

GREAT COMMISSION TRIPS TEEN / YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP TO THE BAHAMAS

Friday July 30, 2010 to Saturday August 14, 2010

Applicants must be between 16 and 30 years old on July 1, 2010

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email photo to:
gctrips@gci.org

Applicant Information

First Name(s)		Last Name	
Mailing Address		(Check Appropriate Box) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
City	State/Province	Zip Code	Date of Birth: Age on July 1, 2010

PLEASE NOTE: Those people accepted on the trip that will be 18 years or older will be required to have a criminal background check. check the website for the paperwork.

Date criminal background check cleared on Great Commission Trips records: _____

Applicant Email Address:	How often do you check your email?
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Applicant home phone ()	Applicant cell phone ()	Do you have a Facebook? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how often do you check it?
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Do you have a valid passport? Yes. If yes, please attach a copy of the first page.
 No. If no, please attach a copy of your birth certificate. Wait until after you are accepted before applying for a passport.

Passport #	Country of Passport	Valid until
Name on passport (or if you don't have a passport, then write the full name recorded on your birth certificate) The name we put on your airline ticket <u>must</u> match your passport		

Parent/Guardian	2nd Parent/Guardian
Name	Name
St. address	St. address
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Email	Email
Home phone	Home phone
Cell phone	Cell phone
Work phone (emergency)	Work phone (emergency)

Church Information and ministry experience

How often each <u>month</u> do you attend church?	Name of your church:	Church city & state
Church pastor's name:	Pastor's phone number	Pastor's email

I serve at church in the following areas.

Have you been on a mission trip before? When, where, and what did you do?

Have you attended an SEP or other youth camp before? (check) Yes No Year(s)?

Have you been on staff at an SEP or other youth camp before? (check) Yes No Year(s)?

If you have been on staff at SEP, write the Camp name(s) and role in which you served

Have you helped at a VBS (Vacation Bible School) before? (check) Yes No Year(s)?

Where, and what did you do?

Other

Your T-shirt size
(SEP style)

Adult Small (34-36")

Adult Medium (38-40")

Adult Large (42-44")

Adult X-Large (46-48")

Adult XX-Large (over 48")

We will have access to a small swimming pool and will go to the beach one day. There is also the possibility of other optional ocean activities on our day off. Could you swim or stay afloat in deep water for five minutes without a life jacket? Yes No Not sure

Please answer the following questions **honestly**. Checking "yes" will not necessarily disqualify you from the trip. Have you ever:

Been suspended or expelled from school? Yes No

Served time in a detention center or jail? Yes No

Been convicted of a crime? Yes No

Been involved with tobacco products? Yes No

Been involved with alcohol? Yes No

Been involved with illegal drugs? Yes No

Been involved with gang related activities? Yes No

Been involved with a cult or the occult? Yes No

Had diabetes or hypoglycemia? Yes No

Had psychiatric care? Yes No

Taken depression or behavioral medication? Yes No

Had an eating disorder? Yes No

Had breathing problems? Yes No

Had seizures? Yes No

Had fainting spells? Yes No

Been sexually active? Yes No

Been pregnant or fathered a child? Yes No

Been involved in homosexual activities? Yes No

Intentionally inflicted harm on yourself? Yes No

Attempted suicide? Yes No

Been treated for physical impairment? Yes No

Been treated for mental impairment? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please give an explanation below or on a separate page.

Photos & videotapes

Permission is given to Great Commission Trips and Grace Communion International to use any photos or videos taken of participant on the mission trip in their publications, at their church service or on their website.

Describe how you became a Christian. (If you grew up with it, tell us that.) Why are you now a Christian?

Why do you want to serve on a two week mission trip to the Bahamas?

Health and Physical Condition

If any box below is checked, a medical release form may be required. (We will provide the form)

Please check if the participant has any of the following

Asthma or chronic wheezing	Mental health counseling treatment/depression
Any other respiratory problems	Fainting spells
Cysts or tumors of any kind	Convulsions, epilepsy or seizures
Chronic or persistent cough	Parkinson's disease
Skin disorder other than acne	Anemia or any other blood disorder
Attempted suicide	Serious bodily injury
Intentionally inflicted harm on oneself	Thyroid ailment
Diabetes or hypoglycemia (low blood sugar)	Severe allergic reactions
Circulatory trouble	AIDS virus or HIV
Hearing or vision impairment	High or low metabolism
Kidney problems	Gall bladder stones or colic
Tuberculosis	Prostate problems
Rheumatism, Arthritis, Painful swollen joints	Venereal disease
Severe knee problems	Breast or menstrual disorder
Intestinal or bowel problems	High blood pressure / any cardiac problems
Cancer	Eating disorder
Persistent recurring indigestion, stomach or duodenal ulcers	Any other disease or disability not listed above.

The temperature in the Bahamas in July is about 90 degrees in the daytime with 77% humidity. (It will be very hot and humid) Night time is about 75°. Most of the time we will be working outside with the children, playing games, etc. We will be sleeping on floors and the showers will only have cold water. There are lots of mosquitoes and other bugs there. **Does the applicant have a condition that limits or prohibits applicant's physical activity or ability to live in these conditions?**

(Check) Yes No

If "Yes", please explain below. If no response is given, we will assume that applicant can engage in all mission-related activities.

Immunizations

Participants should complete the following chart. Tetanus immunization is required and must be within the last 10 years.

	Date of Illness	Date of Immunization IF APPLICABLE	Date of last booster IF APPLICABLE
Tetanus			
DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, tetanus)			
MMR (Measles, mumps, rubella)			
Polio			
Chicken pox			

Allergies

Allergies to medications (list)	Describe reaction and management of the reaction
Food allergies (list)	Describe reaction and management of the reaction
Other allergies) – includes insect bites or stings, hay fever, asthma	Describe reaction and management of the reaction

Note: It is the responsibility of the participant to manage dietary restrictions and activity limitations and/or adaptations.

Medications

Does the participant take medications? (Circle): **YES / NO** If **YES**, please list and describe medications below.
 (*Applicants taking medication for emotional or mental health must have a history of taking the same medication at the same dose for three months prior to the mission trip in order to attend.)

Name of Medication	Dosage	Specific times taken each day	Reason for taking
Med #1			
Med #2			

Personal Insurance information

Is the participant covered by family medical/hospital insurance? Yes No If No, see below *

If YES, indicate carrier or plan name

Group

Carrier address

Carrier phone number

Name of insured

Relationship to participant

ID number of policy holder

* If no insurance, please read and sign the following:

I understand that Great Commission Trips does not provide personal medical or health insurance and that I am personally responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of illness or injury while on the mission trip.

 Signature of participant over 18 years of age or parent/guardian (if the participant is a minor)

Place copy of
INSURANCE CARD
 here

In case of emergency, please notify (in order of preference):

1. Name	Home phone ()
Email	Work phone ()
	Cell phone ()
2. Name	Home phone ()
Email	Work phone ()
	Cell phone ()
3. Name	Home phone ()
Email	Work phone ()
	Cell phone ()

Medical consent

IMPORTANT for minors: In case of illness or accident during the trip to and from the Bahamas or while in the Bahamas, and when the Mission Trip staff is unable to contact either parent through reasonable effort, the undersigned parents/guardians of _____ (participant's name), hereby consent to the giving of any and all emergency medical care to participant named above that may be deemed necessary by the Mission Trip Staff in consultation with any physician or hospital without obtaining further consent. The undersigned agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing or insurance purposes.

IMPORTANT FOR THOSE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD: In addition, any participant who is at least 18 years old, but who is unconscious or otherwise unable to lucidly make his own decisions because of any medical condition, likewise consents to the receiving of any and all emergency medical care that may be deemed necessary by the Mission Trip Staff in consultation with any physician or hospital without obtaining further consent. The undersigned participant who is at least 18 years old agrees to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes.

In addition, the undersigned, understand, and agree, that each person, including minors, on the trip is responsible to self-administer each and every medicine they use during the trip. In no case will the staff hold, administer, or remind a trip member to take their medicine. In addition, no licensed medical personnel are among the staff.

Release, waiver and covenant not to sue for claims not covered by insurance

Depending upon the circumstances, a valid claim or suit by a participant on this trip may be covered and compensable, in whole or part by no-fault medical or accident insurance, liability insurance carried by the Church for its negligence, or insurance carried by a group member or their parent, or other insurance (“Applicable Insurance”). The undersigned understand that if any valid claim is covered in whole or in part by the Applicable Insurance, the Applicable Insurance should apply to the participant. However, even such Applicable Insurance is subject to various terms, conditions, and limitations, including a limitation in dollar amount of coverage.

Consequently, except to the degree any claims or suits are compensable by Applicable Insurance (subject to their terms), the undersigned participant, and the parent/guardian of a minor potential participant, in consideration of the participant being allowed to participate in the Great Commission Trips Mission Trip to the Bahamas, hereby release, covenant not to sue, indemnify and save and hold harmless the Grace Communion International, a California corporation, all its affiliated organizations, including, without limitation, its local churches and congregation, boards of trustees or directors, officers, agents and employees and volunteers (herein collectively “Insured Parties”), from and against claims or suits brought against the Church for bodily, psychological or emotional injuries sustained by the participant arising out of participant’s participation in the mission trip or any of its activities, whether said injuries are caused by the Church’s negligence or not.

Participant and Parental Consent

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PROVISIONS REGARDING INSURANCE COVERAGE AND ITS LIMITATIONS, LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT IN EMERGENCIES, AND PERMISSION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Participant: _____
Print name Participant Signature Date

(A parent/guardian signature is required if applicant is under 18 years of age.)

Parent/Guardian: _____
Print name Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Parent/Guardian: _____
Print name Parent/Guardian Signature Date



For applicants who went on our first trip to the Bahamas (You don’t have to say anything profound. Just say whatever comes to mind. Tell me what you are really thinking and not what you think you are “supposed” to say)
If you were talking to your friends and they asked “What did you like most about your mission trip to the Bahamas?” What would you tell them?

Our ministry:

Our mission trip will be to work with about 120 children 4 – 18 years old in a day camp setting similar to SEP. Approximately 70% of the children will be Haitian immigrants and there will also be Bahamian children. The children will be divided into four age groups: 4 – 5 yrs, 6 – 8yrs, 9 – 12 yrs & 13 – 18 yrs.

It may not be possible to have the children sign up ahead of time. Some children may attend some days and not others due to the need to work. So the number of children in a group may be unpredictable from one day to the next.

As a volunteer staff member you will need to lead a group of children around the various activities and organize activities. There will not be any assistant positions so you must be assertive enough to lead. Many of the children will be Haitian immigrants and their first language will be Creole. If they have been in the Bahamas for long they will have attended school and learned to speak English. Those who have not been in the country long may not be able to speak or understand English well. Many of the children lack discipline and are inattentive. Many will arrive late every day. A lot will not stay in their assigned group but will wander off unless you stop them.

MISSION TRIP - SKILLS & INTEREST INVENTORY

Please supply the following information so we can place you in the area that best serves the needs of the mission.

Use a scale of 1 through 5: 1 = "JUST A LITTLE" 5 = "A LOT"

SKILL	Interest (rate 1-5)	Ability (rate 1-5)	Experience (rate 1-5)	List Certification & Qualifications (if appropriate)
You will need to be able to do, or learn to do, one or two of the following				
Group leader 4-5 yr olds				
Group leader 6 – 8 yr olds				
Group leader 9-12 yr olds				
Group leader 13-18 yr olds				
Arts & Crafts Instruction				
Basketball Instruction				
Bible Story telling (4 – 5 yr olds)				
Line dance instruction				
Double Dutch jump rope instruction				
Drama Instruction				
Four Square instruction				
Large group Games instruction				
Parachute games				
Relays				
Soccer instruction				
Teaching Christian Living				
Teaching Kids EE - Evangelism Explosion				
Team Building instruction				
Volleyball instruction				
Below are extra part-time activities				
Animal balloon making				
Audio / Visual				
CPR				
EMT				
RN or LVN				
First Aid				
Life Guard				
Music – Instrument				
Music – Vocal				
Puppets				
Sharing the gospel, one on one				
Worship leading				

Other activity suggestions or skills you have:

There will be no assistant positions. Everyone will lead a group of children and help lead activities.

Which age group would you prefer to work with? 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

Reason for Mission Trip Rules

Rules for our trip are listed on page 8. You might wonder why we have so many rules, or why we do not allow certain things that you are allowed to do at home, or at other church activities. Most of these rules have been copied from other mission-trip organizations and are based on experiences from many different trips. When we go on a mission trip, people watch us and judge Christianity by what we do, as well as the message we bring. People in other nations have different customs, and different ideas about how to dress. Since we do not always know their customs and sensitivities, we have to be more cautious than we would at home. This is particularly true when it comes to clothing that reveals the male or female body. We look different enough already; we do not want our bodies to be more interesting than the gospel message. Even if the locals are used to seeing American tourists with revealing clothing, they do not necessarily approve of those styles.

If you do not think that you can abide by these rules (listed below), then please do not apply; you would probably not enjoy the trip, and you'd make it harder for others to enjoy it.

On mission trips it is commonly understood that interpersonal relationships can be the biggest problem. On our mission trip, the team will be together 24 hours a day for 16 days. (Except that girls & guys will be housed separately.) There may be 8 – 10 people sleeping on the floor in a room and there may only be only one bathroom for that many people – with no hot water. Under these conditions it is important to be considerate of others by keeping your belongings tidy, by taking a shower (even if it's cold), by limiting your bathroom time so that others can use it, and by respecting others' need for sleep and your own need to sleep. A lack of sleep means that people have less patience, are more irritable, are more likely to get sick and will be a drain on the group rather than helping the group. If you truly need less sleep than others, then go to bed at the assigned time and quietly get up early and consider having quiet time or helping prepare breakfast.

The larger the group, the more we have to work together and follow the rules. Those over 18 years must set the example in this and not ask to be the exception.

Forms of accountability

1. Warning
2. Staying on campus when others leave for another activity
3. Loss of free day
4. Bon voyage (return home early at your expense)

RULES FOR OUR TRIP

Lifestyle and conduct

No illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products (use or possession), hard or soft pornography. – Bon voyage

No fighting – Bon voyage

No profanity or vulgar words

No secular music or secular reading materials (some cultures think that certain types of literature are “wrong.” Since we do not know what sensitivities they have, we do not allow comics, novels, or other fiction.)

No theft or long-term borrowing – possible BV

Group rules:

Mike or Janet Morrison must know where you are at all times.

Never be outside the lodging site alone – Bon voyage

Never leave the lodging site, work site or area we are at without Mike or Janet's permission.

Other adults cannot give you permission to leave.

If you have permission to leave, there must be at least four in your group and one must be a male 16 years or older.

When swimming (pool or beach), you must be with another person who can swim. A lifeguard will not be provided.

Dress code:

Female clothing

No short skirts (slit or length may not extend above the knee)

All shirts must cover your stomach completely (with your hands raised) and have a very modest neckline.

No strapless or spaghetti-strap tops.

No short shorts (while standing straight with hands at side, shorts must at least be the length of your longest finger)

Very modest one piece swimsuit; you must wear a cover-up to and from the pool. (Local girls may not have one-piece swimsuits, but like it or not, the local guys are going to be more interested in the bodies of American girls.)

No lip, nose, or eyebrow rings.

Male clothing

Must wear shirts at all times, including to and from the pool. except when swimming.

No small, tight swimsuits (e.g. Speedo).

No ear, nose, lip, or eyebrow rings.

Overall appearance

No head shaving or dying of hair during mission trip.

No clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco products or secular bands.

No expensive jewelry.

No makeup.

No underwear showing.

Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times for safety, except when inside or when swimming.

Electronic devices

No MP3, iPods, CD players or video games may be taken. These tend to isolate people away from the group.

Cell phones may be used to call family members upon arrival at our destination. After that they are for emergency use only. Using a cell phone is not only expensive (\$2/min roaming charges) but it distances you from the group.

A watch is required for participants on the trip.

Room etiquette

No guys in girls' rooms and no girls in guys' rooms. – Bon voyage

Rooms must be clean and orderly.

No noise in your room when you are supposed to be sleeping.

Relationships

No romantic relationships or pairing off at any time (that includes holding hands, extended hugs or communicating any intent for a romantic relationship). – Bon voyage. Mix with everyone in the group.

No lap sitting or back rubs.

Attitude

Commit to maintaining a positive attitude regardless of circumstances. Things *will* go wrong. There will be mosquitoes and other bugs. It will be hot and humid. It will rain a lot. The kids will misbehave. The roof will leak. The power will go out. Things will be done on "Island time". Some people might get on your nerves. Be flexible. Be adaptable. Laugh.

Have responsible eating habits, even if the foods may not be what you are used to.

Report any illnesses to Mike or Janet Morrison.

If you are standing around doing nothing ask, "Is there anything I can do to help?"

Ministry guidelines: The most effective ministry is guys ministering to guys and girls ministering to girls.

Travel: Where a seat belt is available, you must wear it. You may not ride in the back of a pickup truck.

*Some variations may occur if specifically announced by Mike or Janet.

Youth's signature below verifies they have read the above guidelines and agree to abide by them. Parent/Guardian signature (if youth is under 18) below verifies that parents have also read the above guidelines and agree to support the terms that have been set forth.

My printed name *My signature* *Date*

My parent's printed name *My parent's signature (if I am under 18)* *Date*

My parent's printed name *My parent's signature (if I am under 18)* *Date*

- Attach a copy of your passport or birth certificate.
- Attach your insurance card on page 3.
- Attach your picture on page 1 or email it to gctrips@gci.org

Mail completed application to:
Great Commission Trips - Application
1001 Arcadia Ave #22 Arcadia, Ca. 91007

If you have questions you can contact Janet Morrison at 626-445-6098 or gctrips@gci.org