

OPERATION JUSTICE *Cambodia*



Volunteer Considerations

Thank you for your heart to serve the nation of Cambodia and to join the XP Missions team! This packet contains planning information for you to pray and consider, prior to your volunteer application. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Previous XP Missions Outreach Attendance:

As an XP Missions volunteer applicant, it is required that you first attend an Operation Justice Outreach School (1 -2 week duration), in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Each year, XP Missions hosts several outreach schools, where students participate in practical training and outreach activities to the poor and at-risk communities of Phnom Penh. We feel this experience will give the applicant a better idea of culture, the nation, and our on-ground needs/projects, as well as allowing the opportunity to meet and fellowship with our team.

If you have not yet attended an outreach school, please visit www.xpmissions.com for more information on specific outreach school dates, fees, and registration details.

Volunteer Options:

We have **two types** of volunteer opportunities available, depending on your skill set and nature of involvement with XP Missions.

General Internship:

Duties will be designated based on gifts, skills, experiences, professional specialties, and areas of need. You will be assisting the core team in a variety of ways, including:

- Prayer meetings and ministry
- Weekly outreaches – ministry in urban slum and street dwelling communities - to women, children, and families
- Project assistance – planning and coordination
- Administration – bookkeeping, filing, errands, and related projects
- Marketing directives
- Communications and networking relations
- Mentoring in Bible studies
- Assisting in OJC Outreach Schools and with teams: may include small group leadership, teaching, setup, organization, prayer, etc.

Long-Term Volunteer:

This volunteer opportunity is only available for individuals who have been pre-selected to offer their professional expertise/skills in a particular XP Missions project. For instance, if you are a physiotherapist, you may be selected to assist in our future Children's Rehabilitation Center for a designated period of time.

Self-Supporting Structure:

As an XP Missions volunteer, you will be required to raise your own financial support to cover your living and ministry expenses. As believers and missionaries, we firstly look to Father for our provision. God's provision can come through a variety of means including the generosity of others and various fundraising initiatives. Here are some avenues for fundraising that we suggest:

1. **Local Church Support:**

We highly recommend that you approach your local church/ministry body and inform them of your desires to serve and the needs associated. Perhaps there would be an opportunity to arrange for monthly financial support through their network. Also, if available, you may be able to setup a bank account through their non-profit, as a method to receive donations and provide tax receipts to your donors.

2. **Networking with Individuals and Organizations:**

Another way of fundraising is approaching your network of friends, family, and local businesses for one-time donations or on-going support.

We recommend that you contact your network and share with them your vision and plans. You can contact people face-to-face or through a personalized letter (either mailed out or through an email or social media request). Another idea is to start a weblog with regular updates and pictures of your missionary work.

As part of your appeal, be as specific as possible, and provide a breakdown of your expenses, so your potential donors know exactly how much you need per month. Once a commitment to support has been received, it is recommended that you send monthly updates to those supporters and also that you continue to share stories and photos on a more regular basis. This helps keep your missionary work in the forefront of your supporters' minds.

We recommend that you setup an online account that your supporters can access (either through PayPal for non-receipted donations or through a local non-profit willing to house your account and receipt your donors).

Please note, XP Missions is not able to assist with tax receipting for your support efforts.

3. **Organize a Fundraising Event:**

This could be through your church or independently. We encourage you to think creatively. Some ideas include: hosting a dinner party, art exhibition, selling products, bake sale, garage sale, car wash, offer to teach or tutor, etc.

4. **Fund-raising resources:**

a. **Fundraising Ideas Websites:**

<http://www.fundraising.com/mission-fundraising.aspx>

http://www.maranatha.org/pubs/Resources/Fundraising_Ideas.pdf

b. **Fundraising Registration Website:**

You can register your mission volunteer opportunity on a website to receive donor support. Ensure that the bank account you setup is through a local church ministry/organization.

<http://www.gofundme.com/Missions-Faith-Church/>

c. **Fundraising Book:**

The Five Strategies for Fundraising Success: A Mission-Based Guide to Achieving Your Goals - By Mal Warwick. (can be purchase on Amazon.com)

Budget Considerations:

1.) Getting Here:

Flights: If you are staying less than 6 months, you **MUST have a return flight booked**, or you may be refused entry into the country.

Medical/Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend you arrange international insurance, which covers illness, theft, and emergencies. XP Missions will not be responsible for any of your personal medical expenses through illness, emergency or accidents.

Visa: You will need to pay for a **30-day Business Visa - \$25 USD**. This can be received upon arrival (at the Phnom Penh airport). Before your 30 days expires, you will need to receive a **longer term Business Visa** for your estimated time of stay (this is easier to receive once you are in the country than if application is made prior to arrival).

Please note, if you get your Visa upon arrival, you will need to bring a passport-sized head shot photograph, or you can pay an additional fee for them to take your photo on-site.

You can also purchase your 30-day tourist Visa online before arrival. To get your **E-Visa** go to: <http://www.evisa-cambodia.net/>

Business Visa Prices:

- 3-Month Business Visa - \$80 USD
- 6-Month Business Visa - \$155 USD
- 1-Year Business Visa - \$285 USD

Passport: Your passport expiry date must extend for **six months BEYOND** your expected departure date to leave Cambodia.

2.) Living Here:

Accommodations: You will need to budget for \$300 - \$400 USD rent per month. This price could possibly be cheaper, depending on if you share an apartment with a fellow volunteer or translator, or if space permits to live on-site at the XP Outreach Center (approximately \$250 per month). This price generally includes Internet and furnishings, but utilities are an additional expense, as follows:

- Water = approximately \$5 per month
- Electricity/gas = approximately \$50 - \$150 + per month

XP Missions will assist you in finding an apartment, if the XP Outreach Center is already occupied and unavailable for additional renters.

Food: We recommend you budget \$15 per day (\$420 per month - may be cheaper if you choose to cook at home), with the following food options in mind:

- Local market with fresh produce - very reasonable prices
- Western style grocery stores - equivalent to western prices
- Western café's / restaurants - average prices (\$5- \$15 per meal)
- Local Khmer Food (street vendors) - very reasonable prices (\$2 - \$3 meal) but not initially recommended for reasons of hygiene and food safety
- Bottled water - budget \$5 per week

Transportation: Your transport for work duties may or may not be covered (depending on the scope of your service and vehicles available); however, please budget for all transport needs (both during and outside work duties), in case vehicles are not available.

Different transport options include motorbike “**Motodop**” taxi (\$1 - \$2 US per trip), **Tuk-Tuk** taxi (\$2 - \$5 per trip), and private vehicle. If you are staying for an extended length of time, it is recommended to get a driver’s license and purchase your own motorbike.

If relying on local taxi (tuk-tuk or motodup transport), we recommend you budget \$15 per day (\$420 per month). If purchasing a motorbike (if here for an extended period of time), we recommend you budget approximately \$30 per month for gasoline and the initial purchase of a motorbike (\$800 - \$1,500 for new or slightly used).

Translation: Depending on the project and length of stay, the volunteer may or may not be required to hire their own translator (approximately \$200 per month). This will be an additional expense and should be inquired upon application. Depending on length of stay, you may desire to take Khmer language lessons (about \$150 per month at a local school) or through your hireable translator (daily or weekly lessons according to needs – this price could be included in translator’s duties and included in their monthly pay).

3.) Settling In:

Cell Phone:

- SIM Card = \$5 - \$20 (one-time purchase)
- Top-up credit = approximately \$10 per month
- Internet on phone = additional \$5 per month
- Cell phones are available to purchase here (about \$25 each); however, you may choose to bring your own smart phone device, if unlocked and jail broken in your home country.

One-time purchases:

- Household needs - apartments will typically be fully furnished; however, you will need to budget for or bring linens, towels, kitchen appliances, and daily household items
- Personal spending money

Maximum overall monthly costs = approximately \$1,400 per month

Note: This price excludes airfares, Visa, travel insurance, and all one-time purchases. These expenses could be less depending on meal, transport, and living accommodations.

Volunteer Application:

To apply for an XPMissions internship or long-term volunteer opportunity, please contact Andrea Aasen directly at andrea@xpministries.com.