

Dear Prospective South Asia Volunteer,

Thank you for your love for missions and sharing God's love with those around the world. God is at work all around the world and our field personnel are reporting many people coming to know Christ as Savior. But we still have Christ's mandate to share the gospel with everyone everywhere and the task is huge. There are more than 1.29 billion unreached people living in South Asia. Will you go to South Asia to share the love of Christ with those who don't know Him yet?

This packet is designed to assist you in making plans for your journey. Here is a checklist of several things you need to do:

- PRAY for God's will in your life and the preparation process.
- If you do not have a passport, begin the application process at your post office. You will need to take your passport with you wherever you go. If your passport expires within six months of your return, you will need to renew it prior to leaving. Applications can be obtained from the internet at [http://travel.state.gov/passport\\_services.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html).
- Prepare financially for a cost of approximately \$2700 which includes airfare, insurance, departure taxes, visa, lodging, meals and transportation. You must send in the enclosed MTS form to the travel agency as soon as possible. **Early Enrollment is essential and does not cost any money.** Upon receipt of your form, MTS will respond with additional information such as pricing, payment schedule, itinerary, etc. **The latest enrollment date is 97 days prior to departure.** The total cost is to be paid at least **67 days** before departure. You will be responsible for taking the money for your incountry expenses with you.
- Complete the enclosed **Volunteer Information Form (VIF) and Medical Information Form** and return them to the Missions Mobilization Group, 190 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210-8254 along with a one-page copy of your **personal testimony**. Tell your story following the guidelines outlined in the information form. The form may also be downloaded from [www.scbaptist.org/missions](http://www.scbaptist.org/missions). It is important that we receive these early and in usable form. Forms must be received in my office **at least 60 days** before your departure date. **All volunteers must complete a VIF, Medical Form and testimony regardless of whether you have previously participated in a partnership project. Please see the Medical Form for specific information regarding the use of this form.**
- You will receive a visa form and instruction sheet from MTS for the country where you are going. Please complete the form (following the instructions from MTS) and send it, your passport and pictures (passport-size) to MTS using registered mail, FedEx or UPS. MTS will use their visa service to get the visas granted. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.
- Contact your local health department or physician about immunizations recommendations. Additional information will be provided during your training session. Information can also be found on the Internet at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).
- Plan to attend an International Volunteer Training session and view the Online Learning sessions ([www.scbaptist.org/missions](http://www.scbaptist.org/missions)). This is a very important part of the preparation process. Cut off and return the enclosed reservation form with the volunteer information form and personal testimony described in #4 above. You may also register online at [www.scbaptist.org/missions](http://www.scbaptist.org/missions). Registration deadline is 14 days before training date. Your team leader will have additional meetings that you will benefit from attending.

Please contact me if you have any questions by calling 803-765-0030 or 800-723-7242, ext. 5600 or by emailing [gloriashull@scbaptist.org](mailto:gloriashull@scbaptist.org).

In His service,

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