



Contact Details

Applicant's Full Name	
D.O.B	
Address	
Home Telephone	
Mobile Number	
E-mail address	

A missions trip is not a holiday or a humanitarian trip. It is part of Jesus's great commission to us in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. It is true that there are aspects of missions work which are clearly humanitarian and a sense of 'holiday' might be felt at some points due to visiting another country and experiencing a different culture. However, it is important to understand what the purpose of short-term missions is. Each short-term missions team will look different and do different things but the overriding purpose will be to support and sow into a long term project/ministry which is already established. Our trips to Romania are to support the work of Outstretched Hands, a ministry based in Calarasi in Southern Romania.

Please complete the questionnaire below before filling in the application form. This will help us know how to support you and where you are at in your spiritual journey. If you are answering 'no' to a number of these questions you might want to discuss these with your life group leader or a trusted Christian friend. It may be that you don't understand the questions or that you are just not ready to be part of a short-term missions team yet.

Have you given your life to Christ/become a Christian? **yes / no**

Would you say that you are actively following Christ and seeking to put Him first in your life? **yes / no**

Have you been baptised in water? **yes / no**

Have you been baptised with the Holy Spirit? **yes / no**

Have you ever been disciplined? **yes / no**

Are you actively involved in church life? **yes / no**

Are you willing to pray with people and for people? **yes / no**

Are you willing to work as part of a team? **yes / no**

Are you willing to share your faith with others? **yes / no**

Are you willing to step out of your comfort zone and try something new? E.g. share a testimony, get involved with children's work, etc. **yes / no**

Are you willing to prioritise the two mandatory training days, keeping the whole day on **Saturday 4th November 2017** and **Saturday 3rd February 2018** free in order to attend? **yes / no**

Faith

Briefly describe your salvation experience

Which Church do you regularly worship at? _____

Briefly outline your involvement in the life of that Church (home groups/areas of ministry etc)

Church Reference

Please give details of a person within your Church who **we** will contact to provide a reference for you e.g. a life group leader, Youth Leader, Ministry Leader etc.

Name _____

Contact Number _____

E-mail Address _____

NB: We expect your referee to be someone who has known you for a minimum of one year (but we will consider an alternative person in exceptional circumstances)

Mission Team Details

The date of the trip will be **Tuesday 3rd April to Thursday 12th April 2018**

As part of the team you will be asked to lead or assist in one of the following areas, although as a team it is likely that we will all be involved in these areas to some extent. Please indicate the areas you would potentially like to take a lead or assist in.

- Prayer & Worship
- Bible Teaching
- Youth work and/or children's work (It is likely that these will overlap at some point)
- Creative Ministries (e.g. drama, dance, arts and crafts, etc.)
- Mercy Ministry (e.g. healthcare, construction, agriculture, etc.)
- Administration
- Team welfare

The Romania Mission Team will meet regularly to make preparations. **You will need to prioritise the attendance of the two training days:** the first being booked for **Saturday 4th Nov 2017** and the second training day being on **Saturday 3rd February 2018**. **Both training days are a requirement of all team members so please put them in your diary straight away! The training days will take place at Skylark Church.** You will also be required to attend some Sunday lunch-time team meetings (or meetings at another time agreed by team members) from when the team is first announced and also to attend workshops/planning meetings relating to your ministry area from January onwards. These will be organised in agreement with each team member. Although it is an extra time commitment, it is beneficial in preparing us as a team and individuals and we will endeavour to make these as manageable as possible

as far as time commitment is concerned. It is also important that we spend time getting to know one another as a team.

In addition to this application form you will be required to complete a **confidential** medical questionnaire declaring all medical conditions that you suffer from and current medication that you are taking.

It is essential that your passport has at least 6 months from the date of mission before it expires. Please indicate the date that your passport expires below

If you are under the age of 18, and not travelling with a parent or guardian, your parent or legal guardian will be required to complete a form in addition to this giving his/her consent for you to be a part of this team.

Finance

The estimated cost of the mission is approximately £550 - £600 per person. This includes training, flights, living, training days and other expenses, which will be given in detail on acceptance to the team. However, cost may vary depending on flight prices at the time of booking (including flight fares). If you book early the trip cost will be cheaper than quoted due to the cost of the flight.

(The deposit will cover the cost of training resources and refreshments during training days. It also helps towards some of the cost of basic consumable resources, which are needed by each team in Romania)

It is your responsibility to book your flight. Once you have been accepted onto the team, you will be sent an email with the BA flight number, date and time so that we are all booked onto the same flight. This is a cheaper option for individuals rather than doing a group booking. However, it is strongly suggested that you book the flight as soon as is possible to guarantee availability and price.

As a member of the team you are responsible for this cost and any funds raised by the team prior to the trip will be in order to facilitate the work we do in Romania and **not** our individual costs.

It is highly recommended that you begin fund raising for the trip both for your personal expenses and towards the team project as soon as possible.

NB. Members of the team are not permitted to make independent travel arrangements and must travel as part of the Missions Group.

Please indicate how you intend to finance this trip

Personal finance Raise funds through sponsored event Other

Travel Insurance

It is strongly advisable to purchase travel insurance. If you choose not to arrange travel insurance you will be responsible for any additional costs that you face as a result of this.

Those under 18 years of age travelling without a parent or guardian will be required to show proof of travel insurance before leaving the UK.

Please note that as a church (Skylark Church) we reserve the right to remove you from the team if we feel that your conduct or behaviour puts the team at risk or is morally and spiritually questionable. This includes failure to attend both or either of the mandatory training days.

We need to have a high standard of financial accountability for the funds God provides us. So, we would like to inform you in advance that all money you give or invest from 4wks before the 1st training day is entirely non-refundable.

Child Protection

As a church we take the welfare of children in our care very seriously, this includes children both in Skylark Church and those which we may be involved in caring for in other situations such as a missions abroad. It is absolutely vital that you have had an up to date DBS check (used to be called CRB). If you have not had one of these checks at Skylark since they have changed, please inform Tracy Bishop so that the process can be started ASAP. Please do not leave this until a few weeks before the trip as it requires a fair amount of paperwork to be processed. The check must be one that has been done through Skylark, not through another organisation such as your workplace or if you are a member of another church.

All team members must provide proof of an up to date DBS check.

Declaration

By signing this form, you are confirming that the information provided in this form is completely accurate and that you will comply with the conditions for remaining a part of this team as directed by Skylark Church.

Because you may be part of a team, we would like to inform you now that information about team activities and team members should be handled with due care and attention when dealing with any information sharing platforms such as Twitter and Facebook. All information about the team which is made public on any of these sites must first have the approval of the team leader who will in turn be accountable to the Skylark leadership team.

All applicants will receive an e-mail confirming your place on the team.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Parental consent form (for those under 18 years of age)

Applicants Details

Name _____

D.O.B _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardians Details

Name _____

Address _____

Tel Number _____

Mob Number _____

E-mail _____

I _____ confirm that I give my consent for

_____ to be a part of the Romania Mission Team.

I give my consent for them to travel abroad with the team and be housed, alongside at least one other team member in local accommodation including host homes.

I understand that my son/daughter is responsible for financing this trip.

I further consent that in the case of an emergency, the team leader or team nurse is able to agree to any medical treatment needed by my son/daughter.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Please send completed application form with a £25 deposit to:
A. Blackwood-Barnes, 3, Rowhedge, Brentwood, Essex. CM13 2TS or
alternatively send to **Skylark Church, 4 Hanbury Road, Chelmsford, CM1
3AE.**

(Cheques made payable to A. Blackwood-Barnes)