

NYC MISSION TRIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Who can go?

- Minimum age is 18.
- Must have taken the Intro to Missions journey class.
- Must have done at least ONE of the following:
 - taken the Commissioned for Missions elective class
 - taken another mission trip with Charter Oak Church
 - gone on a Charter Oak Church prayer walk
 - met individually with the missions manager

Why is this trip recommended for young adults?

- This trip requires physical stamina. We stay on the 5th floor of a building that does not have an elevator. We carry our luggage from the subway stop to the hostel and up the stairs. We climb the stairs several times a day. We walk all over the city and hop on and off public transportation. We walked over 10 miles one day!
- This trip is more affordable than our international trips, it is relatively close to home, and yet it offers exposure to and interaction with UPGs (unreached people groups) through cross-cultural ministry among West African Muslims. We want everyone who calls Charter Oak Church home to understand God's heart for all nations and to know what He is doing among the unreached in the US. We believe the young adult years are a pivotal time to gain a global missions perspective, and this trip offers that opportunity.
- **If you feel called to go on this trip but don't consider yourself a young adult,** please reach out for more information or come to an interest meeting!

Where will we stay?

- Our team will stay in hostel-style housing for short-term missions teams operated by the Metro New York Baptist Association. Housing is located one subway stop from Times Square. Separate dorm rooms for men and women on the 5th floor (no elevator).

How will we get around?

- We will drive to New Jersey and leave our vehicle(s) in a parking garage. We will take a train into the city and rely on walking, the subway, and buses to get around the city.

What is the cost of the trip?

- **3-night trip:** \$225-\$375

What is included in the trip cost?

- Housing in New York City
- Transportation to and from New York City
- Global Gates fee

What is NOT included in the trip cost?

- Meals, transportation in New York City, sight-seeing, souvenirs

When is money due?

- \$50 refundable deposit due at registration
- 100% due 4 weeks before departure

What is the refund policy?

- Your \$50 deposit is refundable.

How much spending money should I bring?

- **3-night trip:** \$175-\$250

How can I raise money for my trip?

- We will talk about this at the first pre-trip meeting. We encourage you to write support letters, and we will provide a sample letter.

What are senders?

- Senders are people called by God to support your trip through prayer, financial gifts, supplies, and other forms of encouragement.

What if I cannot come to the pre-trip meetings?

- The meetings are mandatory. Please talk to the missions manager or trip leader in advance about conflicts. Missing more than one pre-trip meeting may result in removal from the team without a refund.

What will I do?

- Our team will support the work of a full-time long-term missionary in sharing the gospel with West African Muslims through English instruction, sharing a meal, and prayer walking.
- We will visit a mosque and observe a Muslim prayer service.
- We will worship with West African believers on Sunday.
- We will visit local attractions as time allows, including a West African outdoor market.

What should I take?

- We will provide a packing list.
- Bring a heart submitted to the Lord, eyes open to His glory, the humble posture of a learner, and a lot of flexibility!