



GUIDE

2012 MISSION DESTINATIONS



PRINCETON ALLIANCE CHURCH

**GOD HAS NOT CALLED
US TO COMFORTABLE
LIVE A LIFE**

**HE HAS CALLED US TO
EMPTY OURSELVES FOR
HIS CAUSE,
PURPOSE,
WILL.**

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By opening this *Go Guide*, you are taking the very first step toward making a difference in the world.

At Princeton Alliance Church (PAC), we believe a short-term mission is one of the Christian life's most worthwhile experiences. We're so passionate about missions that we want everyone in our church family to be involved. Team members returning from the field often say that although they volunteered their time to share the love of Jesus and minister to the needs of others, they were the ones blessed beyond measure. We want you to experience that gift firsthand.

This year we are delighted to offer you 13 mission opportunities. As you consider the range of destinations, we believe you will find there is something for everyone: young or old, families or individuals, stateside or overseas.

Please prayerfully consider the types of ministries that touch your heart because that is likely where God wants you to go. When your heart is aligned with His, incredible things can happen.

If you have questions about the short-term missions described in this guide or about PAC's Missions Ministry, call 609.799.9000, x 19 or email us at missions@princetonalliance.org.

See you on the field!

EPIC Scale

Our prayer is that every member of the PAC family captures God's vision for missions by praying, giving and going *this year*. The EPIC Scale represents steps toward our personal and collective commitment to missions. Everyone is somewhere on this scale of 1 to 10. Where are you today? Where do you want to be tomorrow? Our goal is to be a church of 10's.

Let's start changing the world... together.

- 1 Unaware:** I am uninformed. I'm naïve to the economic and spiritual poverty of the world. I'm unacquainted with the Great Commission.
- 2 Indifferent:** I am unconcerned with the billions of people living in poverty and in need of the Gospel.
- 3 Resistant:** I know there are economic and spiritual needs in the world, but I choose not to be part of the solution.
- 4 Passive:** I can't make a difference, so I opt to do nothing.
- 5 Neutral:** I'm really glad I attend a church that's doing something in response to the spiritual and economic needs of this community and the world.
- 6 Concerned:** I occasionally volunteer, give and pray.
- 7 Convicted:** I understand that I need to do something more.
- 8 Engaged:** God has my attention. He's changing the way I think and some of the ways I live.
- 9 Motivated:** I have a holy discontent. God's compelling me to make a difference. I want my passion to be aligned with His heart.
- 10 Changing the World:** I'm all in. I fully believe we can change the world through the power of Jesus Christ.

Stateside

PAC is offering five stateside mission trips this year. Some are just a stone's throw away if you're looking for a mission experience that's shorter and closer to home.

Somerset, New Jersey

Date: January 21, 2012

Team Composition: Men who enjoy construction

Leader: Chuck Spencer

Host Ministry: Zaraphath Christian Church

Our team of "mighty men of God" is serving locally this year, working at Zaraphath Christian Church in Somerset. For those of you who listen to Starg99.1, the church, radio station and campus of Somerset Christian College were devastated by Hurricane Irene last fall.

Team members will be involved in heavy construction following up on an earlier project at this location. If you have construction skills, are able-bodied and are looking for a way to serve locally, this could be the opportunity for you.

Cost: There is no cost to participate in this mission. Team members will carpool from PAC, and lunch will be provided onsite.

Somerset, New Jersey

Date: February 2012

Team Composition: Men who enjoy construction

Leader: Chuck Spencer

Host Ministry: Zaraphath Christian Church

This is Part 2 of our "mighty men of God" team's service to Zaraphath. The January 21 mission will determine the nature and exact date of the February project along with the specific skill sets needed.

Cost: There is no cost to participate in this mission. Team members will carpool from PAC, and lunch will be provided onsite.

Mission Destinations—Stateside

Rogersville, Tennessee (Appalachia)

Date: June 24–29, 2012

Team Composition: High school students (9th–12th grade) and leaders

Leader: Pastor Josh Dean

Host Ministry: Adventures in Mission (AIM)

An adventure is waiting for you in Appalachia. Spend six days serving in this unique pocket of American subculture. Economic struggles amidst declining industries of yesteryear have left families poor and often forgotten. Ministry opportunities may include meeting diverse spiritual and physical needs. We'll reach out to people in creative ways such as door-to-door ministry, sports ministry in local parks or spending time with kids at the local Boys' and Girls' Club. The team will travel by bus and stay in lodging provided by AIM at a local church. All meals will be prepared onsite.

The people of Appalachia need Jesus and the hope His message brings. Come with a heart that's ready to serve and be obedient to God's leading.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$500. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Stateside

Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Appalachia)

Date: July 29–August 3, 2012

Team Composition: Middle school students (6th–8th grade) and leaders

Leader: Pastor Josh Dean and Pastor Cory Orr

Host Ministry: Adventures in Mission (AIM)

Spend six days serving rural families who are working to create opportunities for their children, and the elderly who have called Western Pennsylvania home for a lifetime. Ministry opportunities may include youth ministry, daily children's ministry in housing projects and local parks, food ministry, construction projects on larger buildings and individual homes of families in need, nursing home visitation, prayer walks, and a chance to work on a dairy farm or in an orchard where the produce is donated to local food banks.

The team will travel by van from PAC to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and stay in lodging provided by AIM at a local church. All meals will be prepared onsite.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$455. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Stateside



New
Locale!

Rogersville, Tennessee (Appalachia)

Date: August 12–17, 2012

Team Composition: Adults and families

Leader: Pastor Shaun Sass

Host Ministry: Adventure in Missions (AIM)

Rogersville is a town in Hawkins County, Tennessee, in the heart of the region known as East Tennessee. It was settled in 1775 by the grandparents of Davy Crockett and is home to Tennessee's oldest courthouse, first newspaper and first post office. Unfortunately, its rich history is in stark contrast to its current conditions. Outsourcing and automation have left many of its residents jobless, poverty stricken and lacking in educational resources. Ministry opportunities may include daily children's ministry in housing projects and local parks, feeding ministry, construction projects—wherever God leads. All that is required is an open heart and helping hands.

This is a special opportunity for your family to benefit from the experience of a short-term mission trip without having to travel abroad. Transportation in 15-passenger vans will be provided from the church, and you will stay in a school that has been converted into a dormitory. Prepare to be blessed!

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$675. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad

Abroad

PAC is offering eight international mission trips this year. Locations are diverse, as are the ministry opportunities on the field.

Campinas, Brazil

Date: March 30–April 8, 2012

Team Composition: Adults

Leader: Karen Rodriguez and Jeff East

Host Ministry: Hope Unlimited

“Eyes once dim with fear become bright with promise. Children live as children for the first time in their lives. Hope grows in a heart that had only known despair.”

That is Hope Unlimited’s vision. This organization ministers to the physical, intellectual and spiritual needs of some of the world’s most desperate kids—the street children of Brazil. Their programs provide transformational care while equipping children to live successful, productive lives. Hope Unlimited owns and operates three facilities:

- City of Youth, a 35-acre campus near Campinas with cottages, classrooms, training facilities, a working farm, recreational facilities, etc.
- Hope Ranch, a five-acre residential facility for girls, also near Campinas
- Hope Mountain, a 100-acre, full-service campus near Vitoria

The team will travel from JFK to Sao Paulo. The weekend will involve the team connecting with the children through activities at the City of Youth and Hope Ranch. The rest of the week will involve painting large portions of the exteriors and interiors of various buildings on the City of Youth campus.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$2,285. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad



New
Dates!

Campinas, Brazil

Date: July 13–20, 2012

Team Composition: Adults, families and Celebration Arts

Leader: Pastor Joel Koenigsberg

Host Ministry: Hope Unlimited

Many of the children at Hope Unlimited and Hope Mountain don't have families and are without a place to go during several weeks of free time in July. Each year PAC underwrites the cost of sending these children to camp for a week of activities, games, swimming and discipleship. This offers a unique opportunity for our team to build relationships with the children and staff by planning programs, skits and crafts, and by leading the children in worship.

For this trip, we are planning to have a combined team of adults and families, young adults and Celebration Arts ministry members. Part of the team will join the children of Hope Unlimited for camp. Part of the team will minister alongside local lay leaders in a neighboring favela. There they will lead a Vacation Bible School for the children and complete light renovations on several family homes.

The team will travel from JFK to Sao Paulo where team members will be met by Hope Unlimited staff and taken to a hotel near the campus.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$2,285. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad

Port of Spain, Trinidad

Date: July 7–15, 2012

Team Composition: Adults and families

Leader: Caryl McFarlane

Host Ministry: Beth'aleel Fundamental Baptist Church

The birthplace of calypso and the steelpan, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is an archipelagic state in the southern Caribbean, to the northeast of Venezuela and south of Grenada in the Lesser Antilles. It shares maritime boundaries with Barbados and Guyana, and covers an area of almost 2,000 square miles. The country is made up of two large and 21 smaller islands.

The country has a rich history dating back to around 250 BC. Although once known for its agricultural products, especially sugar cane, its current economy is heavily reliant on the petroleum industry. English is its official language. While Christianity is professed by nearly two-thirds of the population, true Christ-followers are not so common; and there is a desperate need for discipling children and youth. Gangs and crime are on the increase and the only hope is in the Gospel.

The team will travel from Newark to Port of Spain, Trinidad, and will spend the week ministering to nearly 100 children eagerly waiting for Vacation Bible School. Accommodations are in an apartment adjacent to the church.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$900. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad

Bangkok & Chiang Mai, Thailand

Date: July 21–August 5, 2012

Team Composition: Adults

Leader: Pastor Boyd Hannold

Host Ministry: Envision and Remember Nhu

This team will help Remember Nhu Foundation build its new home in Thailand, and spend time with the girls and boys who live in the current facilities. The foundation has purchased 20+ acres of land in a small town near Chiang Mai. It will be able to expand from three homes to five homes, and build a community center. The children will be within walking distance of school, so they will have more participation with the community, and the community will have more exposure to the Gospel. The land is filled with mature fruit trees, and there is room to build a fish-farming facility, raising tilapia for sale. The goal is to become a financially self-sustaining residential facility in Thailand.

This team will also spend several days with Tou Lee and Tang Thao, who recently moved to Thailand to teach English to orphans and to prostitutes in Bangkok's infamous "Red Light District"—providing them with alternative means to make a living.

The team will travel from JFK to Bangkok via Hong Kong. It will spend a few days at the Alliance Guest Home in Bangkok to acclimate and experience the unique Thai culture. Then it's a short flight to Chiang Mai where team members will be met by representatives of Remember Nhu and taken to a hotel where they will stay while working during the day at the Remember Nhu campus. The last few days will be spent in Bangkok working with the Thaos before returning to the States.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$2,400. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad

Campinas, Brazil

Date: August 3–11, 2012

Team Composition: Young adults

Leader: Alex DeHart

Host Ministry: Hope Unlimited



Hope Unlimited's vision for Brazil was launched in 1991 when thousands of vulnerable street children were being systematically killed by gunmen largely hired by local business leaders. The purpose for these killings was to eradicate a "public nuisance"—street children. There are 3–4 million street children in Brazil including 800,000 child prostitutes. The programs of Hope Unlimited provide transformational care and equip children to live successful, productive lives.

For this mission a team of young adults will serve the children of Hope Unlimited in Campinas. The children at the City of Youth & Hope Ranch will be returning to their first full week of academics following their winter break. Part of our team will assist their music and worship leader in conducting workshops in music and dance. Other members of the team will plan programs, skits, crafts and field-day activities for the children each day.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$2,285. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad

Campinas, Brazil

Date: November 2–11, 2012

Team Composition: Adults and families

Leader: Barbara Soares

Host Ministry: Hope Unlimited

Every two years Hope Unlimited hosts a special graduation celebration complete with caps and gowns, which serves as an outreach to the community. This open house-style event not only fosters good will with the local business leaders and government officials who support the program, but it serves as a unique way to honor the graduates of Hope's award-winning program. Former graduates, who also participate that day, serve as a beacon of hope for the students enrolled in the program.

For this trip, we are planning to have a combined team of adults and families to serve the children of Hope Unlimited in Campinas. Part of this team will be involved in coordinating the graduation celebration activities, offering it a uniquely "American" flavor. Part of the team will plan programs, skits, crafts and field-day activities for the children each day.

The team will travel from JFK to Sao Paulo where team members will be met by Hope Unlimited staff and taken to a nearby hotel, which will be the team's base for the week.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$2,285. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad

Exuma, Bahamas

Date: November 3–11, 2012

Team Composition: Adults and families

Leader: Pastor Nathan Karcesky

Host Ministry: Starve Poverty International

Have you thought about going on a short-term mission trip, but haven't yet gone? Here is the perfect opportunity to fulfill that promise you made to God before another calendar year has passed.

- It isn't too many days
- It isn't too far away
- It isn't too expensive
- It isn't too hot
- It doesn't require special skills
- The people speak English
- The current is the same, so your hair dryer will work!

All you need is a servant's heart and a spirit of obedience.

Exuma is an island of contrasts. There are many wealthy owners on the island (including a few celebrities), but the majority of the population lives significantly below the poverty level in homes often without indoor plumbing or electricity. There are approximately 500 school-age children on the island, most of whom have single mothers and few of whom personally know Jesus. The team will take on a construction project and provide Vacation Bible School for several of the elementary schools on the island.

This team of adults and families will travel from Newark to Georgetown and will stay in air-conditioned dormitories.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$1,100. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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Mission Destinations—Abroad

Christchurch, New Zealand

Date: November 3–17, 2012

Team Composition: Adults

Leader: Pastor David Coder

Host Ministry: The Well

The goal of this mission is to serve alongside PAC's own Clint and Jamie Ussher as they prepare to launch The Well in Christchurch, New Zealand. The specific projects to be undertaken are yet to be determined but will likely involve prayer walking, outreach events in the community, and service to needy families as they rebuild their lives and homes in the wake of major earthquakes.

This is an expensive trip and a long flight to and from New Zealand, but if God is calling you, He will provide the means and the endurance. This is a unique and exciting opportunity to be part of PAC's first partnership in international church planting.

Cost: Participation in this mission is \$3,000. It includes meals, lodging and transportation. PAC family may qualify for a scholarship to cover one-third of the total cost of one mission trip per year.

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