

PC3 Short Term Missions Required Training

If you are participating in a short term mission at PC3, we want you to be well prepared for it. We want to equip you to serve well and our desire is that you get the maximum benefit from the entire experience – throughout preparation, while on the field, and after you return.

Currently, there are three required training modules:

- **Spiritual Preparation** – through an interactive training session, including large and small group discussion, our goal is to help expand your understanding of why we do missions, how our missions activities flow from our relationship with God, how you can take measures to grow in your relationship with God, and how being aware and prepared helps us deal effectively with spiritual warfare.
- **Cross-cultural Training** – our objective is to simulate a cross-cultural experience that is challenging and revealing, yet also fun and engaging. In this exercise called the Luna Game, you will learn important aspects of cross cultural communication, ones that help you in a variety of situations – not just in missions but in everyday life, not just in other countries but also here in your own neighborhood.
- **Re-entry** – the purpose of this training session is to make you aware of the different ways people typically process returning home from a short term mission. We hope to equip you not only to be prepared for a wide range of emotions and handle them in a healthy way, but also to be able to then use what you gained from your mission to springboard into serving, sending, learning, sharing, and engaging in community.

When you apply for a short term mission, you are committing to complete all the training.

It is preferable that it be completed prior to the submission of your application. After you apply, you will be given further instruction regarding your deadline for training completion. Because expenses are incurred well in advance of the mission, we cannot reimburse your deposit if you fail to meet these training requirements (and are subsequently unable to participate with the rest of your team). Dates and times of the training will be posted in advance; we will provide a reasonable number of options. Look for further notice as to where and when these training sessions are scheduled. It is your responsibility to ensure you meet all the commitments you have made to a mission.

To sign up to attend a training session, go to:

www.portcitychurch.org/missions_opportunities
and click on the 'training schedule' link

If you have any questions about this, please e-mail us at missions@portcitychurch.org.