

## Outreach

The Brandermill Church maintains a commitment to outreach mission programs locally, nationally, and internationally. Policies regarding expenses, both member and non-member, are as follows:

1. Participants shall be persons who have made a commitment to the church by their membership and who wish to serve not only as ambassadors of good will but more importantly, as missionaries of God's love. The Brandermill Church policy regarding the funding of mission trips is to give priority to people who are members of The Brandermill Church and to projects under the umbrella of The Brandermill Church.
2. Participation in foreign missions shall be limited to members who are at least 18 years old. The exception to this limitation would be cases involving foreign projects specifically designed for people younger than 18. Other exceptions must be approved by the Outreach Committee.
3. The number of volunteers per project is limited by budget considerations and at the mission leader's discretion. However, a maximum of 10 is suggested.
4. Volunteers will be selected on a first-come basis with priority given to people going on that mission for the first time. Others who have been before and wish to return are welcome.
5. There is a limit of 2 family members in any one mission trip.
6. Because our participation in missions is growing, we will need some help from volunteers to pay expenses. We also feel that to assure that participants have an investment in the mission, they should make a financial gift.
7. The cost for each volunteer includes transportation, meals, and lodging. For the first year that a volunteer goes on a trip, the church will pay 70% of this cost and the volunteer will pay 30%. If the same volunteer wants to participate again on the same mission the church will pay 50% and the volunteer 50%.
  - Participants wishing to pay more than the requested amount are welcome to do so. Such excess amounts will be used to cover project costs other than those stated above.
  - Miscellaneous personal costs such as passports, vaccinations, etc. shall be the responsibility of the participant.
8. All participants shall be required to sign a waiver agreement. For those traveling to a foreign country, a current health insurance contract covering international travel will be required. Details on these requirements can be obtained in the church office.
9. Any monetary requests that do not meet these guidelines must be submitted to the Outreach committee three to four months prior to needing funds.
10. The Outreach committee must approve all exceptions to these policies. Requests for exceptions must be submitted three to four months prior to the mission trip.