

## **Summer 2009 Journey Application**

**Enclosed in this application packet please find the following items:**

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*Go to Central America?      Learn some Romanian or Turkish?*

Live without television, take solar showers?

**Give up "In 'n Out" Burgers and Drink Sweet Rice Milk?**

**IS THAT WHAT IT TAKES FOR SOME PEOPLE TO  
LEARN ABOUT GOD?**

**Sometimes not... ..but sometimes it does.**

Since 1993 IMPACT has been sending teams of youth and adults overseas to serve God by serving other people. They go not to change people or cultures but to share with them and learn from them the love of God. They go as *Learners, Servants and Storytellers*, eager to learn the perspectives of another culture and to tell of their experience of Jesus Christ.

IMPACT stands for “**International Mission Project and Cross-Cultural Training**”. It is a ministry based locally and sponsored by the churches of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara (PCUSA), called forth to provide opportunities for youth and adults to experience short-term mission journeys for the long term impact on God’s Kingdom and His people.

IMPACT was created in order to have an impact on

**THE WORLD**, by organizing teams of people to do short-term mission projects and making contributions of loving service. In doing so, teams have opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ with new friends in different cultures; some don’t know Jesus at all. It is also an opportunity to encourage fellow Christians who serve in places with few resources and many needs.

**THE CHURCH**, by uniting the churches of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara with believers overseas, and by sharing these extraordinary experiences in local churches upon returning home, so that many may learn and grow from them.

**THE PARTICIPANTS**, by giving an opportunity to serve the Lord now, to experience and appreciate what life is like for God’s children across international and cultural lines, and to learn more of what it is to truly trust God.

So maybe everyone doesn’t need to go on an overseas mission project to learn about God -

**but maybe you do!**

## **Journey Details**

### ***JOURNEY STRUCTURE***

**THIS IS NOT A VACATION!** Though we hope that everyone truly enjoys the experience, team members are accountable to each other for physical, emotional and spiritual support. Each team member must commit to abide by the team covenant and remain with the team from start to finish.

Each journey is unique. Plans often change and the necessary mode of operation is FLEXIBILITY. Activities normally include (but are not limited to) daily prayer, personal reflection and Bible verse memorization, evening Bible studies and debrief, and “work” projects (evangelism, teaching, construction, and Vacation Bible School). Much of the journey will consist of interaction with the host community (visiting people’s homes and churches, sharing testimonies and songs, worship service participation, and recreation).

There will be time for play and relaxation; however, most days will be full. Any “exceptions” to the group schedule must be discussed with the team leaders and determined on an individual basis. This is necessary to ensure the integrity of the team and our purpose, as well as to maximize personal safety. *It is challenging to live within the inherent restrictions of a group, but the rewards of living in a Christian community are rich indeed.*

### ***INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL***

A passport is required for travel to most foreign countries. A visa is also required for travel to certain countries. We will obtain the necessary visas and, if you don’t have a passport, we can direct you in obtaining one. This must be done immediately if you are selected to participate.

Multiple immunizations are necessary; we will send specific requirements later to those selected to participate on journeys. Proof of immunizations is required.

IMPACT carries travel insurance, which includes emergency care in-country, but you should provide your own health insurance as well. Your current policy may be adequate, but it is essential for you to call and check on coverage. No one will be allowed to participate without adequate health insurance.

### ***FUNDRAISING***

We have found in 15 years, that for those who are called, God provides all that is needed...including funds. *Do not be scared about the money!* You will learn to initiate and follow through in the raising of money necessary to participate on an IMPACT journey. We will assist you with prayer support and fundraising ideas (please see enclosed “Fundraising Information” sheet), but *you, your family, and your church must raise the funds*. You will have to commit to sending a prayer support letter, working with your church’s mission committee, and discussing with your family the financial implications of such a journey. Remember, if God intends for you to go on a mission trip, He WILL provide the funds and bless your efforts.

### ***PARTICIPANT CRITERIA***

The criteria for participation on an IMPACT journey are laid out in the “*Covenant and Release of Claim Form*” included in the IMPACT application. Essentially, one must express a willingness to participate fully in the Christ-centered nature of the journey, comply with all of the health and safety precautions mandated, and raise his or her own funds.

## Summer 2009 Journey Descriptions and Details

The following are general descriptions for Summer 2009 IMPACT trips. These descriptions are *subject to change* based on applications received, airline ticket availability, scheduling conflicts, and the needs of our host communities. We try to keep all dates and journeys as close to these descriptions as possible, but in preparing for cross-cultural mission, be prepared to be flexible. Trip costs are raised by each participant through donations from church, friends and family. Most of the trip cost is for airplane tickets.

Though it rarely happens, IMPACT may decide to postpone a trip due to political/social unrest or natural disaster. A team will not be sent if we feel the safety or health of the participants is in jeopardy. In the event this occurs, team members have the option of switching to a trip with available space or waiting until the following summer to participate.

### Cross Training

**Dates: June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>**

IMPACT journeys begin with four days of personal and team preparation and cross-cultural sensitivity training. This time is designed to be part of your trip. During Cross Training week, teams stay in dorms at a retreat center. In most cases, teams leave directly from Cross Training for airport departure on their journey (transportation is provided by IMPACT.) This year, Cross Training will begin on approximately June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Honduras (Siguatepeque)

**Dates: June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Project:** The team will work in the highlands of Honduras, with Orlando Japas of Union Biblica (Scripture Union). IMPACT is invited this year to join UB staff in construction of a dormitory at the "Cerro de Luz" Christian camp (located in the pine trees...where our team would stay!) We are also invited to share the gospel through music, drama, and crafts with school children in the cities and in rural areas. We may divide the team into two parts: Construction and presentations in schools. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, but not required.

Minimum age: 15

<http://www.ubhonduras.com/index.html>

### Uganda

**Dates: June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Project:** The team will work with Patrick Baligasima and Discipleship Mission International, an indigenous Christian organization based in Uganda, Africa. Our team will work in construction, evangelism and mercy ministry to widows and orphans. There are two primary schools at Magada and Busembatia Trading Center. These schools have 1900 students and pupils from Ugandan villages-orphans whose parents have died from HIV/AIDS, community children, and pastors' children.

Minimum age: 18

<http://www.discipleshipmission.com/>

### Turkey (Antalya)

**Dates: June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Project:** Our partners in Turkey work on the Mediterranean coast in the city and suburbs of Antalya, in a country where 98% of people are Muslim. In this city of over 1 million people, there is just one Turkish Protestant Church. There are about 150 Christian believers who are members of this church. The goal of this trip is to encourage and serve the Turkish church members, coming alongside them as Christian brothers and sisters, empowering them to be an even greater light in the dark world in which they live. By living in the homes of local Christian families, team members will experience Turkish culture firsthand and have many opportunities to encourage and serve the Turkish believers. At the church, this team will help prepare worship services, share testimonies and Bible lessons, teach Sunday School and prepare English lessons for young adults and teenagers. Additionally, there will be many opportunities to encourage the Turkish youth and adults at times of worship and prayer, as well as to invite unbelievers to times of recreation such as rafting, beach volleyball, cultural exchange programs, and other fun excursions as a way to connect them with the local church.. Minimum age: 18 (or a mature 17 year old)

## **Ukraine**

**Dates: June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Project:** IMPACT will work with Nita Hanson and God's Hidden Treasures. Possible ministries are working with the Mobile Medical Clinic, doing a Vacation Bible School at the Boys House Orphanage, wheel chair deliveries and home visits to patients. Our team would also sponsor the 10th Annual City-wide Picnic for the handicapped of Bila Tserkva.

Minimum age: 15

*<http://www.godshiddentreasures.org/index.html>*

**We invite and encourage you to visit the ministry websites for each trip. This will give you a more thorough understanding of whom our partners are and information about the ministries that we will be involved with.**

### JOURNEY PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

Please complete ALL categories and do not skip any information. All information is necessary for evaluating or processing your application.

PLEASE PRINT:

**Trip you are applying for:**

First choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (relation) \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (of above) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone( of above) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Of emergency contact) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*person to be contacted while on your trip

**Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:**

\_\_\_\_\_

First Middle Last

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Type (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Group # \_\_\_\_\_

(For IMPACT Journey T-shirt)  
T-shirt size (circle one): S M L XL XXL





**Medical Questionnaire: Please be thorough in answering these question**

1. Do you have any physical condition or health condition that may limit your ability to perform the ministry for which you have applied? Note: To do considerable walking or light to moderate physical tasks? If so, please explain.
  
2. Have you had any recent surgery or major health problems? If so, please explain.
  
3. Are you currently taking or do you regularly take any medications? If so, please explain.
  
4. Are you currently, or in the last year have you been, under a medical or psychiatric doctor's care? If so, please explain.
  
5. Have you any emotional problems that would be aggravated by the increased stress of being on a cross-cultural journey in a rustic environment? If so, please explain:
  
6. Do you have any special dietary needs or allergies? If so, please explain.

**After completing this application**

O Double-check to make sure you have answered all questions on the Participant Application Form.

O Read and sign the "Covenant and Release of Claim Form." This form **must be signed** by the pastor of your church. It also indicates that you commit to attend and participate in each of the events listed, as well as any other mandatory meetings not currently scheduled.

O Mail it with this application to IMPACT at the following address:

IMPACT  
8180 Telephone Road  
Ventura, CA 93004

O You must have two Participant Reference Forms (included). Please give forms to your pastor, youth or associate pastor, youth director, or a teacher or employer who would have knowledge of character evaluations asked for in the form. Ask them to fill it out and mail it to the above address before January 30, 2009.

**Deadline for applications and letters of recommendation is January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All applications postmarked by this date will be given equal consideration for participation. Applications received after the deadline will be considered pending available spaces. Applications will not be considered without referral letters and appropriate signatures.**

I declare by my signature below that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information in this application is true and complete.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Covenant and Release of Claim Form

Biblically, a covenant is a promise between individuals in which each party binds themselves to fulfill certain conditions (Gen. 21:23). Covenants were made between God and His people, and were considered holy and binding. IMPACT has chosen the word covenant to describe my agreement as a member of an IMPACT team sent to a cross cultural community, representing Jesus Christ. I understand that team participation before, during, and after the journey is required.

Please initial each statement as a sign of awareness AND commitment. If you are under 21, a parent/guardian must also initial.

**I hereby agree as follows:**

1. I agree to pray for and with the rest of the IMPACT team before, during, and after the IMPACT journey. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I agree to attend and participate in ALL EVENTS listed below as well as any other mandatory meetings not currently scheduled, unless given special permission to be absent by my team leader and the IMPACT Director:
  - A. March 14<sup>th</sup>\* \_\_\_\_\_ **Information Night** – 7pm @ Goleta Presbyterian Church \* (Attendance excused for out of town college students where travel creates financial hardship).  
**\$200 NON - REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE ON OR BEFORE INFORMATION NIGHT**
  - B. May 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioning Ceremony** \* (see above)  
San Luis Obispo First Presbyterian Church - 9AM-2PM  
IMPACT Teams & Family Orientation Meeting
  - C. Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jun 26<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Cross Training** preparation for IMPACT Journeys\*\*
  - D. June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Honduras** Journey\*\*
  - E. June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Uganda** Journey\*\*
  - F. June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Romania** Journey.\*\*
  - G. June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Turkey** Journey\*\*
  - H. July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Ukraine** Journey\*\*
  - I. August 15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ **Re-entry De-brief (ALL TEAMS)**

\*\*Cross Training & Journey dates are subject to change based on airline ticket & site availability. Transportation will be provided to take teams directly from cross training camp to the airport. **Families/ friends say goodbye to team members when they drop them off at Cross Training.** Although families/friends are asked not to accompany participants to the airport for send off, they are asked and encouraged to pick participants up at the airport upon return.

3. I agree to follow up on the progress of my own **FUNDRAISING**, and to participate with my church in fundraising, and to send prayer letters explaining the project and requesting financial and prayer support. In this way, I seek to be “sent” as a short term missionary. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I agree to **BEHAVE AS A GUEST OF THE HOST COUNTRY** and an ambassador for Christ, and to abide by the team agreement of conduct and responsibility written by my team at Cross Training. \_\_\_\_\_

5. I agree to **STAY WITH THE PROJECT FROM BEGINNING TO END** unless sent home by the team leaders for breaking the team covenant. \_\_\_\_\_
6. If asked to leave the country by the team leaders, I/my family will **PAY ANY FEES INCURRED** above the pre-paid ticket price. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I agree to **SHARE FREELY** of the special gifts that God has given me, whether it is of evangelism, teaching, encouraging, serving, music or whatever gift I have, thereby supporting and participating in the Christ-centered nature of this mission project. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I agree to **COOPERATE AT ALL TIMES WITH THE TEAM LEADERS** concerning our work and life together, including work assignments, meals and accommodations, study assignments and quiet times, and behavior that affects the team's life together and witness to others), and to contribute to a spirit of Christian fellowship. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I acknowledge that by engaging in this project, I am voluntarily subjecting myself to **CERTAIN RISKS**, including- but not limited to - health hazards due to poor water and food resources, poor sanitation, diseases and pests, and potential injury while working. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I agree to **PARTICIPATE IN POST- JOURNEY PRESENTATIONS** to churches in the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Funding issues involving team members unable to participate will be resolved by the IMPACT council. Funds raised, expenses paid and circumstances will be taken into consideration. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I also understand that any amount of funds raised over the required will be distributed in the following order: a.) other team participants from the same church; b.) other team participants on the same trip; c.) participants on other trips that year; d.) IMPACT general fund. \_\_\_\_\_
13. In regards to airline tickets: in some cases tickets will need to be purchased early in order to obtain the best possible price. If you decide not to participate **AND** the tickets have already been purchased **YOU** will be responsible for the full ticket price or the penalty price. (Once you have been accepted, tickets will **NOT** be purchased prior to **March 1** of the year of your participation) \_\_\_\_\_

With this understanding, I hereby release the organizations and individuals that arranged this project from all claims, demands, actions or judgments that I now have or may have against the organizations or individuals for all personal injuries or injuries to property caused by or arising from this project. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.

**Failure to conform to the IMPACT covenant, as stated on this form, may mean relinquishment of a participant's opportunity to go on an IMPACT journey.**

Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent(s)/ Responsible Person(s) if applicant is under 18

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Referring Pastor: "I have read this form and talked about this with this participant"

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(I am willing to be contacted about this participant) Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_**



## Financial Agreement

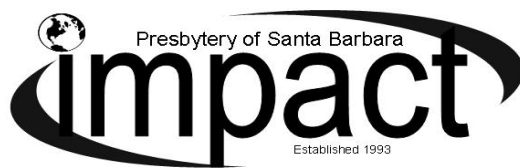
1. I will be given the cost of this short-term mission trip and understand that I will raise the funds to meet these costs.
2. I understand that I will receive an IMPACT cover letter and will send it with my personal support letter.
3. All checks will be written to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. IMPACT will receive the money and put it in my account.
4. The deadline for the \$200 deposit is at Information Night. If I am unable to give IMPACT either the partial or full amount at that time, I will notify them ahead of time and make plans to pay it by a date set and decided upon jointly. I understand that this deposit is non-refundable and if I should decide to withdraw from the trip, I will not receive the deposit back.
5. In regards to AIRLINE TICKETS: in some cases tickets will need to be purchased early in order to obtain the best possible price. If I decide not to participate AND the tickets have already been purchased I will be responsible for the full ticket price or the penalty price. (Once I have been accepted, tickets will NOT be purchased prior to March 1 of the year of my participation.)
6. If I decide to withdraw from the trip after payments have been made for items such as Cross Training, travel insurance, IMPACT T-shirts, etc., I will be expected to reimburse IMPACT for these costs.
7. Any money given to IMPACT that is in excess of the trip fee will go toward other team or church members or expenditures for this trip.
8. The cost of IMPACT mission trips does not include passport fees, medical costs or any other personal expenses that the short-term missionary may incur.

**I have read, fully understand, and agree to this financial agreement. A breach of this contract will result in serious consequences and possible dismissal from this IMPACT trip.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18)

**-- This application will not be considered without ALL signatures and two  
Participant Reference Forms -**



**PARTICIPANT REFERENCE FORM (DUE BY JAN 30, 2009)**

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CHARACTER TRAIT QUESTIONNAIRE	Not Known	Below Avg.	Avg.	Above Avg.	COMMENTS
<b>SOCIAL MATURITY</b>					
Ability to communicate _____					
Ability to develop relationships _____					
Ability to confront _____					
Tactfulness/Sensitivity _____					
Teamwork _____					
<b>LEADERSHIP MATURITY</b>					
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Self-discipline _____					
Conscientiousness _____					
Perseverance _____					
Common sense and judgment _____					
Flexibility _____					
Decisiveness/Follow through _____					
Servant's attitude _____					

1. To your knowledge, how does this person respond under stressful circumstances? Please explain.
  
2. Have you ever known the applicant to demonstrate more than normal discouragement, moodiness or withdrawal? If so, please explain.
  
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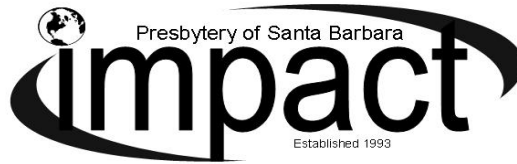
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Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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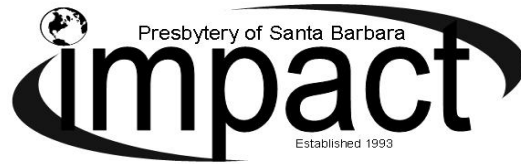
Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



## FUNDRAISING AND PRAYER SUPPORT INFORMATION

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*You can go on a trip to a foreign country by earning your money, and paying for the expenses yourself. That might be a good cross cultural experience...BUT IT WOULD NOT BE A MISSION TRIP.*

**WHY?** IMPACT team members do not go on their trips alone. If you go on an IMPACT journey, you'll go with others who go in the name of Jesus Christ, in His authority and power. **To GO** on a mission trip means also to **BE SENT**. To be sent in Christ's name means to be sent with the prayers and financial support of others in your life and community of believers who believe you are meant to go.

***One day when you are sitting alone, reflecting in a strange and far away place, you will be encouraged to remember the many who sent you and are with you in prayer.***

**WHERE DO WE GET THESE IDEAS?** When Jesus sent his followers out to the nations, (Matthew 28:18-20 is called the Great Co-mission!) he said, "Go!" He instructed them to go to all the nations, in His authority and with His purpose. He also reminded them that He would always be with them. When you take time to explain to your church and to others why you feel called to go, you are taking the step of saying that you want to go **in His name**, not on your own. Then you will know you have the best possible help from the beginning.

**Involving Your Church** – Your church will be a very helpful and important part of helping you to go on your trip. Here's how you ask for support from members of your church:

- Contact your mission's elder and/or youth pastor to tell them you are applying to go on an IMPACT trip.
- Ask if there is a special way that fundraising is done in your church. Introduce yourself to these people who can help you. Tell them you have applied, and are waiting for your acceptance letter.
- You may need the approval of church leadership before you can ask people for support. Some churches send a letter to the congregation on your behalf; some will appropriate money from their missions funds; some will allow you to approach individuals that are your friends. Ask questions!

**Personal Support Letter** - After you receive your acceptance letter to go on an IMPACT journey, you will be able to send a letter to friends, family, teachers and other community individuals who will want to know where you are going and why, and based on that, who may want to send money to help send you on your way. It is not as important how many letters you send, but it is important that you do compose a letter and pray about who should receive it. We provide a sample letter in the acceptance packets that will help you to see how others have asked for support. Even though we hope you are already talking to people about your desire to go on this journey, we ask that you do not send a support letter until after you have been notified of your acceptance on an IMPACT Team.

**Prayer support - Why you need it!**

Financial support may help pay your expenses, but prayer support will empower you and protect you so that you take this trip the way God has in mind to send you. Prayer. To borrow a well known slogan: “Don’t leave home without it!”

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to **harm you**, plans to give you hope and a future. **Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.**’ “Jeremiah 29:11-12*

**How do you ask for prayer?**

**Ask Now!** Ask a person you believe is a person of faith to pray for your application process.

**After you are accepted:** Ask your pastor and missions elder to pray with you for preparation for your trip, for fund raising and getting ready.

Write in your Personal Support Letter **asking for prayers!** Ask for prayers for your travel, your time in country, your return, and your re-entry into your own culture.

**Pray also now** for the people you may not even know who will be on your team. Ask God to put together the team to go on an IMPACT team with you. Pray for the Council as we review applications.

*“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18*



The IMPACT Council and peoples in our host countries will be praying for you as you apply and prepare to be a part of an IMPACT journey. God bless you and lead you as you listen for His direction about this summer with IMPACT.

# COST BREAKDOWN OF TYPICAL IMPACT JOURNEYS

## SUMMER 2008 TRIP EXPENSES

	Honduras	Uganda	Romania	Turkey
PRE-TRIP	per person	per person	per person	per person
Round Trip Economy Airplane Tickets	\$870	\$2,300	\$1,500	\$1,565
Travel Insurance	\$40	\$75	\$40	\$40
Visas	\$0	\$55	\$55	\$55
Impact Administrative (10% of funds raised)	\$170	\$320	\$240	\$230
Cross-Training (La Scherpa - 5 days)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
<b>PRE TRIP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,330</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$2,085</b>	<b>\$2,140</b>

IN-COUNTRY	per person	per person	per person	per person
Project Donation to Host Ministry (10% of funds raised)	\$170	\$320	\$240	\$200
Project Expense (Turkey Only)				\$30
In-Country Air fare				\$200
Housing/Food/Transportation	\$650	\$335	\$617	\$940
Incountry Impact Team Debriefing	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$250
Airport Departure Tax	\$33	\$20	\$33	\$33
Cell Phone Cost (Turkey Only)				\$7
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$100	\$25	\$100	\$100
<b>IN-COUNTRY TRIP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$953</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$1,136</b>	<b>\$1,760</b>

<b>TRIP TOTAL (PRE-TRIP &amp; IN-COUNTRY)</b>	<b>\$2,283</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>	<b>\$3,221</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>
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## Red Sheet #1

You will find a "Red Sheet" in subsequent packets of information and/or mailings. "Red" is to indicate that this is a summary of vital information that you will need.

### PLEASE KEEP THESE "RED SHEETS" and REFER TO THEM OFTEN!

1. Review all dates on Covenant & Release of Claim Form for any conflicts that would prevent your participation in the journey. No one will be allowed on an IMPACT journey without full participation in the Cross Training preparation.
2. Fill out and sign Application Form and Covenant & Release of Claim Form  
Signatures required -       You  
  Your parent(s) or Responsible Person(s) if under 21  
  Your Contact Pastor
3. Give one Participant Reference Form to your pastor and one to your youth leader, teacher, employer, etc. **YOU NEED TWO FORMS SIGNED TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.** Ask them to fill it out and return it to IMPACT before January 30, 2009.
4. Deadline for applications and letters of recommendation is January 30, 2009. All applications postmarked by this date will be given equal consideration for participation. Applications received after the deadline will be considered pending available spaces. No applications will be considered without two referral letters and appropriate signatures.
5. **A \$200 (non-refundable) deposit** will be due by March 14<sup>th</sup> if you are accepted as an IMPACT team member.  
Please make deposit check payable to "Santa Barbara Presbytery".

6. IMPACT mailing address:  
      IMPACT  
      8180 Telephone Road  
      Ventura, CA 93004

IMPACT phone numbers:

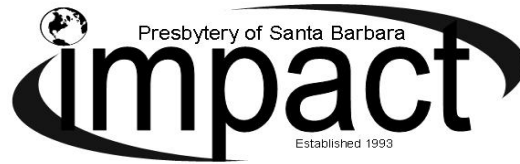
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*"Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5,6*



## Summer 2009 Journeys Important Dates

- Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Information Night – 7pm @ Goleta Presbyterian Church  
Due date for \$200 **non - refundable** deposit for your trip
- Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Commissioning  
Presbytery Meeting San Luis Obispo First Presbyterian Church  
IMPACT Teams & Family Orientation Meeting immediately following
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jun 26<sup>th</sup> Cross Training preparation for IMPACT journeys
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup> Honduras Journey
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 23<sup>rd</sup> Uganda Journey
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> Romania Journey
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> Turkey Journey
- Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> **Re-Entry Debriefing for ALL TRIPS**