



nehemiah**TEAMS** 

**This generation. Every nation!**



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## What is Nehemiah Teams?

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In just 52 days, Nehemiah led his people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, restore a nation, and revive a people. It was a short-term project that had eternal results. In the same way, Nehemiah Teams are leading the next generation to reach every nation... standing in the gap among the unreached and hard to reach. Nehemiah Teams offer short-term full-summer mission projects that have eternal results.

Who is NT teams for? There are teams that focus on evangelism, service, orphanage work, and multimedia. Whatever your passion or field of study is, God has a place for you in His will to reach the lost world. Students who join Nehemiah Teams realize that God calls us to live for more than the things of this world that do not satisfy. We are invited to lay down our lives, join God's work and live for His glory. His name and renown are the desire of our hearts. Are you ready to have a rendezvous with destiny this summer?

## Requirements

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### Team member requirements

Nehemiah Teams applicants serve as partners with IMB missionaries. An applicant must:

- Be a growing follower of Jesus Christ.
- Be spiritually, emotionally, and physically healthy.
- Be committed to verbally sharing his/her faith in a cross-cultural context.
- Be at least 16 years old
- Medical clearance from a doctor, depending on project location
- Be willing and able to raise the necessary financial support

### Team leader requirements



An applicant must:

- Have a sense of God's leadership
- Have a desire to work with people of other cultures
- Be emotionally and spiritually mature
- Be at least 20 years old with recommendation (BSU/BCM Director or pastor)
- Medical clearance from a doctor, depending on team location

## Costs

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As you prepare to serve internationally you may have to trust GOD at a new level and you may have to evaluate your personal finances and stewardship.

A background check is required as part of the application process. The background check requires a one-time fee of \$18. You will receive an e-mail about purchasing this background check after you have completed your online application.

Depending on your team location, you have been given a total amount that you will need for your "field expenses." This amount was given on the team request through the IMB and is also on our website on the "Where" page and click on your team name. Basically this will cover your transportation, daily food budget, and anticipated ministry expenses.

Personal money would be needed to cover: internet usage, personal hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, soap), postage, souvenirs, phone calls, etc.

See individual projects for specifics costs.

## Apply/Register

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- Find three available project preferences and write down the project numbers
- Gather the e-mail addresses of 4 people who are willing to serve as references for you

Pastor

Student Minister

Supervisor/Professor

Friend

- Apply online (see "start now" button below)



- Go to the PREPARE section to begin your journey!

please note:

The application is complete when your online application, your 4 references, and your background check have been received by IMB Students. The background check requires a one-time fee of \$18. You will receive an e-mail about purchasing this background check after you have completed your online application.

## Preparing to Go

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### Spiritual

Spiritual preparation is the most important aspect of your missionary assignment. Without it you will certainly be unprepared for many of the stressful situations that will arise during your ministry.

Before and during your assignment it is essential to spend time alone with God. Seek His wisdom and strength. Acknowledge His power and authority. Ask for His direction and guidance as you share the Good News of His forgiveness and salvation.

#### Required reading:

All NT members are asked to read specific books by arriving at orientation. Current information on required readings can be found on the NT website.

[www.nehemiahtams.com](http://www.nehemiahtams.com)

### Travel

STG is the recommended travel agent for Nehemiah Teams individuals. In most cases, it is beneficial for Nehemiah Teams participants to use STG so they can coordinate arrivals and departures. The cost of this travel is NOT included in the price on the project request. It is recommended that students begin travel arrangements 3 months prior to the start of their project.

Email STG or call 806-548-3431.

#### Passport and Visa:

Acquiring a passport is the first step in preparation for international travel. Many Nehemiah Teams projects go to a country that requires a visa in order to enter the country. This document, (usually a sticker or stamp in your passport) is obtained through the country's consulate office in the United States. The STG travel agent will help



you acquire a visa.

### **Immunizations:**

All students should have completed all their childhood immunizations and have current Tetanus and Hepatitis–A immunizations. Check your project request and the [Center for Disease Control website](#) for recommended and required immunizations for your country.

### **Insurance:**

All students are required to obtain comprehensive insurance through [Gallagher Charitable International Insurance Services](#). This insurance is comprehensive coverage, not just medical insurance, and costs are just a few dollars a day. All students should keep their current U.S. coverage while on the field, but these U.S. policies generally do NOT cover emergency medical care overseas, emergency evacuation, repatriation, etc. Therefore, ALL students are required to obtain this insurance through Gallagher.

The travel agent (STG) can help you purchase this. Otherwise, registration information is given to students when they are assigned to a project. There is a special IMB Students price for this insurance so make sure to mention you are serving with IMB and have your project# available. Payment is made directly to Gallagher or the travel agent at the time of registration.

### **Packing:**

A specific packing list will be provided for each team. This information will be found on the NT website.

[www.nehemiahteam.com](http://www.nehemiahteam.com)

### **Finances**

As you prepare to serve internationally you may have to trust GOD at a new level and you may have to evaluate your personal finances and stewardship. These resources are designed to help you be a good steward of the resources God has given you as you prepare to serve Him.

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## Orientation

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Nehemiah Teams wants students to be as prepared as possible for their assignment when arriving on the field. All students are required to attend the stateside orientation as part of the Nehemiah Teams program. Important information concerning evangelism training, team building, and security are covered during orientation.

## Debriefing

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We feel that the scheduled days of debrief are as important as the orientation. Debrief is held in the US upon arrival from the field. Students will be met at the airport by Nehemiah Teams staff and taken directly to the debrief site. Attendance at debrief is mandatory and should be considered before applying for a Nehemiah Teams assignment. Debriefing helps you understand what God did in and through you during your assignment on the field. Debriefing is a process, not an event. It begins as you near the end of your assignment, and it continues for weeks, months and maybe even years as you continue to live out and apply all that God did in, around and through you. Most likely you will be returning home as a different person, with a different perspective. How do you continue to determine and live out your place in God's plan?

Debriefing triggers the re-entry process. Re-entry can be seen as an end and a beginning...

- an end to a foreign experience, but the beginning of feeling foreign to your own culture
- an end to being stared at, but the beginning of looking at people and the world through different eyes
- an end to simple living, but the beginning of a different lifestyle
- an end to your time in one place, but the continuation of a lifetime of making His glory known among the nations

## Important dates for 2014

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- May 26: Team leader orientation begins
- May 29: Team member orientation begins
- June 3: All teams depart for the field
- July 29: All teams arrive in ATL for debrief
- Aug 1: All teams return home



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### What do I need to bring?

Nehemiah Teams will be providing you a pretty detailed packing list after you are approved that we strongly suggest you follow. This will help you to avoid bringing too much stuff that you won't need!

### Can I bring my laptop? iPod? Cell phone and etc?

Nehemiah Teams has a Disconnect to Connect Policy. This partial media fast allows students to focus on their relationship with God and their ministry. Students are encouraged to spend 1-2 hours weekly on their day off to re-connect with family and friends.

Laptop: Unless you are a media team member, we would ask that you not bring your laptop. With the availability of internet cafes in most countries, it really isn't necessary and will just be one more "thing " you'd have to keep up with. Please don't bring your laptop unless you are a media team member.

iPod: It's up to you if you want to have your iPod with you during your travel to orientation. If you do choose to bring it, we will collect these upon your arrival at orientation for safe keeping during the course of the summer, returning it to you at debrief.

Cell phone: Again, if you feel better having this with you during travel to orientation then that's up to you. Like the other items, we will collect this upon arrival at orientation for safe keeping.

### Do I need to get a visa before I arrive in my country of assignment?

It depends on your country.

PHILIPPINES: You will receive a 21-day tourist visa upon arrival which will be renewed over the course of the summer... this additional expense is included in your field expense budget.

If your country or information isn't listed here... please contact your local supervisor directly. Your travel agent can help you secure the visa that is necessary for your international travel.

### I love mail!!! What is my summer mailing address?



Postal mail is so slow in some countries that without the correct procedure the package would not arrive on the field until the student is back in the U.S. If the package does make it to the field, it is very possible that it will be searched and items taken before the student receives it. Be advised that some countries require the recipients to pay duty for packages when they retrieve them from the post office and that this duty sometimes costs more than the items in the package. If parents are planning to send packages, we recommend parents and students investigate these things first. Contact your local supervisor for this information.

Philippines: Regular size envelopes normally take 10-14 days to arrive from the US. We would suggest not having packages sent to you... depending on your team assignment, only letters will be forwarded to team locations. Most likely, due to team locations, teams will only receive mail a couple times over the course of the summer.

### **What size bag will I need?**

A good sized backpack/duffle bag for you to bring would be one that measures 3500 cubic inches. If you follow the packing list, you should be able to get everything you need in this.

Either way you go, backpack or duffle bag, you will want to have a day pack (book bag size backpack) for daily use and short trips as needed.

If you are on a Luzon-based orphanage team or South Korea you can bring a suitcase. Others, because of travel between locations, etc... it's best to have a backpack or duffle bag.

### **What about my personal safety? My parents need some reassurance...**

This is one of the most frequently asked questions, not so much by students, but by parents. We understand. We are parents too. We have 3 children. We, as parents, think about issues that haven't even been considered by our children. I think back on some things I did when I was 14 or 15. My best friend and I were nearly killed in a sledding accident. (Duh... we didn't think about the issue of having to stop at the bottom of the hill.) Our security was shaken on September 11, 2001. We learned in that moment that no place in our world is safe. We have developed what some psychologists call risk-lock. We are afraid to the point that this fear causes us to lose touch with reality. Click on the links below to read more about risk-lock as well as other informational documents.

Risk-lock document (<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/55761974/NT/Jennings%20Risk-lock.doc>)

### **How much personal money will I need?**

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## **Do I need all the immunizations and malaria medicine?**

You were told to follow the IMB recommendations for your immunizations. If you've seen the list, you'll notice that it is quite extensive.

**PHILIPPINES:** Our personal recommendations would be that you make sure you regular immunizations are up to date, this would include tetanus, DPT (TDap), polio, Hep B, etc. We would also suggest that you have Typhoid immunization (this one can be oral or injection). We do not recommend that you take the preventative malaria medicine.

Other countries: Please contact your local supervisor.

## **Will I be able to check my e-mail this summer?**

Asia is full of internet cafes which make the internet very accessible for the common man... meaning to say, those without a PC at home! For a low price (about 25 cents an hour) you can get on-line and surf to your heart's content! So, the answer is, " Yes! " ... you should have opportunity to stay connected to family and friends through e-mail. Due to the remoteness of some of your locations you may not be able to do this on a regular basis... but you should be able to check at least a couple times over the course of the summer.

For those areas where internet is available, teams will have 2 hours on their day off each week for internet access. You will be disconnected from the internet this summer in order to be connected with people. Share this with your parents so they'll know your usage will be limited.

## **What phone number should I give my folks in case they need to contact me?**

Phone numbers will be provided by the local supervisors.



## **Should I bring phone cards from the US to use during the summer?**

No. You will be able to call using local phone cards or by calling through an operator using a calling card or credit card. Depending on your location, some phone cards from the US are not useable here. However, as with the internet cafes, local calling stations are available where you can place international calls.

## **Can I use my credit/debit card at a local ATM?**

Most local banks partner with either MasterCard or Visa networks therefore in areas where there are ATMs... yes, you will be able to use your cards. (Our experience has been that there is an additional service charge for international usage.) HOWEVER... depending on your team location... not all areas have ATMs. Check with your local supervisor to verify.

## **Who arranges housing and what is the housing like?**

The field supervisor is responsible for the living arrangements and all other logistics on the field, unless otherwise noted on the project request or communicated by the field supervisor. General information is included in the project request that you received when you were assigned. You may contact the supervisor directly for answers to specific questions about these logistics.

## **What if there is a family crisis or some other emergency while the student is on the field?**

In the case of an emergency, parents may contact their student's supervisor directly. If the student is unreachable, the IMB Students team is available to help contact the student and make necessary arrangements. Even if the student is in a place where communication is difficult, we will be able to get in touch with the student on short notice. Call 1-800-999-3113. During business hours (8:30am-5:00pm EST) press 0 and ask for someone on the student team. If it is after business hours, call the same number and follow the instructions for an emergency. Leave your message with the answering service including your name, the name of your student, the location of your student, the nature of the emergency, and two phone numbers that can be used to reach you. The answering service will contact an IMB Students manager and we will return your call ASAP.

## **Can parents visit their student on the field?**

We appreciate parents' support of and interest in their students' ministry. If parents would like to visit their student while s/he is serving, the field supervisor MUST give approval. It is important that the visit not interfere



with the ministry.

### **What if parents or students have other questions?**

If your questions relate to packing, logistical details for their project or things specific to the location, the supervisor is the best source of information. For questions about visas, travel, insurance, and preparation, IMB Students can help. Please feel free to contact us any time with your questions or concerns and we will help you as much as we possibly can.

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