



Training Evangelistic Leadership

Short-Term Trip Planner

Thank you for your interest in a short-term trip with TEL. We welcome you and any members of your church family to Asia to serve alongside us. *An optimum trip duration would be two weeks*, but shorter or longer trips are available. Ministry emphasis will be a combination of evangelism, disciple-making, and possible work with children, tailored to your specific goals and interests.

Best Time to Come:

- ✓ March-May and September-December are the best months to travel, both in terms of weather and because universities are in full swing.
- ✓ If you choose to travel in summer, it is best to come in early- to mid-June before university exams. The Summer break reduces the number of English corners.

What to Expect on a TEL Short-Term Trip:

- ✓ You will have daily times of worship, devotions, and Scripture memory to direct focus toward the Lord of the Harvest, apart from whom we can do nothing.
- ✓ You will work alongside and possibly live with TEL missionary or national staff, aiding in their regular mission work in whatever ways practical.
- ✓ You will be constantly immersed in city noises, strange odors, fast-paced and disorderly traffic, dust, and the stares of vast seas of desperately lost people.
- ✓ You will share Christ openly and widely, even attending English corners where available and inviting people to local restaurants or existing evangelistic Bible studies during which you will have opportunity to share the gospel using the Bridge Illustration of the Gospel (<http://telintl.org/?page=materials#CTB>). Training provided. Translators available as needed.
- ✓ Depending on the duration of your trip, you will meet one-on-one or two-on-one with new converts to go over our normal introductory follow up lessons (<http://telintl.org/?page=materials#GOJ>). Training provided. Translators available as needed.
- ✓ Depending on location, you may have opportunity to work with orphans (Guangzhou, China), in after-school tutorial programs (India) or Bible clubs (Philippines) for children, or other youth-oriented projects. Orphan work would involve practical things such as bathing, cutting toenails, cleaning ears or playing with the children. Or it could take the form of going as a team to perform a work project at the orphanage—painting, cleaning, yard work, etc.
- ✓ You will attend public worship services and possibly college/career fellowships. In China and Vietnam this would be in registered churches, possibly with English translation.
- ✓ If you desire, other work projects can be arranged to help a local church/community center or individuals targeted by our missionary or national staff.
- ✓ Shopping and sightseeing will be available but kept to a minimum.

Steps to Join a TEL Short-Term Trip:

- ✓ Submit all documents to:
 - TEL
 - ATTN: Short-Term Trips : (Country of your choice)
 - PO Drawer E
 - Denton, TX 76202

Get Started:

- ✓ Complete and return the attached application with your non-refundable \$100 deposit
 - Make the check out to TEL or Training Evangelistic Leadership, Inc.
- ✓ Gather and send two letters of recommendation, including one from the Pastor/Elder/Ministry Leader that has worked closest with you in ministry (NOT required for successful TEL AIM-Train graduates)

Upon Acceptance:

- ✓ Send a copy of your current Passport (must have minimum of six-months validity) to TEL
 - To obtain passport, see http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html
- ✓ Apply for a tourist visa for your destination country and send a copy to TEL. See below:
 - China: <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/zgqz/t84246.htm>
 - Hong Kong: Visa granted on arrival to American citizens
 - India: <https://indiavisa.travisaoutsourcing.com/select-application>
 - Indonesia: Visa can be purchased at the airport upon arrival (Cost: \$25)
 - Philippines: Visa granted on arrival to American citizens
 - Vietnam: <http://www.vietnamembassy-usa.org/services/visa-application-process>
- ✓ Organize a Prayer Support Team
- ✓ Raise your trip funds. **Recommended Budget:** \$250/week + Airfare, Passport, & Visa
 - Approximate Costs:
 - \$25/day per person (double-occupancy hotel; staying with field staff cheaper)
 - ~\$1,400 for Airfare
 - Additional Costs: Passport, Visa, Discretionary, Souvenirs & Sightseeing
 - TEL can collect and receipt donations for your trip (5% administrative fee applies)
- ✓ Organize a Team to travel with you
 - For China and Vietnam: Keep the number to within 5 people
 - Larger teams can be divided between ministry locations.
- ✓ Check your local health department for recommended vaccines
- ✓ Book your flight and send itinerary to your Trip Coordinator (assigned in acceptance letter)
- ✓ Memorize the Bridge Illustration. Further training given upon arrival in destination country
 - See: <http://telintl.org/?page=materials#CTB>
- ✓ Pack your Bags (see below) and **GO!**

What to Pack:

- ✓ **Most Important:** Bring your sense of humor and your sense of adventure. As ambassadors of Christ in a foreign culture, you will have the opportunity to try new experiences and new foods. Remember that “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (*Philippians 4:13*). Keep in mind also that the hardest things to go through often make the best stories later! And often things that don’t make sense to us do make sense in the context of a different culture.
- ✓ **Proof of medical/health insurance** in case of emergency.
- ✓ **You can withdraw money from ATMs.** This is the easiest and usually cheapest way to get local currency. It is also the safest way to bring funds.
 - If you wish to exchange money, crisp, new \$100 bills command the best local exchange rates.
 - **DO NOT** bring travelers' checks: Their safety is undone by the inconvenience in cashing them.
- ✓ You will be allowed **two fifty-pound bags per person** on most international airlines (free on connecting domestic flights).
 - If you do not use all your luggage space, we ask you to be open to requests for special items from your receiving missionaries or national staff. You will of course be reimbursed.
- ✓ Small backpack for day trips.
- ✓ Ladies should bring purses with straps long enough to carry across the chest.
 - Pickpocketing is very common. Don't make it easy for them.
 - We discourage bringing expensive electronics and cell phones.
- ✓ Your own personal Bible.
 - Bibles are readily available in the local language even in China and Vietnam. If you bring extra Bibles to give away, only bring a few.
 - **Do not** bring any tracts, except for use on your flights. As needed, we provide tracts in-country.
- ✓ Clothes:
 - **One set of casual dress clothes for church** but nothing dressy. Men can wear nice pants and a polo shirt; ladies will find either skirts or nice slacks appropriate.
 - Casual **modest** clothes that can withstand a dirty city and that dry quickly. (You probably will not have access to a clothes dryer!) We discourage white or fragile clothing.
 - As representatives of Christ we strongly encourage ladies to wear clothing which covers cleavage and underwear straps. *No spaghetti straps, strapless dresses or shirts, short skirts/shorts, or bikini bathing suits, please.*
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes. You will do a lot of walking in a crowded city!
- ✓ Your normal medications. *Optional:* Ciproflaxin in case of a parasite; anti-nausea pills if you are prone to nausea; antibiotics if you are prone to sinus infections or bronchitis (more common due to higher levels of pollution).
- ✓ A small starter supply of wipes and/or hand sanitizer. Large cities in third-world countries are dirty.
- ✓ Personal toiletries. Some feminine hygiene articles are not available in all countries.
- ✓ If you have trouble with local foods, you may want to bring your favorite snacks or quick/easy travel food such as instant oatmeal/grits packets, peanut butter/cheese crackers, candy bars, coffee bags, or whatever you prefer. The more common Western snacks (Oreos, Chips-Ahoy, Ritz crackers, Pringles, etc) are available in most locations.
- ✓ Check voltage requirements for any electronics you bring. Some devices/chargers automatically switch voltages, but make sure before you fly.
 - China, Hong Kong, India: 220V
 - Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam: 110/220V – varies within country
- ✓ Universal plug/outlet adapter (available at Radio Shack, luggage stores, even Walmart).



American Impact Ministry (AIM)
A Short-Term Trip Ministry of
Training Evangelistic Leadership (TEL), Inc.

Please return completed application to: **TEL | PO Drawer E | Denton, TX 76202-1650**

Include TWO letters of reference (including one from your Pastor/Elder/Ministry Leader)

Questions or more information: (940) 765-1449 | development@telintl.org | <http://telintl.org>

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Date of Marriage: _____
(if Divorced or Remarried, explain circumstances on a separate sheet)



Children (Names and complete Birth Dates):

College/Church Group: _____ Year in School: _____
(Freshman, Sophomore, etc)

Education *(beyond High School)*: _____
(Institution, Years studied, Degree)

Why are you interested in a short-term trip with TEL?

Current Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(if different from above)

Parents' Names: _____ Phone: _____

Parents' Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

PERSONAL TESTIMONY *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

Family and Christian Background:

When and how you came to Christ:

Spiritual growth experience:

List the Primary Person(s) and situation involved in your growth as a Christian:

Navigator Background *(if any; include significant staff and ministries):*

TRAINING EVANGELISTIC LEADERSHIP STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through his shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you subscribe to TEL's Statement of Faith without reservations?

Do you hold any doctrines, convictions, or practices which are different than these? If so, what are they?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

TO: Training Evangelistic Leadership, Inc. (the "Sponsor")

When traveling internationally, a person is exposed to dangers not otherwise exposed to at home. These dangers include air travel, other kinds of transportation, terrorist action, and idiosyncrasies of foreign cultures and governments. I understand that the Sponsor cannot protect me from exposure to such dangers, and by undertaking such travel I assume the risk.

IN CONSIDERATION OF being permitted to participate in the _____
_____ ("Event"), the undersigned, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby:

1. Acknowledges that the undersigned's participation in the Event may include activities that may be hazardous to the undersigned and assumes the risk of injury or harm associated with such participation.
2. Releases and forever discharges the Sponsor and its employees, officers, directors, shareholders, affiliates, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively the "Releasees") of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action (collectively the "Claims") in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to myself or property howsoever caused, arising or to arise by reason of or during my participation in the Event, whether prior to, during or subsequent to my attendance and notwithstanding that any Claim may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of any of the Releasees.
3. Indemnifies and holds harmless the Releasees from and against any and all liability incurred by any or all of them arising as a result of or in any way connected to my participation in the Event.
4. Understands and acknowledges that the Sponsor does not carry or maintain health, medical or disability insurance coverage for the undersigned and therefore agrees to assume responsibility for such insurance coverage on the undersigned.

Check (✓) the appropriate blank:

- I am covered by my own insurance for hospital and medical coverage.
- I am covered by my parents' insurance. *Parent's signature:* _____
- I am not covered by any insurance and will take financial responsibility for any expenses incurred.

5. Authorizes the Releasees to seek any necessary medical treatment to protect my health and welfare, and further authorizes any licensed doctor (M.D., D.O., or any foreign equivalent) and any/or hospital to administer any necessary medicine and/or surgical treatment to protect my health and welfare.
6. Agrees that in the event that any provision of this Release and Indemnity is held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision will not affect the remaining provisions of this Release and Indemnity, which shall continue to be enforceable.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE READING, UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEING WITH THE FOREGOING.

Witness Signature

Signature of Participant

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent's Signature (if participant under 18 years of age)