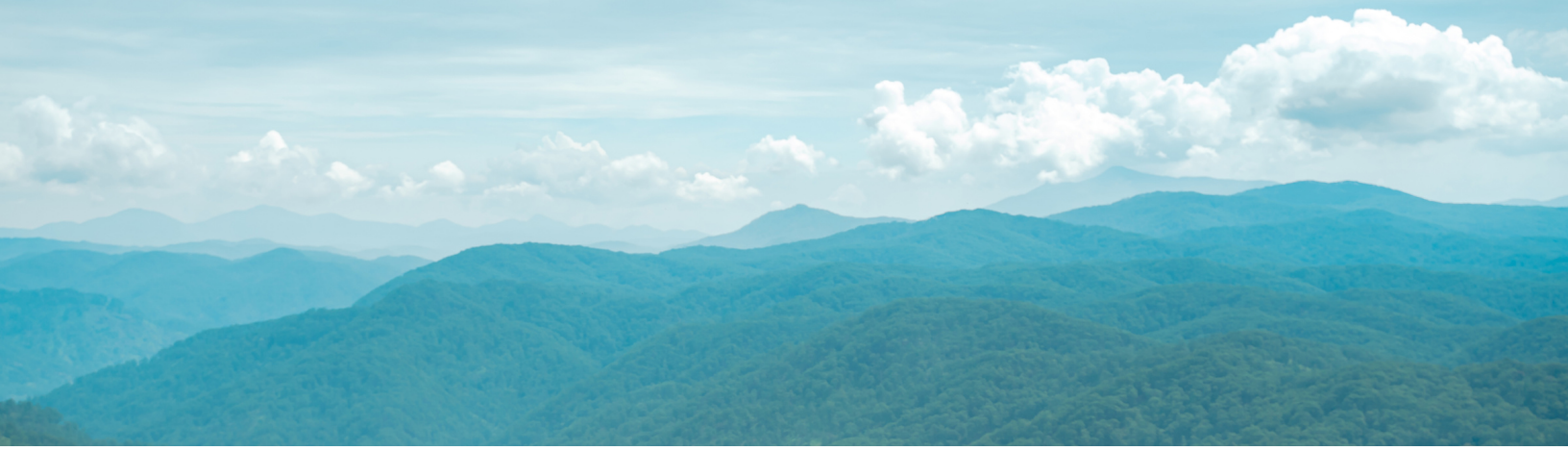




BILTMORE MISSIONS

UKRAINE 2027 | July 17-27





A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRUCE

For “everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Romans 10:13-15

Thank you for considering a short-term mission trip with Biltmore Church! This is more than an opportunity to visit a new place. It’s an opportunity to participate in something much bigger than yourself. From the very beginning to the last few pages of Scripture, and throughout human history, God accomplishes His mission by sending people who do know Him to people who don’t know Him.

The reality is, in our community and around the world, there are people who don’t know, and have no access to the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is why Biltmore Church embraces the mission. We exist to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus who reach up, reach in, and reach out. We have been saved out of our sin, into a family, and onto a mission. We go, not because God needs our help, but because He delights in inviting His children into his mission to reach the world with the gospel.

God is at work around the world and we want to send the people of Biltmore Church out to be a part of what He is doing. We take mission trips each year to encourage our partners, engage in the work they’re doing, and disciple our people to have a heart for the nations. I’m praying that God uses this trip to stir your heart up for His mission here in Western North Carolina and around the world.

Pastor Bruce

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TRIP INFORMATION

Trip Dates: July 17th, 2027 - July 27th, 2027

Type: Short-term, International

Cost: \$3100

Who can Go: College Students, Young Adults, Adults

Vision:

Join us as we partner with Hungarian Baptist Aide, and a local pastor who has planted a church in the city of Berehove, Ukraine. For the past few years, we have been presented with a unique opportunity to host a kids/family camp for children in Ukraine before they start the school year in the fall. As short-term teams join in, they will help primarily with facilitating a VBS style camp for kids and families.

This region in Ukraine is now home to thousands of internally displaced Ukrainians. Many have lived in temporary housing for well over a year now. All of this work is in an effort to help love on this community specifically by caring for families who are experiencing trauma from fleeing the war and being displaced.

To date, there has been no fighting in this area of Ukraine and has been a relatively safe place for teams to serve the Ukrainian people. Send Relief has been able to secure limited emergency evacuation insurance for volunteers serving in the area.

- **Religious Landscape:** Ukraine is 72% Christian Adherent with Orthodox Christianity being the primary religion, but it is only 3% evangelical.
- **Cultural expectations:** This trip is focused on ministering to families that have been displaced by war, so approach people with care, respect, and intentionality. Ukrainian culture is focused on family and hard work. While people may initially seem reserved, they often open up over time as relationships develop.
- **Evangelism method/strategy:** Three Circles and VBS curriculum will be provided to you closer to the trip date.
- **Sample schedule:** A typical day will include breakfast and a team devotion, followed by morning and afternoon hosting the camp with the families and children. There will be time in the evenings to debrief, have dinner, and connect as a team.
- **Accommodations:** Teams stay in housing provided by Hungarian Baptist Aide.

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What's Expected

As a team member joining Send Relief and Hungarian Baptist Aid, you'll be participating in Bible story-telling as well as working with kids and parents. Expectations include:

- **Kids Ministry** - the primary way you'll serve this community is through hosting a Vacation Bible School for displaced children and families.
- **Maintain Flexibility** - Scheduled ministry activities are subject to change due to various factors so maintaining a spirit of flexibility allows you to be open to any changes God may have for your team.
- **Evangelism Outreach** - While on this trip, you'll have the opportunity to share the Gospel with locals who are open and eager to have spiritual conversations.
- **Care** - Serving on a short-term mission trip is a great way to serve and care for our long-term missionaries. Offering to cook a meal, watching their children so they can go out, cleaning, game nights, etc., are all great ways to care for our partners on the field.

Requirements

- Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally.
- Must get any vaccines required by the government.
- Must be able to walk an average of 20,000 steps per day
- Must complete kids ministry training.
- Must complete a background check.

Medications

- There are no medications required for this trip.
- Check the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website for any recommended vaccines.

Visa / Passport

- Must have a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining when traveling internationally. Visit travel.state.gov for more information on applying for a passport.

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Team Meetings (Minimum of 3):

- Team Building / Trip Vision
- Evangelism Training / Ministry Prep
- Logistics / Team Building
- Celebration Dinner & Debrief

Responsibilities

- Carry yourself at all times as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Engage with people from other cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Comfortability initiating and facilitating spiritual conversations.
- Commitment to hearing from God through His Word on your decision to go on this trip.
- Fundraising- It is your responsibility to fundraise the total amount required.

Fundraising milestones

We believe fundraising is a crucial part of your mission trip. It invites others to be a part of what God is doing around the world and in you as well as teaches you that God will provide the funds for your trip. Below you'll find your fundraising milestones for this trip. These milestones are not meant to be seen as obstacles that stand in your way but as celebration markers of God's faithfulness as you get closer to your trip.

- Milestone 1 (25%): 3/9/27
- Milestone 2 (50%): 4/8/27
- Milestone 3 (75%): 5/3/27
- Milestone 4 (100%): 6/2/27

Please note that you cannot begin fundraising until you have completed the application and interview process and been accepted. Once accepted, you will receive access to a personalized participant portal, which must be used for all fundraising efforts.

APPLY ONLINE

Biltmorechurch.com/missions

