values:

As a community of faith, we...

- 1. Explore Deeply*
- 2. Embrace Diversity*
- 3. Serve Courageously*
- 4. Build Community*
- 5. Give Intentionally*
- 6. Worship Authentically*

I have read and am in agreement with the Mission Statement and Core Values of Christ Lutheran Church.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Thailand Servant Trip Informational Form

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Do you have a passport? _____

Passport # and Expiration _____

How long have you been going to CLC? If not CLC, what church do you attend?

What activities are you involved in at CLC?

Essay Questions

The Thailand Servant is a trip that stretches you in all ways. On a trip like this, you will encounter yourself out of your comfort zone physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Please provide answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. In no less than 500 words, please provide a faith statement. How did your relationship with God start? When did God become real to you? Where is your faith today?
2. In no less than 500 words, please share why you feel called to go on this trip.
3. In no less than 500 words, please share your experience in serving others. What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses?

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Thailand Servant Trip-Request and Release

I, _____ hereby request that I be allowed to participate in the CLC servant trip to Thailand in the summer of 2025 sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church, a non-profit organization.

I understand that I am exposing myself to certain dangers by participating in this short term mission including, but not limited to, the hazards of accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, the risks of political turmoil, the forces of nature and risks of negligence of the organization and its agents or employees in the exercise of reasonable care to avoid harm to participants.

In consideration of the grant of permission by Christ Lutheran Church, which I hereby request, I agree that I shall participate at my own risk and waive any right to assert any claim against Christ Lutheran Church or its agents in respect of work performed or any injury, illness or loss which I may sustain in the course of, or which arises out of, such participation in this short term servant trip. I waive any such claim, both personally and on behalf of another person or entity.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Thailand Servant Trip-Medical Consent

I, _____
First Middle Last

Do certify that the health information provided in this application is correct as described. In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize those in charge to take me to the nearest licensed physician, medical center or hospital, and to secure necessary treatment (medications, injections, anesthesia or surgery) to protect my well-being. I will be responsible for all medical costs not covered by my insurance.

Signature

Date