

WHY SHOULD I SERVE OR STUDY ABROAD?

Have you considered a global learning experience, but aren't sure if it's right for you? If you ask anybody who has done so, they'll most certainly tell you that it is a life-changing experience and one of the most rewarding things they have ever done. Perhaps you're not certain what benefits you can reap from ministering in a foreign country.

Here are some very excellent reasons why you should volunteer:

The experience will expand your world-view – In comparison with citizens of most other countries, Americans tend to be uninformed about the world beyond the nation's boundaries. Students who study abroad return home with an informed and much less biased perspective toward other cultures and peoples.

The experience will help you develop skills and give you experiences a classroom setting will never provide – Being immersed in an entirely new cultural setting is scary at first, but it's also exciting. It's an opportunity to discover new strengths and abilities, conquer new challenges, and solve new problems. As you encounter situations that are unfamiliar, you will learn to adapt and respond in effective ways.

The experience will help you to learn about yourself – Students who serve or study abroad return home with new ideas and perspectives about themselves and their own culture. The encounter often helps them to strengthen their beliefs and values, and enables students to see their own culture through new eyes.

The experience will allow you get to know another culture first-hand – Cultural differences are more than just differences in language, food, appearances, and personal habits. A person's culture reflects very deep perceptions, beliefs, and values that influence his or her way of life and the way they view the world. Students who experience cultural differences personally can come to truly understand where other cultures are coming from.



The experience will afford you the opportunity to make friends around the world – While abroad, you will meet not only natives to the culture in which you are studying, but also other international students who are as far from home as yourself.

The experience will give you the opportunity to break out of your academic routine – Serving abroad will be very much unlike what you are used to doing as a student. It's a great opportunity to break out of the monotony of the routine you follow semester after semester.

The experience will enhance employment opportunities – Did you know that only 4% of U.S. undergraduates ever study abroad? Through an employer's eyes, a student who has served or studied abroad is self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges, and able to cope with diverse problems and situations. Your experience in a foreign country, negotiating another culture, and acquiring another language will all set you apart from the majority of other job applicants.

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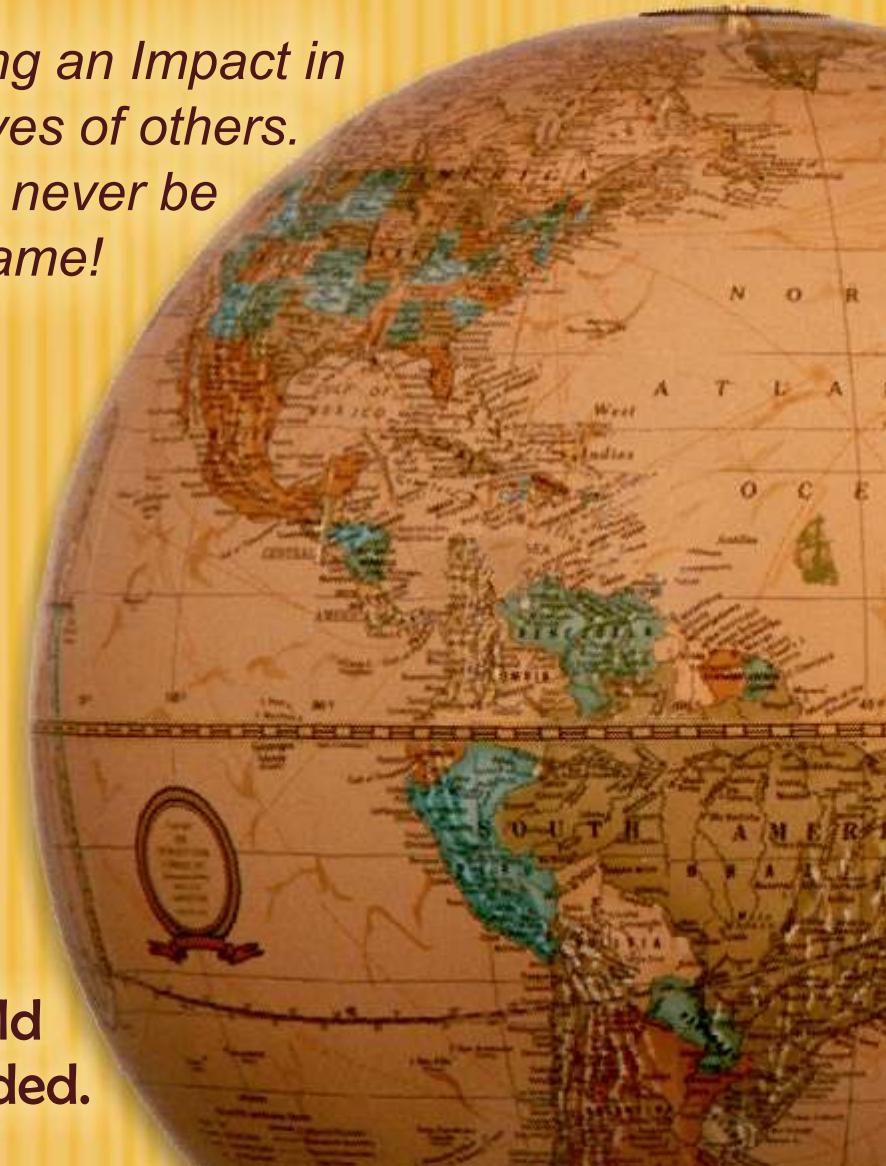
STUDY ABROAD, MISSION TRIPS, INTERNSHIPS.

*Making an Impact in
the lives of others.
You'll never be
the same!*

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!



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MISSION TRIPS

FOCUS
FLEXIBILITY

Mission Trips – are the most flexible way to experience missions first-hand and to touch the lives of those less fortunate. This program allows you to join an existing team or bring your own team according to your schedule. Mission Trips are the most common choice for experiencing missions with their flexibility in length of stay, travel dates and the open schedule.

PROGRAM LENGTH: 2 WEEKS (ADDITIONAL WEEKS CAN BE ADDED)

Standard trips are two weeks long, but can be extended by a few days to several weeks depending on your schedule and desired experience.

MINISTRY WORK: VARIOUS ACTIVITIES & FLEXIBLE HOURS

Mission Trips focus on ministry opportunities that best fit the team. Working through local churches in Ethiopia and through the BCI Academy (and elementary school), teams work on a variety of projects, like home visits, activity days, VBS, teaching English, construction, medical or dental clinics, sports programs, working at the school, tutoring, crusades, prison ministry, etc.

HOUSING & FOOD: GUEST HOUSE (SHARED ROOM)

Accommodations are in BCI Guest Houses with other team members. They are clean and comfortable with a modern toilet, running water and electricity. Teams prepare meals which are served family style.

COST OF PROGRAM: \$2,895 TO \$3,395 (INCLUDES AIRFARE)

Cost includes airfare, meals, lodging, airport pickup in Ethiopia, local transport, translators, taxes, tips. Essentially, no additional money is needed to be brought except for spending money and for ministering to the poor. Additional weeks can be added to the trip for \$133 each.

If coming from outside of the USA or if you prefer to book your own airfare, the cost is \$1,280 for a 2-week trip.

REQUIREMENTS: MINIMAL

Mission Trips are open to mature and resourceful individuals who exhibit a commitment to ministry and community participation.

Successful volunteers are those who are willing to step out of their comfort zone and be used where needed. It is essential that volunteers be flexible, open-minded, and capable of adapting to new situations.

A positive attitude, even in frustrating or difficult circumstances, is vital.

To learn more call 888-269-2719 or visit our website. More specifically, for details about our Mission Trip Program, visit:

www.BlessingTheChildren.org/forms/Mission_Trips.pdf



INTERNSHIPS

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EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

Internships – are the most effective way to change lives in an impoverished community in Ethiopia. Your contribution as an Intern makes the greatest difference in lives because you're focused on the work of the ministry.

PROGRAM LENGTH: 6 - 42 WEEKS (SEPTEMBER - JUNE)

Standard internships are 6 weeks, 15 weeks, 24 weeks, and 42 weeks, although we can customize your service as your schedule permits. It is preferred to start internships following major breaks according to the Ethiopian school calendar. The best start dates for internships are around: Sept 11, Nov 1, Jan 10, Mar 4, and May 6.

MINISTRY WORK: SCHEDULED 30-40 HOURS/WEEK.

Internships provide hands-on experience in various fields according to the type of internship. We need you for internships in:

- Teaching** - At our school, BCI Academy (core subjects, English or sports).
- Social Worker** - Working hand-in-hand with BCI Ethiopian social workers.
- Ministry Outreach** - Working in local church programs and evangelism.
- Medical** - Working in local clinics to help the sick.

Interns have set work schedules with weekends off for sightseeing and relaxation. As an intern, you will attend a class in Amharic to learn the local language and be more effective in the community.

HOUSING & FOOD: GUEST HOUSE (PRIVATE ROOM)

Accommodations are a private room in BCI Guest Houses. They are clean and comfortable with a modern toilet, running water and electricity. Missionaries prepare and eat meals together, family style.

COST OF PROGRAM: STARTING AT \$1,950 (AIRFARE OPTIONAL)

Cost includes all items listed under Mission Trips (left) except airfare. PLUS: a monthly allowance and medical insurance. Essentially, no additional money is needed except extra spending money and for ministering to the poor.

	6 weeks	15 weeks	24 weeks	42 weeks
Airfare Included	\$3,900	\$5,250	\$6,600	\$9,300
No Airfare	\$1,950	\$3,300	\$4,650	\$7,350

REQUIREMENTS: MODERATE

In addition to the requirements listed un Mission Trips, Internships are more structured and require a stronger work ethic. They must be self motivated and committed to learning and to being effective.

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STUDY ABROAD

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Study Abroad – provides the deepest exposure of experiencing a foreign culture while making an impact in the lives of the poor. This program places you into an Ethiopian home, while you attend classes and work in the ministry. It provides the richest experience, but can be challenging.

PROGRAM LENGTH: 8 TO 16 WEEKS (DEPENDING ON CLASSES)

The length of the Study Abroad Program depends on the schedule of selected classes, as does available trip dates. Classes are offered through local colleges in Debre Zeyit in a variety of subjects, such as: Language Arts, Ethiopian History, Ethiopian Culture, Bible, Education, pastoral and ministry studies, etc.

MINISTRY WORK: 3+ CLASSES & 25 SCHEDULED WORK HOURS/WEEK

The Study Abroad Program integrates a work schedule with a class schedule of three or more courses. Although you'll work less hours than an internship, the added stress of studies must be considered. Visit our website for available classes and types of ministry work as a Study Abroad participant.

HOUSING & FOOD: LIVING WITH A LOCAL HOST FAMILY

Accommodations are made for you to stay with an Ethiopian host family, ensuring the richest and deepest cultural experience. You will discover an underrated aspect of Ethiopia, its friendly and welcoming people. Even so, as you live with your host family, it can be difficult to adjust to living in a foreign culture, without many of the comforts that Ethiopians have never enjoyed. Meals provided by the host family.

COST OF PROGRAM: STARTING AT \$2,850 (AIRFARE OPTIONAL)

Cost includes all items listed under Internships (left), PLUS: registration, tuition and school fees for three classes, transport to classes, and accommodations and meals with an Ethiopian host family.

	8 weeks	12 weeks	16 weeks
Airfare Included	\$4,800	\$5,700	\$6,600
No Airfare	\$2,850	\$3,750	\$4,650

REQUIREMENTS: CURRENT ENROLLMENT OR GRADUATE

In addition to the requirements listed under Internships, Study Abroad participants are required to be enrolled at a college/university (having completed 12 or more credit hours), or if not enrolled, they must have completed an associate degree or greater.

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