

- Attend Sunday meetings regularly.
- Are involved in our 1 to 1 discipleship programme.
- Are active in serving the church and (if students) the CU.

b) Criteria for the Camp

Priority will be given to camps that:

- Are led by staff or other members of the church.
- Are run by people or organisations with whom the Church has an existing relationship (eg CYFA).
- Attract young people from churches in the North West with whom there is more chance of building an ongoing discipling relationship.

Application Process

Anyone wanting financial help from the church for a Short Term Mission or Summer Camp should fill in the form enclosed with this leaflet and give it to an elder or to the church treasurer or post it to:

Church Office
4 Rowen Court
Elmar Road
Aigburth
Liverpool
L17 0EJ

Applications will be considered at the next Elders and Deacon's meeting (monthly).

Where the project is 3 months or more or if significant support is required we will normally seek a brief interview before making any decision about financial support.



Support for Short Term Missions and Christian Camps

As a church we are committed to world mission and to the spread of the gospel in the UK. We also believe in the value of works of mercy amongst both Christians and non-Christians, especially where this is done in conjunction with gospel proclamation.

Cross Cultural Mission Teams

We believe that in any culture gospel work is done most effectively in the long term by local indigenous churches. Cross-cultural mission to establish and assist such churches is part of God's calling to the Church and we desire to be active in supporting such mission.

In recent years many mission agencies have found that short term missions projects – ranging from a few weeks to a year or two – can be an effective part of their ministry and can help young people particularly to develop a mission orientated mindset which helps with recruitment of longer term missionaries, prayer and financial support.

We support such projects and encourage students and others in our church to participate in them. However we recognise that the quality of the projects varies hugely. In some cases a short term team can make a significant impact both on the team members and in the ministry they go to support. At the other extreme some project seem to be little more than spiritual tourism.

There are a large number of students and others likely to want to join short term mission teams attending Christ Church and a wide variety of mission projects for which there may be a need for financial support. These guidelines set out the kind of projects for which the church is most likely to offer financial support.

a) Criteria for the Applicant

Priority will be given to those applicants who:

- Are members or associate members of the church.
- Attend Sunday meetings regularly.
- Are involved in our 1 to 1 discipleship programme.
- Are active in serving the church and (if students) the CU.

- Have not previously had funding from the church for a mission team or who are returning to the same location / organisation for a 2nd or subsequent team.
- Are actively considering longer term overseas mission.

b) Criteria for the Project

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Build up the local indigenous church.
- Are run by people or organisations with whom the Church has an existing relationship (eg IFES).
- Clearly fit in with the longer term ministry of the mission organisation (eg a project to run a holiday Bible club would be more likely to receive support if there was an ongoing ministry in the place the club was to be run).
- Are evangelistic rather than purely "practical" in focus (eg we would prioritise a language camp with evangelistic / Bible study content over a project that was just a building project).
- Are linked to the applicants course / skills (eg water projects for engineering students, medical electives, language camps for people with TEFL qualifications).
- Are led by staff or other members of the church.

Summer Camps

Summer camps are an invaluable opportunity for gospel work amongst young people and we strongly encourage people to be involved in them.

These guidelines set out the circumstances in which the church is most likely to offer financial support for a camp:

a) Criteria for the Applicant

Priority will be given to those applicants who:

- Are members or associate members of the church.