

# INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES

*Beyond the Map*

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## Application – Ministry Trip

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How excited and thankful we are that you are considering the opportunity of ministering with us in our conference you are an answer to our prayers before the Lord for this upcoming ministry time. God bless you for your willingness to serve Him, and to serve our Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. Your travel with us will be exciting, challenging, and rewarding. I request that you would prepare your heart before the Lord for this time of ministry.

**The Cost:** \$3,850.00 will cover the cost of your travel, and in country expenses, along with assisting our indigenous Brothers to be able to attend the conference. Without this assistance, for them to be able to travel and attend is beyond their resources to do so. **Please note that due to security concerns, travel dates and pricing may change at any time.**

**The Application:** Please print clearly and answer all questions as completely as possible. Please email it back to our office at [info@IndigenousMinistries.org](mailto:info@IndigenousMinistries.org) or mail it to the above address. \$1,500 is due with the submission of your application two months in advance of the departure date. The balance of \$2,350 is due in full no later than two weeks prior to departure.

**Something Fun:** At the end of our conferences, we always take two days to see sights that many who travel as tourists visit. Those who have traveled with us personally say each trip is an extra treat and well worth it to see one of The Seven Wonders of the World.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country and Dates of Trip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

\_\_\_\_\_ o Male o Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (check one) \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Divorced

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations? If "yes" please be specific.

Do you have a current passport? \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If your passport expires 6 months after this trip, it is not valid for this trip - you will need to apply for an updated one. This is very important!**

Current Visas & No. \_\_\_\_\_ Visa Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please copy your passport front page and visa page when you receive it and scan it and email it to Penny Latham at Indigenous Ministries her email address is penny@indigenousministries.org.

This is used for our in country personnel for our registrations with local officials and for booking the airline ticket. Visas need for travel will be handled by Indigenous Ministries.

What is the nearest international airport to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Church Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, your position on staff \_\_\_\_\_

I attend regularly (Yes/No) I am a member (Yes/No)

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Disregard if you are a Pastor)

Mission's Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEDICAL & DIET:**

The safety and health of our Indigenous Ministries teams are a primary focus and concern. We have doctors who can give medical aid in the places we minister, but when we are on the road or in the air, please know it will take more time to get medical help. Your complete information on your personal medical situation will make the administration of emergency medical aid much easier and more effective. In addition, please fill out the Emergency Contact Information Sheet.

1. Is there any reason why you might be physically or mentally challenged to travel and minister on this trip?
2. Have you ever on any previous overseas trip experienced any medical complications? If so please explain fully.
3. Please list any and all health, medical, or dietary restrictions.
4. What is your blood type?
5. Please list any and all allergies including food and medicines, animals and insects.
6. You will be eating both American food and food from the country you are traveling to. The food may be spicy. Are you ok with this?

We strongly recommend that everyone bring snacks (nuts, dried fruits, granola, and candy in small zip lock bags) that are readily accessible each day (say, in a small backpack) because of delays in meal times and drop in blood sugar levels especially in hot and uncomfortable conditions. Bottled water or sodas are easily available.

7. List any medications you are on, the purpose of the medication and the dosage. (be sure to bring the medications you will require on this trip with you)
8. Date of last Tetanus Shot:
9. Are you trained or certified to administer any medical assistance?
10. Have you made complete arrangements for getting all your shots for this trip?

## **NON MEDICAL: (Please List on a Separate Piece of Paper)**

- Please state your purpose for going on this mission trip.
- How do you handle stress and new situations?
- Please write your testimony and briefly describe your spiritual journey since then.
- Your message notes will be translated as handouts this is mandatory. As a speaker we require that you provide handout notes for your messages. These will be translated into the local language.

Please email your notes to [info@indigenousministries.org](mailto:info@indigenousministries.org) 2 months in advance of your departure date.

- Relationship building is a challenging part of team experience. You represent the Lord, Indigenous Ministries, your church and the overseas ministry team. Do you agree that you are a part of an Indigenous Ministries ministry team and as such will conduct yourself to honor first the Lord Jesus Christ, and then the boundaries that are a part of this ministry which include cultural and ministry codes of conduct?  Yes  No Explain:

**Regarding funds:** Indigenous Ministries will report to you the amount of each gift given through Indigenous Ministries to your trip (each check must have a note attached stating it is for your trip). If you have any questions, please contact Indigenous Ministries for details. Individuals may contribute to Indigenous Ministries directly or through your church, and your church can cut Indigenous Ministries a check. Please inform Indigenous Ministries if you need a letter of invitation for your church board.

**Purpose:** Indigenous Ministries seeks to fulfill the specific purpose of working with nationals to encourage, train, and lift them up in their own ministries so that many will be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are privileged to minister alongside some of God’s choicest servants overseas. Indigenous Ministries works in on-going long-term ministry with a number of mission fields – in other words, this may be short term for you, but is not for Indigenous Ministries. We are very conscious of how our ministry time will be a blessing and not a burden to the nationals.

**The “footprint” we seek to leave** is spiritual and although Indigenous Ministries does financially support nationals on various levels, the *ultimate* goal is to bring them to a point of self-support. We encourage the focus to be a dependency on the Lord, not encouraging a growing dependency on Western funds. This, however, can very easily happen with the direct exchange of your personal contact information. For you it may be to just “stay in touch” later, for others it may easily be a stumbling stone and a way to appeal for funds later. For this reason, Indigenous Ministries requests that you do not leave this information with anyone on the mission field. If you want to keep in touch, please do so through Indigenous Ministries offices.

**Getting involved beyond the trip:** You will be heart-challenged with the warmth of the people you meet and great needs you encounter, and we know the Lord uses these times to stir hearts to help. This is a great joy to be a part of! If you feel the Lord leading you to financially support a pastor, church, Bible College student, or a child in the Children’s Home during or after this ministry time, we do encourage you to get involved. We ask that you respect Indigenous Ministries policy of channeling these funds through our US office. This applies to the time you are on the field and when you return to the US. Please contact John Cook for any questions.

**Please read and complete the signature below showing that you are in agreement:**

- I understand that I am a part of an Indigenous Ministries International team and as such will conduct myself in a way as to honor the boundaries that are part of this ministry, including unique cultural differences.
- Everything I do reflect of the Lord Jesus Christ, this team, and Indigenous Ministries. I agree not to distribute my personal contact info except through Indigenous Ministries US office to anyone I am ministering to overseas.
- I further agree that any money I or the church(es) I represent wish to give to the overseas field office will go through Indigenous Ministries USA office with John Cook's prior full knowledge and approval.
- Furthermore, I release Indigenous Ministries and its officers of any liability with regards to this trip.

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH FOR APPLICATION:**

By signing below I agree that I have filled out this application accurately and to the best of my ability have not mis-represented myself or others.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have volunteered to participate in traveling on this trip with Indigenous Ministries International. I hereby agree to accept any and all risk of injury and verify this statement by placing my signature below. I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of Indigenous Ministries International, its directors, officers, agents, employees, or volunteers. This release is intended to be broad in its effect.

**MEDICAL PERMISSION:** I authorize Indigenous Ministries International staff members, US or Indigenous, to obtain medical treatment for me in the event of injury or illness and agree to pay any expenses incurred for treatment.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE:** I agree to purchase international medical traveler's insurance for this trip in addition to any domestic US insurance policy I may be covered by (Please contact Indigenous Ministries' office for information).

**TRIP INSURANCE:** I agree to purchase international trip Insurance to protect my investment on this trip. I understand if I elect not to purchase Trip Insurance I am responsible for additional expenses incurred by travel situations (i.e., flights cancelled, delays, weather, health issues, political situations) beyond Indigenous Ministries' control. These may include but not limited to fees to re-book airline tickets, hotel rooms, food, etc.

**FINANCIAL:** By signing below, I understand that my airline tickets will be non-refundable 45 days from departure date. For any additions or changes to my airline tickets initiated by myself I am responsible for these additional fees and fare changes plus a \$50 administrative fee. Once the ticket is purchased it is non-fundable and I am responsible for this amount.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If I cancel this trip less than 45 days from departure, Indigenous Ministries will refund the balance less an administrative fee of \$500.

If I cancel the trip prior to 30 days from departure, Indigenous Ministries will refund the balance less an administrative fee of \$200.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** All applications are reviewed by Indigenous Ministries director and board and are subject to approval. Indigenous Ministries is a tax deductible 501(c)(3). All checks should be made out to Indigenous Ministries.

**Confidentiality:** *All information given on this form is held in confidence and will not be shared with any individual or organization outside Indigenous Ministries International.*

**Sign and Date:** If you email this form, by typing your name below you agree that this is your signature.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**How may we help? If you have questions or need assistance with this form, please do not hesitate to contact Penny Latham, your travel coordinator for this trip, her email address is penny@IndigenousMinistries.org. Thank you for your help in making this a productive and fruitful trip for the Lord. You are already in our prayers and we look forward to serving together with you!**

John Cook  
CEO