

# Now What?

*(I Want To Go On A Missions Trip.)*



1. Pray. Ask the Lord to confirm the desire in your heart.
2. Discuss the idea with your parents, spouse, close friends, or spiritual advisors.
3. Ask your pastor for his/her blessing, referral, and recommendation.
4. Find an organization that provides outreach team opportunities.
5. If you do not already have a passport, apply for one as soon as possible. It may take up to six weeks to receive a passport after your application is submitted.
  - Obtain a certified copy of your birth certificate.
  - Obtain two (2) passport photos. (Walgreen's, CVS, FedEx/Kinko's, etc.)
  - Go to the County Courthouse or Passport Acceptance Facility. (Most Post Offices process passports. Some have equipment for taking passport photos, too.)
  - Pay the \$110 Application Fee with Money Order or Personal Check.
  - Pay the \$25 Execution Fee with Money Order, Personal Check, or Cash. Some facilities may accept credit cards for payment of this fee.
  - Pay the cost to mail the packet of application materials. Consider sending the packet by Certified Mail for tracking purposes.
  - If you already have a passport, check the expiration date. If it expires less than six (6) months after the end of your projected trip dates, get a new passport.
6. Make application with the organization with which you would like to participate.
7. Wait to be approved by the organization before you begin fundraising or announcing plans for your trip.
8. If you need to raise additional funds to defray trip costs, send letters to family and friends. Consider asking your employer for assistance.
  - Check with the organization you will be working with to see if they will process contributions on your behalf or if contributions should be payable to your church.
  - Be certain to specify the name of the organization or church to appear as the payee on their contributions.
  - Include a return envelope in your request. The envelope may be addressed to you, the organization, or the church.
9. If you will be participating with a local group (youth group, church group, etc.), begin meeting together for worship, prayer, devotions and instructions. Work to become a team that values the strengths and understands the weaknesses of each member.
10. Get ready to go. Plan to love God, work hard, serve others, and have fun!