

2009 Iceland Missions Trip

Sponsored by Gulf Region Royal Rangers and Pathfinder Missions

Where Are You Going?

The trip will be based 7 miles from the village of Hvollsvollur, Iceland, near the southern coast of Iceland. Hvollsvollur is located about 70 miles southeast of the capital city of Reykjavik, Iceland. From the base camp, there will be two separate teams that will work on their assigned projects, some on-site and some at off-site locations.

What Will You Be Doing?

The construction team will be working on Iceland's Pentecostal Conference Center, a facility that seats approximately 2000 people (aka "The Ark"). The Ark is in need of a considerable amount of remodeling and improvements, including sheetrock, electrical work, carpentry work, plumbing, etc.

The outreach team will do outreach to children and youth in selected villages *and* assist in conducting a Royal Rangers camp for Royal Rangers Iceland. You may be asked to share your personal testimony, participate in "Fine Arts" type ministries, preach, teach merit classes for Royal Rangers, perform physical labor, do puppet ministry, or a variety of other things.

If time and finances permit, the outreach team will participate in some type of "high action" activity such as climbing a glacier or volcano, horseback riding, etc. with some of the Icelandic Royal Rangers.

Who May Participate?

The construction team will consist of up to 10 men and boys ages 16 and older. Boys 14 and 15 years old may participate if accompanied by their parents.

The outreach team will consist of up to 10 youth boys with Royal Rangers background (or a willingness to minister in that setting), ages 13 and older and up to 3 adult sponsors.

PLEASE NOTE that submission of an application and deposit by the deadline does not guarantee acceptance for participation in this trip. We are putting together "teams" of people that can meet specific needs. So, what we will do is accept applications up until the application deadline then review each application and make a decision based on prayer and the merits of that application. Please be flexible as to which team(s) you are willing to work with and, most of all (and most difficult), please don't be offended if you are not selected for participation in this trip at this time. There will be a limited number of spaces available and we will do our best to put together effective teams with the resources we have available.

What Will It Cost?

At this time, the total estimated cost for the trip will be \$750.00 per person for the boys' outreach team (after \$200 per boy scholarship) and \$1250 per person for the construction team (including \$300 per person for construction materials). This will include transportation to and from Iceland

from Kansas City, Missouri, meals and transportation while in Iceland, and construction materials.

PLEASE NOTE that any additional costs for luggage, trip insurance (required), and the cost of meals to and from Iceland (on the travel days) will be the responsibility of each individual participant. In addition, each participant must have a U.S. Passport prior to the trip for entry into Iceland and back into the United States.

How Much Extra Money Should I Bring?

You must know that everything in Iceland costs at least double what it costs in the United States. Gas costs more than \$5.00 per gallon. A box of cereal may cost \$7.00. A souvenir t-shirt will cost you at least \$20.00.

The national currency of Iceland is the Krona (ISK). As of March 5, 2009, the exchange rate for the Krona to American dollars is 113 ISK per \$1.00. This means that 1 ISK is worth less than 1 cent. So if you want to purchase something that has a price tag of 2300 ISK, that would be equal to \$20.35 (divide 2300 by 113 to figure the price in dollars).

There are not a great number of souvenir shops in Iceland, but you will have limited opportunities to shop. Wool products are very popular in Iceland (i.e. sweaters, stocking caps, mittens, etc.). There are also more traditional souvenir shops at the airport in Keflavik, where you can buy t-shirts, sweatshirts, calendars, books with photos of Iceland, refrigerator magnets, etc. Just know that the airport's prices are like airport prices in the United States – very expensive..and in Iceland, that's saying a lot!

Last, you will probably have the opportunity to go to the Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal hot spring. Really, you need to go online and check it out – it's an amazing place. Cost for entry into the Blue Lagoon is about \$25.00 per person, so save a few extra dollars for this, if you want to participate.

What Should I Bring?

See the attached personal equipment checklist for a detailed list of what to bring. But in general, you need to bring clothing for cool, wet weather. The average June temperature in Iceland is in the low 50's and rain is frequent at this time of year. Those that will be camping need to bring appropriate sleeping bags, rain gear, and clothing for cold-weather camping (not a ski-suit, but multiple layers of clothing). Everyone will need to bring a coat and stocking cap, even if you will be staying indoors.

What Are the People Like?

The people in Iceland are very proud and friendly, but definitely come from a European culture. Thus, they have different traditions and customs than you are used to. From a spiritual perspective, Iceland considers itself a "Christian" nation, with 97% of the population claiming to be part of the Evangelical Lutheran church, the "official" government-sponsored church of Iceland. However, over half of the priests in the Evangelical Lutheran church of Iceland do not even believe in God. There are only about 7 Pentecostal churches in all of Iceland, so the work we do will have a tremendous impact on these churches.

Iceland has a population of only 300,000 people and over 200,000 live in the capital city of Reykjavik. The third largest city in Iceland has a population of only 5,000 people. The United

States has a population of over 300,000,000 people. This means that for every person that lives in Iceland, there are 1,000 people living in the United States. So, as a percentage of the population, leading 10 people to the Lord in Iceland would be like leading 10,000 people to the Lord in the United States. Our team has the ability to literally affect an entire nation for Jesus Christ!!!

How Safe Is Iceland?

Crime statistics in Iceland show far less crime there than in the United States. In 2004, there was 1 murder in the entire country compared, for example, to Kansas City, Missouri (a city of about 450,000) that had 114 murders during that same period of time. Theft, burglary, and other crimes also have far fewer incidents in Iceland than they do in the United States.

What If I'm Selected to Go?

There will be requirements for each person who is selected to participate in the trip. Here is a list of those requirements:

1. Read at least one chapter of the Bible per day. You will be expected to complete the books of John, Acts, Romans, Philippians, and I and II Thessalonians (along with other books/chapters of your choice), between now and the start of the trip.
2. Memorize John 3:16; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; John 1:12; I John 1:9; Revelation 3:20; Joshua 24:15.
3. Write your personal testimony and present it in front of your church, Ranger group, or youth group.
4. Pay a deposit of \$250.00 with your application. Your deposit will be returned if you are not selected to take part in this trip.
5. Make an additional payment of \$100.00 per boy or \$300.00 per adult to cover the cost of your international air fare (Boston to Reykjavik) no later than April 25, 2009.
There will be no refunds of air fare once tickets have been purchased!!!
6. Pay the remainder of the cost of the trip no later than May 25, 2009.
7. Sign an agreement to abide by all the policies of Pathfinders/AIM and the directions of the trip leaders.
8. Arrive in Kansas City, Missouri, no later than 1:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, June 28 for team orientation and preparations. We will fly out of Kansas City International Airport EARLY on Monday morning.

Personal Equipment Checklist

The temperature in Iceland, during the time we will be visiting, is typically in the mid-50's and is frequently rainy (and almost always windy). Therefore, it will be very important for those on the outreach team to bring appropriate clothing/camping gear for cool, wet weather. The construction team will be working primarily indoors, so the cool weather camping gear will not be as essential for them.

Also, please note that there is a limit of 50 pounds in each suitcase you take onboard the airplane AND (on the domestic flights) there is a charge of \$15 (each way) for the first suitcase you take and \$25 (each way) for the second suitcase you take. So feel free to adjust what you take, but **MAKE SURE** you have the essentials for the types of activities you will be participating in.

Iceland '09 team t-shirt (to be worn on travel days)
Royal Rangers Uniform
4-5 Pants (fatigues are better than jeans for outdoor use)
4-5 Flannel/insulated shirts
4-5 T-shirts (bring RR t-shirts if possible)
10 Underwear
10 Socks (bring some wool/insulated socks if possible)
Long underwear (tops and bottoms)
Swimming suit
1-2 Shorts
Hiking boots or sturdy shoes
Stocking cap (this is *very* important)
Rain suit or poncho
Medium-weight jacket
Sleeping bag (preferably lightweight and warm to 20F)
Small pillow (optional)
2 Towels, washcloths
Hygiene items (soap, shampoo, shaving items, deodorant, etc.)
Sunscreen, chapstick
Trash bag (for wet clothes)
Camera, film, memory card, batteries, charger (optional)
Video camera, film, batteries, charger (optional)
Cell phone, charger (optional)
European plug-in adapter/converter (optional)
Spending money or traveler's checks
Passport
Medications (boys must turn in all meds to trip leader)
Medical form (must be turned in to trip leader)

Contact Gulf Regional Coordinator, David North, at dnorthrr@aol.com for more information!

Iceland '09 Missions Trip Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse (or parent's) Names _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

Church Name/City/State _____

District _____ Outpost # _____

Commander's Name and Phone # _____

How long have you been in Royal Rangers? _____

What is the highest award you have earned in Royal Rangers? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please write/type the following and attach it to this application form:

1. What is your most memorable experience in Royal Rangers?
2. Why do you want to participate in this missions trip?
3. Write out your personal testimony (your story of God's work in your life).

I acknowledge that submission of this application form does not guarantee acceptance for participation in this missions trip. If selected, I agree to abide by the rules/guidelines of Pathfinder Missions and the Assemblies of God Department of Foreign Missions. I also agree to abide by the directions of the trip leader and will work only within the ministry guidelines and assignments that I am given. I understand that the customs of the people I will be ministering to will be different from mine, and agree to do everything I can to avoid offending the people of Iceland. I will make this trip a matter of daily prayer and agree to fulfill all trip requirements should I be selected to participate.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

BOYS: Please have at least one of your parents sign this form to verify their consent for you to apply for participation in this trip.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

ADULTS: Please have your pastor sign this form to verify that your church has a Children's Worker's Background Screening Form on file at the church.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INSURANCE ELECTION

Mission Abroad Placement Service MAPS Team Member

PART 1—Assumption of Risk

I, _____ (name of volunteer), in consideration of my acceptance as a short-term volunteer with the Missions Abroad Placement Service (MAPS) of the World Missions of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, USA, represent and agree that:

1. I am a volunteer worker and acknowledge that I am not an employee of MAPS, the World Missions of the Assemblies of God, or the General Council of the Assemblies of God, USA.

2. I am aware of the hazards and risks to my person and property associated with serving in a missions capacity, such hazards and risks including, but not being limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, war, terrorists acts, weather conditions, inadequate medical services and supplies, criminal activity, and random acts of violence. I accept my assignment with full awareness of these risks, and, subject to the insurance coverages described below, I voluntarily assume all risks of death, injury, illness, and damage to myself or any member of my family associated with such risks, and any damage to my personal property. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).

3. I attest and certify that I have no medical conditions that would prevent me from performing my duties.

4. Subject to insurance coverages described below, I waive and release any and all claims for damages which I, or my heirs or successors, may have against MAPS, the World Missions of the Assemblies of God, the General Council of the Assemblies of God, any District Council of the Assemblies of God, the local church sponsoring the MAPS trip, or any agent or employee of any of such organizations, arising from my death, injury, or illness, or any property damage or loss occurring during the term of my assignment or as a result of my assignment.

5. In the event that I have minor children who will accompany me on my assignment, I, acting both on my own behalf and in their behalf as their parent and legal guardian, and subject to the insurance coverages described below, do hereby assume all risks of death, illness, or injury that they may suffer as a result of said assignment, from those causes described above.

6. I understand and accept the following policy of the Assemblies of God World Missions regarding ransom payments:

The Assemblies of God World Missions Executive Committee has determined that it will not pay ransom nor yield to the demands of anyone who takes one of our missionary family or staff hostage. The Assemblies of God World Missions pledges itself to every effort in prayer and all other appropriate means to obtain the release of one taken hostage should it ever occur. This policy was made after sufficient study of the policies of other evangelical missionary societies and after considering the advice of the United States State Department.

7. I expressly waive any defense to the enforcement of any provisions of this commitment arising from a claim of lack of consideration and warrant that this commitment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation upon me enforceable against me in accordance with its terms.

8. I expressly agree that this assumption of risk and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law. I further state that **I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND I VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT.**

PART 2—INSURANCE ELECTION

I am aware of the hazards and risks to my person associated with serving in a missions capacity, as described above. I further understand that MAPS currently requires the insurance coverage summarized below, that I am responsible for the cost of such insurance, that these coverages are subject to change, and that I am responsible for obtaining any additional insurance coverages that I consider necessary:

- \$100,000 24-hour accidental death and dismemberment
- \$1,000 monthly limit for permanent total disability based on an accident (100-month maximum, with a 12-month waiting period)
- \$1,000 monthly limit for permanent total disability based on illness (50-month maximum, with a 12-month waiting period)
- \$50,000 accident medical limit
- \$10,000 sickness medical limit
- \$50 deductible per occurrence
- \$75,000 medical evacuation limit
- \$10,000 repatriation limit

Please check the appropriate statement:

I have adequate insurance coverage and do not desire the insurance coverage described above.
(Persons opting out of the above listed insurance are required to provide proof from their insurance company of a personal or company policy having at least the above listed coverage.)

I desire the above-described insurance coverage with Guarantee Trust Life (GTL)

SIGNATURES

Date: _____

Legible signature

Address

Legible signature of spouse (if he or she will accompany you on your assignment)

Address

IMPORTANT: Please have two (2) witnesses observe your signing of this form, and have the witnesses sign below. They must be at least 18 years old, and they cannot be your relatives.

Witness' legible signature

Address

Witness' legible signature

Address

Team Trip Information: (MUST BE COMPLETED)

Name of Church: _____ City, State: _____

Destination(s): _____ Missionary: _____

Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

Please send the signed Assumption of Risk form to this address:

AGWM Missions Abroad Placement Service
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802-1894

MAPS

Code . of . Conduct

Please place your initials by each statement below:

As a MAPS team member I realize the important role I play as an example to those in the United States and abroad. I understand that I represent not only my local church, but also the MAPS Department, the Assemblies of God World Missions, the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and the United States as a whole.

I understand the Assemblies of God official statement of abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substance use and/or abuse. In respect to God, the Assemblies of God and its missionaries, and the national church that I will be ministering to, I will refrain from:

_____ The purchase and/or use of *any* kind of alcoholic beverage

_____ The purchase and/or use of *any* tobacco products

_____ The purchase and/or use of *any* other controlled substance
(Does not include the use of personal medications, as prescribed by a doctor, or the use of necessary over-the-counter medications such as Aspirin, Tylenol, Pepto-Bismol, etc.)

I _____, have read and understood the above policy. I promise to forego my personal convictions on the subject in order to maintain unity and to avoid controversy in the body of Christ.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company

Beneficiary Designation

Insured's Name (*print*) _____
Last *First* *Middle Initial*

Start Date of Travel _____
Month *Day* *Year*

Beneficiary _____

Beneficiary's Relationship to Insured _____

Policyholder: _____
Assemblies of God

Policy Number: _____
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Signature of Insured _____

Date of Signing _____

****Note: one form required for each insured individual***