CHRIST CHAPEL COLLEGE

Belize 2027

Let's Go!

Christ Chapel's College Ministry will serve and love the people of Belize! Our team will travel to the southern part of the country where our brothers and sisters are in need. We will run a children's program where we get to love kids as Christ does, and we'll also get to tackle several construction projects to bless these people!

Evenings will be spent at our hotel, worshiping and bonding as a community. We'll spend our days pouring out everything we have in the surrounding villages. It will be a trip that (most likely) changes your life!

TRIP DETAILS
March 13-20 | $3000

APPLY DONATE

How To Go

1. Application

Tips:

- **Address:** List your current physical address, not your home address from before college.
- **Travel Beneficiary:** Type their first and last name and their relationship to you. Christ Chapel Bible Church purchases travel insurance on your behalf. It is part of your trip cost. Please list a beneficiary for your insurance should something happen to you. This is most often a parent, spouse, sibling, or child. DO NOT leave this blank or list yourself as the beneficiary! You will get an email about a week before your trip when the insurance is purchased.
- **Medical Limitations + Allergies:** Fill this in if you have allergies that require medical attention (medicines, bee stings, etc.). If you have any medical limitations, please list them here (asthma, diabetes, daily medications, etc., vital for health, not vitamins).
- **Emergency Contact:** This is the person in the U.S. whom you want contacted in case of an emergency.

Please Note: We will give all the information gathered above to your trip leader for access throughout the trip.

2. Deposit

Required pre-trip deposits begin as soon as your application has been approved and are due within 48 hours of acceptance onto the trip.

The deposit for this trip is: $500
DUE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF ACCEPTANCE ONTO THE TRIP
(All deposits and funds given are non-refundable.)

Do it online:
You can give your deposit online, bring a check or cash to Christ Chapel Bible Church or mail a check to the church, ATTN: Global Missions (3701 Birchman Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107). Contact Danella Hitri at DanellaH@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-6181 if you wish to personally deliver a cash or check deposit.

Any checks written will be processed upon completing your online application and acceptance onto the trip. Once processed, all giving to missions at Christ Chapel, including your trip deposit, is considered a donation and is non-refundable due to IRS regulations regarding how donations are treated to organizations like Christ Chapel.

Financial questions? Reach out to Kendall Slonaker at KendallS@christchapelbc.org.

3. Passport

Your passport must still be valid for six months from the return date. For this trip, it must be valid through **Monday, Sept. 20, 2027. It's currently taking 8-11 weeks or 5-7 weeks for expedited new passport applications to be processed. This application cannot be done in person at a Social Security office. Do not delay!**

All the info you need to reapply or apply for a passport is found at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html.

Drop a clear* pic of your valid passport into this secure Dropbox link to check this off your list before **Jan. 5**. *(Clear means color, no cropped edges, flat, absolutely no glare!)

We retain a copy for your benefit in case your passport is lost or stolen while outside the U.S. We would communicate with our Embassy in Belize should this happen, and a good-quality copy of your passport is very helpful in this situation.

4. Fundraising

Fundraising Mission trips like this can be costly, but there are people you know who are generous and will want to help you serve the children and families of Belize! Here you will find info on how to approach fundraising for a Christ Chapel mission trip. If you have questions about scholarships or need financial help, email KendallS@christchapelbc.org.

The link below will direct you to your Christ Chapel Bible Church account. If you do not have a Christ Chapel Bible Church account, you must create one. For help, please get in touch with Karen at KarenN@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-0811.

Online Fundraising and Your Trip Fund Tracking:

Christ Chapel has an online tool similar to GoFundMe that you can utilize to raise funds for your trip from your social accounts and via email, etc. Funds will go directly into your trip profile so you can see exactly where you are.

To use this tool, follow these instructions:

1. Go to your participant page.
2. If not currently logged in to your Christ Chapel account (your email and password), select "Login" from the top right corner of the window and log yourself in. Once logged in, your profile and fundraising progress will appear within the trip details page. Tap or click the "Participant Page" button.
3. On your participant page, tap or click "Edit Profile."
4. Complete the Personal Opportunity Introduction. This text will show up on your digital fundraising page. Add or update your photo. (Please note: this updates your photo on your Christ Chapel record, so use the crop tool to show only your face. No group photos, please!)
5. Tap or click the "Save" button.
6. If you need any help with the participant page, please email Kendall Slonaker at KendallS@christchapelbc.org.

Raising funds via letter-writing:

This is the standard way of letting family members, personal contacts, and philanthropic businesses know what you're doing on spring break and how they can partner with you. We've created a template that you can download and use to send to your own list of contacts:

PDF TEMPLATE

Elder Guidelines for Trip Eligibility:

The elder guidelines at Christ Chapel require each trip participant to be fully funded before leaving. Please get in touch with us before you reach the end and are not funded. We want to communicate effectively to ensure you go.

Tax Deductions:

All monetary gifts are tax deductible and non-refundable due to IRS regulations in how donations of this kind are treated to organizations like Christ Chapel.

Checks? Please have any checks made out to "Christ Chapel Bible Church" or "CCBC."

Cash? If a cash donation is given, please include the name and address of the donor on a note with the cash donation so that the donor can receive the tax deduction for their donation.

Over-funding? Any excess funds raised will be used toward global mission endeavors as directed by Christ Chapel.

5. Screening

If you've ever completed your volunteer screening at Christ Chapel, you may SKIP THESE STEPS! However, our screening department may contact you to update you on some training or information, **so keep checking your email.**

Are you new to Screening? Christ Chapel has a screening process for active volunteers working with minors. As a mission trip participant, you are an active volunteer and will be in contact with children. **All screening steps must be completed before you leave for Belize.**

STEP 1

Please respond to the email from our Screening Department and complete the CCBC Volunteer Application with DocuSign. They will begin to send these out before Thanksgiving, as soon as you are approved by the Missions Team. Please complete this application by **Monday, Jan. 4.**

On your volunteer application, please remember that past perfection is not a requirement, but honesty is. Please be transparent about anything the screening department asks.

After we receive your application, we will begin checking your references. Please note that if you have been at Christ Chapel for less than six months, we will need an additional (fourth) reference.

STEP 2

After you complete the Screening application, you will receive a personalized link from "MSafe" via email for MinistrySafe online training (look in your spam folder if you do not see it). You must complete the training and pass the quiz at the end by **Monday, Jan. 18**.

If you've already done MinistrySafe training at a previous church within two years and can provide us with a PDF copy of the certificate, you can skip this step. Email your certificate to Alyssa at AlyssaB@christchapelbc.org.

STEP 3

Volunteer screening for working with minors at Christ Chapel requires a background check. You will receive an email from Christ Chapel Bible Church with a link to the "Background Check Authorization Form." Take just five-seven additional minutes to authorize this check. This link expires, so please complete it within five business days of receiving the email. This step is ultimately due **Thursday, Feb. 4**.

STEP 4

Volunteer screening for working with minors at Christ Chapel also requires a one-on-one interview with a trained church staff member. A staff member will set up a time to interview you one-on-one at the Fort Worth Campus or at College Building.

6. Liability Waiver

A liability waiver is required for this trip. Please use the following button to download the Belize Waiver of Liability document, sign it and bring the original physical signed papers to your team leadership no later than **Thursday, Feb. 28.**

LIABILITY WAIVER

The CDC Info PDF (second link, below) is an attachment referenced in the liability document and should be reviewed by all trip participants but is not necessary to print or turn back in.

CDC INFO

If you don't have access to a printer we can help you with that at a team meeting!

7. Pack

Travel light. One carry-on and one checked bag* is plenty. You'll be carrying your own bags and must be able to walk with them.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Page two of the PDF contains some additional info about carry-on luggage, personal items, checked bags, liquids/gels, etc.

Here are some helpful guidelines from American Airlines.

**You are responsible for any additional fees associated with your luggage. Please check the airline associated with your specific itinerary for information on included bags and/or a schedule of fees.*

Important Dates

Monday, Jan. 4 | Screening application due

Monday, Jan. 4 | Passport photos due

Monday, Jan. 18 | Ministry Safe Training due

Sunday, Jan. 24 | 1st trip meeting

Monday, Jan. 25 | 1st trip payment due (+$500)

Thursday, Feb. 4 | Remaining screening paperwork due

Monday, Feb. 15 | 2nd trip payment due (+$1000)

Sunday, Feb. 21 | 2nd trip meeting; liability waiver due

Friday, Feb. 26 | In-person screening interview due

Monday, Mar. 1 | 100% of trip cost due

FAQs

For questions you have that aren't already answered within the steps in "How To Go," check these out:

Is financial assistance available?

Yes. We will work hard to help anyone out who might need some financial assistance. Please reach out to your staff point of contact and let them know that you are in need of financial assistance. Our hope is that no one is prevented from coming on this life-changing trip simply because of money. So please let us know and we'll do everything we can to help!

Is Belize safe?

We have been traveling to this same area of Belize since 2012 and we have never had a safety incident. Belize City is known for more crime; however, we spend the entire trip in the southern part of the country which has a much safer reputation. A few other reasons we feel safe is that we are always together in a large group, either working in a school or working on a construction project with the pastors who host us. We are also always back to the hotel before dark and the hotel is very nice and secured with guards and an entry gate for guests only.

If a medical emergency happens, what's the plan?

We will have at least one official trip RN who is available to help take care of us, as well as a nearby reliable hospital. We will assess any and every injury/illness, and if it's necessary we are able to fly any students back home.

When will we know the specific trip itinerary?

We will depart Saturday, March 13 and return on Saturday, March 20. We will be staying at Hopkins Bay Resort in the southern part of the country and will be working with several churches in the area. More specific details will be provided as soon as we have them. Specific questions can be directed toward Kendall Slonaker at 410-330-6135.