

# Mission Trip Application Packet 2013-14

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- Please complete the Mission Trip Application in its entirety before submitting.
- Please read & sign the following: Financial memo of understanding, Code of Conduct, and Liability form and return with your application.
- Include a copy of your passport.
- Attach a small photo of yourself if you do not have a passport.

(If no passport, you will order one upon acceptance letter)

All applications are viewed by Mariah Akridge, Board Member of RWG. Please hand deliver or mail the applications to Casondra in a **sealed** envelope. You will be contacted by Mariah for follow up questions and orientation dates.

**Casondra Leann Radford**  
**REDEEM with God**  
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If you have any questions please e-mail us at [Casondra.Radford@RedeemwithGod.org](mailto:Casondra.Radford@RedeemwithGod.org)

**Basic Volunteer Requirements:**

**I understand and agree to the following principles:**

- 1. Be at least 18 years of age six months prior to trip date.
- 2. Be active in a local church for at least 3 years prior to trip date.
- 3. Have served the community in some capacity within the last 3 years.
- 2. Attend 12 hours of orientation and complete all preparatory work.
- 3. Will adhere to all **deadlines, including financial deadlines** regardless of whether I pay individually the cost of the mission trip or raise financial support to cover the cost.
- 4. Passport, yellow fever vaccination, and malaria medication costs are incurred by the team member and their financial responsibility.

I have read and agree to the above policies, rules, and terms.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

# 2014 Mission Trip Application

**Dates:** First two weeks of June 2014

(Flexibility depended upon cheaper flights for certain days)

*The following application is extremely long and evasive due to the circumstances of the children and adults we will be interacting with in Kenya. Your answers will be kept confidential and will in no shape or form be used in judgment towards you. Often when serving overseas, our past comes up, so it is important to be freed from your past so that you are able to confidently work with children who are abused, neglected, orphaned, impoverished, uneducated, addicted to drugs/alcohol/sex, and many who are in prostitution.*

## **Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ CPR/First Aid Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date/Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_+\_\_\_\_\_

**Name as it appears on your passport:** \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female  Single  Married: Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***In case of emergency, please notify:***

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

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

Telephone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Medical History:**

a. General Health: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Limitations/Accommodations Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to improve your physical health? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Medicines taken and purpose:

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d. Allergies (food, drugs, other): \_\_\_\_\_

Medications used to treat allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Medical treatment received in the past year:

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f. Have you had or been exposed to any contagious disease in the past six months?

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Physician Information:**

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information:**

Insurance issued in the name of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_ Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Character References/ Ministry Info:**

Are you willing to be led by authority of leaders? Yes No

Please list three character references from different areas of your life. These references will be contacted by Mariah Akridge.

Name	Phone/Email	Walk of Life
_____	_____	<u>Co worker/School Authority</u>
_____	_____	<u>Ministry Leader</u>
_____	_____	<u>Spouse/Parent/Guardian</u>

**Involvement:**

What is the name of your church? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been baptized or fellowshiped in to that church? Yes No

Are you apart of Sunday school? Yes No If Yes, who is your teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

How are you invested in the life of your church/community?

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Please indicate any special skills, talents, or Christian service experience that you feel may be helpful on this mission trip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any previous outreach experience (add additional pages if necessary):

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Explain what it means to be a Christian to someone you just met.

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What is the purpose of baptism?

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How do you know Jesus as your Savior?

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How is your relationship with Christ being developed?

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What is the most difficult experience you have ever faced in life and how did you get through it?

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What is the purpose of missions?

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Share a recent experience of how you look for opportunities to tell others about Christ?

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**Testimony:**

Please share how you came to know the Lord.(use the additional space on the back if necessary):

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What do you believe is the most significant thing the Lord is doing in your life right now?

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Briefly explain what you hope to see the Lord do in and through you in Kenya.

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How do you know you're called to participate in this missions' opportunity?

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What do you know about prayer? Tell me about your prayer life.

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How comfortable are you with praying aloud?

(If you are not comfortable, it is okay. We just need to know so you are not called on in Kenya to pray)

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How do you worship God? Explain your relationship with God outside of church.

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How do you handle conflict? What are your buttons and how do you respond when they are pushed?

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Have you been involved in voluntary sexual relationships outside of marriage? Yes No

Have you been dependent upon alcohol/drugs/tobacco products? Yes No

Have you had arrests other than minor traffic violations? Yes No

Have you been involved in pornography/prostitution? Yes No

Have you had an eating disorder? Yes No

Is there anything you have been involved in that could hinder your witness? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the above questions please explain how you are striving to a lifestyle of holiness now?

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How can your repentance of your past aid you in working with youth who may have similar pasts?

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*The following question may feel extremely uncomfortable for you but must be answered accurately due to the condition of the girls and boys we will be working with.*

Have you ever been emotionally, verbally, physically, sexually abused or neglected? Yes No

If yes, how have you experienced redemption in these areas of your life?

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How do you feel that your "terror" story can be useful in working with abused or girls at risk of abuse?

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## Salvation is about a Loving Relationship

We believe God loves you and has a plan for your life.

(See John 3:16 and John 10:10)

We believe man separates himself from God through choices that are contrary to Him.

(See Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23)

We believe Jesus is the only way you can truly know God and experience His love and plan for your life. (See 1 Peter 3:18 and John 14:6)

We believe it is through faith that we enter into relationship with Jesus.

(See John 1:12, Ephesians 2:8-9 and Revelations 3:20)

We believe that when we enter into relationships with Jesus we are promised an eternal life with Him. (See 1 John 5:11-13)

We believe that once we enter into a relationship with Jesus He will never leave our side.

(Hebrews 13:5)

Do you affirm the statement of beliefs? Yes No

If no, why not?

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If married, are you and your spouse in unity in relation to your plans to participate? Yes No

Signature of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ASSESSMENTS:

*In order for us to place you well on this team, we need to know your spiritual gifts and love language. These tests are online. If you are unable to access them, please inform us so we can print them off for you to take.*

What are your spiritual gifts? (<http://www.kodachrome.org/spiritgift/>)

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What is your love language? (<http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/>)

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### **Team Member Code of Conduct and Commitment**

While on this trip, I will support the mission statement of REDEEM: ... *encouraging and empowering moments with God.*

1. I will pray for the team leaders and give them my undivided support. I will follow them without criticism or delay. A spirit of unity, care and concern for my teammates, and gentleness will guide my thoughts and actions throughout this event
2. I will adhere to any dress code established for the event at all times. I understand that dress codes vary widely depending on the local culture and what is considered appropriate attire.
3. I will not leave the team or the vicinity of our work unless directed or allowed to do so by team leaders.
4. I agree to reflect the light of God and avoid even the appearance of inappropriate behavior.
5. I will not participate in activities or visit any establishment or place which may be seen by others as inconsistent with a Christian lifestyle.
6. I will not use profanity at any time or play music/movies out loud which has profanity.
7. I understand that I cannot smoke or consume tobacco products at any time .
8. I will not possess or consume alcoholic beverages or assist others in doing so.
9. I will not possess, use, or distribute any drug or substance for which possession or distribution is unlawful either in my state or at our destination.
10. I will abide by any additional guidelines which may be deemed necessary by the team leaders during the event.

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Printed Name

Signature

Date

# Liability Release Form

Release of all Claims (The Following Form must be Notarized)

*Mariah Akridge will notarize this form for you as a board member of RWG.*

In consideration for being accepted by REDEEM with God, I do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless REDEEM with God and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned that occur while participating in the above described trip or activity.

Furthermore, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein. Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said organization, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said organization as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

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Type or print name of participant

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Signature of Participant

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Date

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Type or print name of witness

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Signature of Witness

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Date

# God's Pattern of Provision: Financial Support

## Understanding the Biblical Precedent for Support Development:

So, you want to go on a mission trip, but you need to raise all or some of the money you need to be able to go? You are in the good company of people like the Apostle Paul, who needed the support of the Church to carry out his ministry.

You may have many questions and even some fears. As you read and follow the steps outlined, below, trust in the Holy Spirit to guide and help you, you will be greatly encouraged. The following article provides the biblical rationale behind the practice of raising support. Once you have an understanding of that, you'll be better able to raise support with boldness and confidence. In this process you will see the faithfulness of God Who provides for the work that He calls us to do.

## Developing a Vision:

Raising support is not about raising money; it's about sharing a vision. It's about sharing the excitement of God's call and the opportunity He has set before you; and it's about giving others a chance to participate in God's plan to reach the nations.

The basic principle you need to understand is that people are giving to the Lord (His work) and not to you personally. You need to have a sense of purpose when you ask—and there is no greater purpose than God's will or His work. Do you have a vision or idea of how the Lord may use you? God desires for all to enter His Kingdom and for every person to have a chance to hear about His mercy and forgiveness. If you help lead one person one step closer to Christ on this trip, then you are doing the greatest work on earth.

## Support Raising is Biblical:

Throughout Scripture we find that God expects His people to support those involved in full-time service. He instituted a tithe as the means to support the Levites (Num. 18:24, Neh. 13:10-13). And throughout the history of Israel, God promised to bless those who invest in this work (Pro. 3:9-10, Mal. 3:10).

Paul said emphatically to the Corinthians, —*The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel* (1 Cor. 9:14). And John wrote to Gaius saying that it was a good thing to support missionaries because, —*it is for the sake of the Name that they go out, receiving no help from the pagans* (3 John 5-8).

At times, especially at turning points in his ministry, Paul explicitly asked other Christians and churches for financial support. *When I go to Spain...I hope to have you assist me on my journey* (Rom. 15:24). The original language here confirms that Paul was asking for monetary assistance.

Jesus had financial supporters. As a carpenter, Jesus could have funded his ministry by building furniture or repairing carts and tables. As Jesus went out ministering, He relied on people such as Mary, Martha and Lazarus who helped —*support Him out of their own means* (Luke 8:3).

Jesus gave specific directions to His disciples which forced them to depend on others for their needs. They were to accept gifts from others, as Jesus said, *...eating and drinking whatever they give to you; for the worker deserves his wages* (Luke 10:4-7). A laborer in God's Kingdom is truly worthy of being paid for his service. The workers in the early church lived on a system of support similar to what God had established for the Levites.

In 1 Corinthians 9:14, the Apostle Paul writes, —*In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel*. He explains that God set up a system of financial support for His workers. He also writes that even though he had the right to be supported by the Corinthians, he chose to make tents. This was an exception, however, to Paul's usual method of ministry.

### **Including Others in the Mission:**

Romans 10:14-15 speaks of the need for us to go and preach so that others might be saved. Verse 15 specifically asks "*And how can they preach unless they are sent?*" Have you considered that your trip, and the act of praying for and supporting you financially, may be the way someone else can fulfill part of God's call on their lives? Your trip may be the only mission trip they ever "go on" personally. By including others in your mission, you are giving them the opportunity to prayerfully consider how God would have them follow Him. Sending you may be the way that someone else can be obedient to what God is asking them to do.

### **Living by Faith Today:**

All Christians need to live by faith (2 Cor. 5:7, Heb. 11:6), regardless of how they receive their finances. The bottom line is that you need to be willing to do whatever it is the Lord asks you to do. Raising support is a matter of obedience to God's word and calling, not of following your feelings. If God calls you to **go on** this mission, then He will provide everything you need to fulfill your ministry, including emotional strength and perseverance. (1 Thess. 5:24).

**FINANCIAL MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING:**

1. Financial donations made to **REDEEM with God** accounts are not mine — they belong to God and have been given in order to accomplish the mission’s work of the organization.
2. If, for some reason, I do not ultimately participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I am responsible for any fees incurred as a result of my cancellation.
3. If I do not raise enough money to pay for my trip, I may not be able to go. Any money raised will be applied to current trip or materials needed.
4. If I raise an amount of money that exceeds my needs and checks have been written to REDEEM With God, remaining money will be dispersed to other team members in need or used by REDEEM with God for ongoing projects.
5. If, for some reason, I do not participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I understand that the monies donated to my trip *may not be refunded to me or to the donors* due to the non-profit status of **REDEEM with God**.
6. In order to comply with the IRS, all checks for support of my trip must be made out to **REDEEM with God**. Donors should *write my name and the trip name in the memo* line of their check.

I have read the above and agree to the above policies, rules, and terms.

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Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

## Sample Support Letter

It is very important for you to get your family, friends, business associates, health care providers and community to support you on this International Journey. It is not easy being miles and miles away from the comforts of this world, so you will need people to commit to pray for you as you are doing God's work. Please submit a sample support letter along with your application to be edited so you can send to everyone on your list. Just think. If 10 people agreed to support your trip monthly at \$50 from August until January, you would only need to pay the remaining \$500. It's very possible to get people on board when they see the passion for what you are embarking to do.

Step 1: Invite your support team to FBC Nicholasville on Sunday July 28 at 4pm so they can hear all about the Journey To Kenya.

Dear **(Name of Recipient)**,

Since 2010 a beautiful orphan girl named Sophy has learned basic skills to care for herself. She now loves herself and is learning to love others. She is learning to be a better student and believe that the sky is the limit for her. Sophy is just one orphan in Kenya who has been impacted by the work of REDEEM With God. There are so many more who are in need of loving care and a hand up in society. After prayerful consideration, I have decided to take this journey to Kenya in June of 2014 to build relationships with girls and boys like Sophy. Through liberation of the arts we will Repurchase Every Daughter by Encouraging and Empowering Moments With God.

On this two week mission we will :

1. Dive into culture by living with the Kenyan Intreach Team, eating traditional Kenyan cuisines, learning Kiswahili, and building relationships through home visits, meals, tea time and worship services .
2. Teach self-worth and identity through an arts camp to girls, bonding for boys, and training for adults who have been victims of abuse, early marriages, poverty, and immediate family death.
3. Our emphasis will not be placed on "numbers" but on discipleship.

**Share your own reasons for going in this paragraph and what skills you hope to teach while there.**

(I.E. As a young girl - eight years of age to be exact - I fell in love with dance of all kinds; from ballet to jazz, dance no matter the form has been a passion of mine. As I continued to grow as a person and as a child of God, dance became not only an outlet for me but a way to worship! I, also have always had a heart for missions. Reaching out to people and showing them Gods love is something that is so exciting to me, and something that God commands us to do as Christians. I know that this trip is something God has called me to do! He is taking two things that I have a heart, desire, and passion for, and combined them into one! I know that when God placed Casondra Radford in my life twenty-one years ago it was no accident, but in plans that he would use both of us for His glory. You have made an impact on my life and have been a support system for me. I hope that you will continue to support me in this, and that through your support I will be able to impact others the way you have impacted me.)

The total cost of this mission to Kenya will be \$3,500. This will cover food, housing, domestic and international flights, local transportation, training and program for the community. This amount is due by January 1, 2014. Please make checks payable to "REDEEM With God" and place my name in the for section.

Thank you for your willingness to partner alongside REDEEM With God. Help us offer liberation to the daughters and sons of Kenya!

Sincerely,

**Your Name**

## Fundraising Ideas

Raising funds for a mission trip is a piece of cake but you must remember that cake comes with mixing the right ingredients and having patience while it bakes and cools. People won't just hand you money. In fact, some will not even understand the purpose of such a journey. It is important for you to build relationships with people so they come to know your heart and passion. The following is a list of possible ways to raise the money you need for this trip. It is also important to remember that you can't ask others to do something you aren't doing yourself. Going on a mission trip requires sacrifice. Think of ways you can cut back and save towards your trip.

1. Tea Party – Invite close friends and family over for an intimate tea or dessert party. While fellowshiping share a promotional video of the trip if you'd like, then discuss the upcoming trip and your role on the team. Then you must not be afraid to ask. Simply say, "The cost of this trip is \$3,500. You have always been supportive in the past. Can I put you down for \$100?" If you had 10 friends over and each supported with \$100, you would have a third of the cost. Then if each friend hosted a tea party at their house for you with 10 of their friends, money would really roll in. It's all about asking! Remember, if you get more than what you need, you can always pour back into the organization. We want to make lasting relationships with our supporters.

2. Pasta Dinner – Host a large event where a meal is prepared for all the guests. These guests will be informed prior to the dinner that it is a Benefit Meal. All proceeds will go towards your journey to Kenya. You can always charge per plate or you can take up donations. Be sure you show a promotional video and discuss your role on this journey.

3. Car Wash – This is the most common fundraiser. There are many places who would willingly let you set up for cars to come by to support your cause. More money would be collected if you accept donations instead of setting a price. You can also pass out brochures at the carwash or support letters so people can send in more donations in your name.

4. Yard Sale – People love yard sales. Now this is how it differs. For all those friends who say, "I'll help you out." Call them. Ask them to go through their homes and bring you items that can be sold in your yard sale. Get your neighbors involved. Ask people to donate. All the profit will go towards your trip. You can also share with those who come about what you are doing in Kenya. They will be happy to write checks for more.

There are many more ideas. This is just to get you started. Make a list of 30 people you want to send support letters to. Then make a list of at least 5 fundraisers you would like to do to raise money for your trip cost and the organization. This is for you. It does not need to be turned in to us. Set dates for your fundraisers and begin making fliers. We are happy to assist you in this process.