

MISSION TRIP 2023



General Requirements:

- Must complete all KidSafe certification requirements
- Pay a \$100 registration fee (once approved) to hold your place on the team
- Must attend all training meetings
- Must be willing to raise personal support

Application Process:

- 1) Attend the informational meeting on December 4 at 10:45 a.m. in Room 241.
- 2) Contact Kristy Godwin at kgodwin@riverstone.church, or contact the church office at (215) 321-3326 about your desire to be part of a team.
- 3) Submit an online application no later than **January 13, 2023**.
- 4) All applications will be reviewed before anyone is confirmed as a team member.



“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.”

- ACTS 17:26-27



About International Project

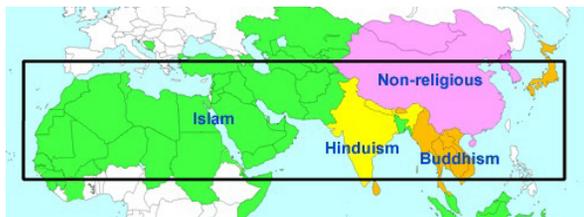
International Project exists to initiate church-planting movements through unreached people groups living outside their homeland.

About Seed Week

Seed Week seeks to plant the seed of the gospel among unreached people groups in New York City. Participants receive training in cross-cultural evangelism techniques with primarily Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh populations, discovering those with whom the Holy Spirit is working. International Project's long-term workers will follow up with these individuals, asking them to invite their family and friends to hear more about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission Trip Focus for Riverstone Church

We aim to assist International Project in sifting through the high volume of immigrants from unreached people groups in NYC, looking for people who may be open to the claims of Christ. At the same time, we seek to develop a passion for evangelism to the unreached people groups around the world, especially those migrating to our backyard. This is done through equipping our body with cross-cultural training and providing first-hand exposure in a way that is translatable to our immediate context.



What are unreached people groups?

A people group is considered unreached if less than 2% of the population actively follows Jesus and they have little to no access of hearing about Jesus Christ. The term "10/40 window" refers to these peoples who live in the least reached area of the world. This includes the North African, Middle Eastern, and Asian regions where nearly two thirds of the world population live, yet 90-95% of the overall population are unreached. Jesus commands us to "make disciples of all nations," which is why we care about reaching these unreached peoples, specifically those in our surrounding cities (Matthew 28:19).

Why New York City?

NYC is one of the most diverse cities in the world with over 120 nations and 52 unreached people groups represented. With 60,000-70,000 international students, large neighborhoods of immigrants, and refugees who have settled in NYC, there is incredible opportunity to love the foreigner among us. These people will likely visit their homeland three times in their lifespan, and we desire to plant the seeds of the gospel first in their hearts and spread to their family and friends in their homeland. God is using migration to bring the nations to himself and spread the gospel out to the nations.



Dates of Trip:

Sunday, June 18 – Saturday, June 24, 2023

Specific People Group/Location:

Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh populations in Queens, NYC

Trip Leaders:

Kristy Godwin and Marty Brophy

Specific Requirements:

Applicants must:

- Know Jesus as their personal Savior, have a mature and growing faith, be responsible, flexible and have a servant attitude.
- Be age 18 or older, as of June 18, 2023.
- Be willing to engage people in a high-volume and fast-paced environment.
- Be physically able to walk for several hours each day in crowded city elements.

Additional Requirements:

- 1) Have valid health insurance
- 2) Bring personal money for day-off expenses

Daily Schedule

9am–12pm: Training

12pm–1pm: Lunch

1–5pm: Ministry in neighborhoods

5–6pm: Dinner

7:30–9pm: Sharing/debrief (Friday only)

Cost & Expenses: \$800 per person

This includes registration, fees, lodging, meals, travel costs, and ministry expenses for the team.