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Between 1970 and 2005, attendance at mass in the Republic of Ireland declined from 90% to 44%.

Thank you for your interest in coming to help us in the British Isles of Ireland and the United Kingdom. We are excited that you desire to come and be a part of what God is doing here. In the pages that follow, you will find important information about volunteering that should answer most of your questions. If you have other questions that are not addressed in the material already provided, please feel free to contact us.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland is located on the same island as the Republic of Ireland but is politically part of the United Kingdom along with England, Scotland, and Wales.

Northern Ireland has a population of 1.6 million people. The United Kingdom has about 62 million people, and the Republic of Ireland has a further 4.5 million people.

Though Northern Ireland has a history of conflict and unrest, most of that has subsided and it is a very safe place to live and visit.

Derry/Londonderry is a city of over 100,000 people and was just named the UK City of Culture. The city may have much religion, but it is still full of thousands of people who need the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. Our hope and prayer is that God will do something in the lives of these long-divided people that will impact not only the city but also the world.

HISTORY OF THE WORK

We arrived in Northern Ireland in 2004 and worked in the Roe Valley Baptist Church in Limavady until 2006, when we started Northwest Baptist Church in Derry. We are currently working to establish this church and train men for ministry.



“Only 15% of the people in the UK go once a month to any kind of church.”

www.whychurch.org.uk





2010 Teen Camp



Baptism Service

DATES

The dates for your particular trip will be arranged on an individual basis. Since you are coming for longer than a week, you will be classified as a temporary religious worker by the UK Border Agency. Under this category, you will be allowed to come for **a maximum of two years**. For more details or to schedule a trip, contact us.

VISA

As mentioned above, the UK Border Agency requires that all volunteers who enter the country to do religious work obtain a visa. Your visa will be a **Tier 5 Religious Workers Visa**. In order to obtain this visa, our church here in Northern Ireland will need to issue you a Certificate of Sponsorship which is basically a number that you enter into your application. This website will give you more information about this process:

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/infos/inf27pbstempworker

In order for us to issue you a certificate of sponsorship, **we will need you to read over the sponsorship programme document, fill out the application form and the steps outlined in that document.**

Please **begin the sponsorship process 3 months before you plan to come.** This will allow us time to issue you a certificate of sponsorship, and allow you time to apply for your visa. We will also ask you to agree to a **volunteer work contract** when you arrive, which is suggested by the UKBA.

COST

The cost of your trip will greatly vary depending on your airfare, length of trip, and arrangements that are made with us. If you are staying in someone's home, we would ask you to pay \$200 per month for lodging and \$200 per month for food. If you are staying in other accommodation, the cost of food and lodging will be much more. You may also want to have \$100 per month for the cost of trips/tours which may vary. The above prices do not include the cost of personal spending money for souvenirs, snacks, etc. You will also need to pay £130 (\$250) when you apply for your visa.

SCHEDULE

While you are in Ireland and the UK, the main purpose of your trip will be to learn more about missions and how to serve God better; to develop more of a burden for world evangelism, and to be a blessing to other Christians and the missionaries on the field.

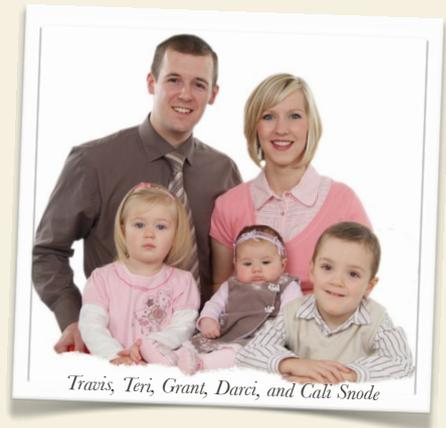
This is not a sightseeing tour or a vacation, however, during your trip you will be able to see some beautiful countryside, travel to some very historic places, and participate in some fun activities.

Here are some possible things that you may be able to do during your time here: world evangelism classes, training in personal evangelism, shopping and sightseeing, passing out tracts and literature, participating in church services, helping with special meetings, teaching classes, and discipling believers.

DEADLINES

In order to have the most effective trip, we require all volunteers to meet the following deadlines:

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| 6 months before departure | Confirm dates & purpose of trip with us. <i>(Your visit might be able to coincide with a special outreach or special meeting for children, teens, etc. This would allow you the opportunity to be more involved in the ministry here.)</i> |
| 3 months before departure | Begin application process for visa |
| 2 months before departure | Purchase plane tickets. <i>(You will be responsible to purchase your plane tickets, though we would be happy to offer our advice on airlines that we would recommend. <u>Be sure to confirm all flight details will work with us before final booking.</u>)</i> |
| 2 weeks before departure | Send money for your first month of food and lodging. <i>(This will allow us to make the appropriate arrangements for your trip. Please send your money to Macedonia World Baptist Missions, PO Box 519, Braselton, GA, 30517 and mark your check "Snode Mission Trip".)</i> |



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PLANE TICKETS

The price of tickets greatly varies with the time of the year. The cheapest time to fly to Northern Ireland is typically Oct, Nov, Jan, and Feb. The most expensive time is July-August.

When purchasing your tickets, the best airports to fly into are Belfast International Airport (www.bial.co.uk) or Belfast City Airport (www.belfastcityairport.com).

WEATHER

The temperature in Northern Ireland ranges between 50-70° F in the summer and 30-50° F in the winter. It is very windy and rainy in the winter.

If you are coming in the winter, be sure to bring an umbrella and a warm jacket. You should bring mostly long-sleeve clothing for the winter months. A lightweight jacket and short-sleeve clothing will be fine for the summer.



Inside Northwest Baptist Church



Outside Northwest Baptist Church

TRIP COVENANT

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of my short-term mission trip. I understand that though Northern Ireland may not be referred to as a third-world country, it may not have the same conveniences that I am used to at home. I realize how important it is to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of my host. If accepted as a member of this Mission Group:

- I will go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during this trip.
- I realize and agree that this is a mission trip and not a vacation. I want to go on this trip to learn more about missions, learn how I can serve God better, and be a blessing to other Christians and the missionaries on the field.
- I will accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip.
- I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this mission trip will end and I will return home immediately at my own expense.
- If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members or local people during the trip.
- I will always pay my own way! I will be careful not to allow the missionaries or local people to pay my expenses or my team's expenses.
- I will be a blessing to the missionaries we are visiting. If a missionary accompanies me on an outing or excursion, I will pay for the missionary's entry fees and meals. The missionary is only going as a guide and has probably been there several times already.
- I will not expect the missionaries to be my maids. They aren't offering room service.
- I will help out with serving, cleaning, cooking in the missionary home. I will be a blessing that the missionaries will remember and be glad and thankful that I came on the trip.
- I will not complain about the food, lodging accommodations, etc.
- I will be a gracious guest. If your lodging is in a missionary (or national) home, I will remember **I am a houseguest**. This home has been generously opened to me. It is not a motel to be treated carelessly as if I had paid for the room.
- I will be respectful of the missionary's home. In whatever home I stay, I will treat the possessions of the owner with care. I will always leave a home and the furnishings in as good a condition as I found them. I will respect the missionaries' right to privacy.
- I will conscientiously set aside the time to have my personal devotions and take care of the daily responsibilities both spiritually and physically. I will understand that each group member will be asked to help with different house duties.
- I will attend all services, activities, outings, etc. and carry my share of the load in the work we are trying to accomplish.
- I will maintain and exhibit a good attitude that will honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I will remember we are the new Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example.
- I will submit to the instructions concerning attire, eating, drinking and other such traditions which will help me to assimilate into the local community.
- I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for our missionary hosts, and to do my best to help them attain their long term goals.
- As a Christian I realize that it is my responsibility to die to myself and seek to serve others. I will not seek my own but that of others. This means not putting myself first and leaving the others out. I will be a blessing to all on my team and especially those that I have come to minister to.
- I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel may be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team.
- Before I give a gift to someone I will consult with the team leader and missionary and allow him to make the final decision on this matter.
- I release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped me make these arrangements, including Macedonia World Baptist Missions, my home church, their agents, employees, officers and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns for all personal injuries, known or unknown and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.
- In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

Participant's Signature: _____

If participant is under 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian's signature: _____

Participant's Name: _____ (please print)

Address: _____ (please print)

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

PASTOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

British Isles Mission Trip

Please complete and return to the applicant, so they can mail it with their application to Macedonia World Baptist Missions, P.O. Box 519, Braselton, GA 30517. Thank you very much for your time. If you have any questions or further information, you may contact Travis Snode at 330-437-1527 or snode@intoalltheworld.net.

Name: _____

Church: _____

Phone Number: _____

How long have you known _____ (Name of Applicant): _____

Do you recommend that this person participate in the British Isles Mission Trip: YES/NO

If not, please explain why: _____

Other Comments: _____

Signature _____

Date _____