

NEVER THE SAME MISSIONS

Quito, Ecuador - June 25 - July 10, 2011

Leader In Training Application

I'm so excited you're interested in being a Leader In Training (LIT) for our 2011 Mission trip to Quito, Ecuador! Are you ready to have your world rocked and make a difference in the lives of younger teens all at the same time? If so, we may be looking for YOU!

Who should apply?

College-age young students with mission trip and leadership experience to work alongside adult leaders on this two-week life-changing adventure and ministry opportunity.

What are the requirements?

You must have been out of high school at least one year by the time of the trip, have at least one international mission trip behind you, strong leadership qualities and experience, a solid spiritual foundation, and a willingness to jump in and get involved in mentoring and encouraging younger teens. Mandatory leader training will be held in Miami two days prior to the student participants.

The 2011 LIT experience- how does it look?

We're looking for young adults who are serious about their faith and being trained to lead in a ministry environment. You'll be stretched to new limits and encouraged to use your particular gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of the teens you work with. We'll train you, push you, encourage you, and watch you blossom as you step into the exciting role of leadership this trip offers. Are you ready for the challenge?

If you can be flexible and a team player working with other adults in leadership positions, this trip is for you! All of our leaders pay their own way (same as the teens who participate).

Still interested? If so, simply follow the instructions below.

👉 If you haven't read the information packet labeled "For Parents, the Details" make sure you read that before completing this application. (Yes, even if you're not a parent; you need the facts.)

👉 If you haven't spent time in prayer about this trip, stop right now and do so. Don't even think about filling out the application until you're confident God wants you on this trip.

👉 Complete the application below. **Include a recent photo with your application.**

Return as soon as possible with your \$58 application fee to:

Never the Same Missions, C/O Big World Ventures, P.O. Box 703203, Tulsa, OK 74170-3203

We will contact you **within** two weeks after we have received your application including your Pastor's Recommendation form.

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Today's Date: _____

OPTION 1: June 27th - July 10th 2011 / Cost: \$2,398 from Miami, FL (\$2,498 after January 31, 2011)

OPTION 2: Extended Trip June 27th - July 17th / Cost \$2,998 from Miami, FL (\$3,098 after January 31,2011)

Please select your trip: Option1 or Option 2 the extended trip.

Legal Name (Please print as it will be on your passport): _____

Name as you want it on your name badge:

College Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: (PRINT CLEARLY) _____

Age: _____ Male Female

Marital Status: M S Divorced

T-shirt size (100% Cotton, Unisex Adult Tees): S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Please describe in a paragraph, why you want you to participate in this mission trip.

Have you participated on a missions trip before?

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Have you flown by yourself on an airplane before? Yes No

Have you ever been on an international mission trip? Yes No

How did you hear about this trip?

Referred by Shari Braendal

Shari Braendal's Website

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Applicant's Name:

Describe your leadership qualifications and experience:

Give a short summary of your personal testimony.

List the name of the church you regularly attend - describe your church involvement:

Name of college you attend:

Year in college: _____

Area of study: _____

Can you work well under someone else's authority and enforce the rules established by the mission's staff—even if things aren't being run the way you think they should? (Check one)

Yes I'm kind of controlling That's hard!

Our Expectations

We are looking for spiritually solid college students who are passionate about youth ministry and missions to be godly role models for younger teens as well as take an active leadership role alongside adults on a team of students. As a potential LIT for this mission trip, you're representing Jesus Christ. We would much rather err on the side of being too cautious and conservative than too liberal. So, bluntly put . . . here's what we expect from you:

No sarcasm (Teens are at the point in their development where everything is changing, and a simple zit can hurl them into a crisis. This is *not* the time to get laughs from sarcasm or clever put-downs. Your role as a godly leader is to provide positive affirmation and encouragement.)

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As a Leader In Training, we expect you to be actively involved with students on your team with a servant's heart and teachable spirit. Are you applying to be a LIT because you believe God is truly calling you on this mission trip and you want to learn how to lead . . . or do you simply want to have a good time?

If accepted as a LIT, you would be with 5-6 other adults on a team of approximately 30 teens. If the "head sponsor" of your team makes decisions you don't agree with, can you be a team player, or will your attitude reflect that you don't agree with the way things are?

What gifts/strengths will you bring to this trip?

Do you have any physical condition we need to be aware of?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Are you willing to be flexible (getting up early, having possible last-minute changes, going the extra mile, eating food that may not be your favorite, getting little sleep)?

Yes It'll be hard but I'll do it No

Can you maintain a positive attitude when tired or under stress?

Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (Include any plea of guilty or no contest. Exclude minor traffic violations)

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Describe your personality:

Outgoing/social/like to be involved.

A servant. I like working behind the scenes.

I'm shy/introverted.

I don't like to be put up front.

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Applicant's Name:

Do you speak any Spanish?

What would you say is your weakest area when it comes to ministering to teens?

Please answer the following questions:

1. A situation that makes me particularly anxious would be _____.

2. In the past, I have struggled with _____.

3. My gifts are best used when _____.

4. I am happiest when I _____.

5. When I am under stress I cope by _____.

6. When I am tired I _____.

7. When things don't go as planned I _____.

8. My leadership strengths include _____.

9. As a leader my weaknesses are: _____.

10. Emotional and spiritual maturity could be described as:

11. Describe a difficult/challenging situation from your past and how you dealt with it.

12. Describe what you are most passionate about; what brings your heart alive:

13. What would be your dream job?

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Financial Agreement

If accepted for Never the Same mission trip, I understand that the total cost of the trip is due to Big World Ventures at P.O. Box 703203, Tulsa, OK 74170-3203.

I also understand that I'll need to obtain a passport if I don't already have one. I also understand if folks want to help me financially with this trip, they must make their checks payable to Big World Ventures to receive tax credit. I realize that countries outside of the US may have different tax laws that don't give tax credit for this contribution.

If I end up bringing in *more* than the trip costs, Big World Ventures will hold any excess money for one year and apply it to another Never the Same Missions trip for me. **Donations to Big World Ventures are non-refundable as they are tax deductible.** If, however, my contributors DON'T care about receiving a tax donation—if they simply want to contribute money to me personally for the missions trip—they can send those checks directly to me, and I may keep every bit that comes in exceeding my total cost for the trip. BUT my contributors will not receive tax credit.

I understand what the \$58 application fee is for and that it is nonrefundable if I'm selected and decide not to participate. I also understand that the trip cost of due to Big World Ventures does not include my round-trip transportation to Miami, my passport, or any applicable departure tax if needed.

Additional costs will be a \$45 Departure Tax/Security Fee and a possible fuel surcharge of up to \$120.

After January 31, 2011 the base price of trip increases by \$100.

I understand the integrity and character involved in accepting donations from people toward this trip. I promise to send a note of gratitude to each person who contributes to my missions venture.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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Emergency Contact Information

Participant's Name (Please print):

Date of Birth:

Age:

Sex: Female Male

Emergency Data

In an emergency call: _____

Parent Guardian Spouse Other _____

Telephone numbers including country code (USA and Canada are 001), area code and number:

Home _____

Work _____

Cell/mobile _____

Alternate _____

Health Insurance Information

Name of insured: _____

I.D. # _____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Does this insurance cover outside the U.S./Canada?

Yes No

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Participant's Name:

Personal Health History

To be completed by participant (if 18 years or older) or by participant's parent or guardian. If "yes", check box. Please explain any "yes" answers on page 9.

1. Have you been immunized against or had chicken pox (Varicella Zoster Vaccine)?
2. Have you had a tetanus booster in the last 10 years?
3. Any recent injury, illness, or infectious disease?
4. Had infectious mononucleosis "mono" in the last 3 months?
5. Any recurring or chronic illness/condition?
6. Have frequent headaches?
7. Ever had a head injury or concussion?
8. Ever had a seizure?
9. Ever been hospitalized over night?
10. Ever had surgery?
11. Ever been dizzy during or after exercise?
12. Ever "passed out" or nearly "passed out" DURING exercise?
13. Ever "passed out" or nearly "passed out" AFTER exercise?
14. Ever been told by a medical practitioner that you have?
 - High blood pressure
 - High cholesterol
 - Heart murmur
15. Ever had discomfort, pressure, or pain in your chest during exercise?
16. Cough, wheeze, or difficulty breathing during or after exercise?
17. Do you have asthma?
 - Do you take medication?*(see below)
18. Do you have allergies (include medications, foods, environmental or insect stings)?
 - Have you been told to carry an EpiPen?**(see below)
19. Currently taking any prescription or over the counter medications?
20. Currently taking any "natural" or herbal medications or supplements?
21. Any problems with your eyes or vision?
22. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?
23. Any skin problems (e.g. rashes, itching, acne, pressure sores)?
24. Any back problems?
25. Any joint problems (e.g. ankle, knee, hip, elbow, neck)?
26. Any orthodontic appliances that you will use during trip?
27. Do you have diabetes?
28. Any intestinal problems (e.g. diarrhea, constipation, heartburn, reflux)?
29. Problems with sleepwalking?
30. Ever had an eating disorder?
31. Ever had emotional difficulties (e.g. depression, bipolar, cutting)?
32. If female, any problems with menstrual period?

***If you take medication for asthma, you must have enough medication for the duration of the trip.**

****If you have been advised to carry an Epi-pen for allergic reactions, your prescription must be current, and you will be required to prove you have it with you on the trip.**

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Participant's Name:

Personal Health History

Please explain any "yes" answers in the personal health history, noting the number of the question.

Please list any illnesses, other than those listed above, for which you have seen a physician or other health care provider in the last year.

<u>Illness</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
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Are you currently under the care of a physician or other medical practitioner for any condition?
Please list.

Please list **all** current medications (prescription, over the counter, "natural" or herbal remedies, vitamins and supplements), dosages and reason for taking. Include those medications taken on a regular basis as well as those taken for occasional illnesses such as allergies, migraines, indigestion, etc.

List all the surgical operations or hospitalizations you have undergone and dates:

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Have you ever struggled with restricting your food intake, intentionally induced vomiting after eating, using laxative or diet pills, or been told you have an eating disorder?

Yes No

If yes, did you seek professional help? If so, when and what treatment was received?

Have you ever been involved with self-mutilation or cutting?

Yes No

If yes, do you currently mutilate or cut?

Yes No

Have you ever been diagnosed with panic or anxiety attacks?

Yes No

Are you currently under the care of a mental health provider (psychiatrist, psychologist, or professional counselor) for any of the above conditions?

Yes No

Please briefly describe:

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Participant's Name:

Family Health History

Limit answers to *parents* and *siblings* of participant. To be completed by participant (if 18 years or older) or by participant's parent or guardian. If "yes", check box. Please explain any "yes" answers below.

1. Has anyone in your family died suddenly?
2. Does anyone have heart problems?
3. Does anyone have high blood pressure?
4. Does anyone have diabetes?
5. Does anyone have allergies?
6. Does anyone have asthma?
7. Does anyone have emotional difficulties (e.g. depression, bipolar)?

Please explain any "yes" answers, noting the number of the question.

Please provide any details pertaining to your personal or family health not covered by the previous questions:

Childhood Immunizations

All participants are required to be up to date on the following immunizations:

- Mumps/Measles/Rubella
- Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus
- Td/Tdap booster
- Polio
- Hepatitis A (optional)
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella **or** Date of chicken pox infection
- Other immunizations:

Participant Name:

I hereby state that, to the best of knowledge, the answers to the above questions are correct and complete.

Signature of participant

Date _____

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Consent for Medical Treatment—Release and Hold-Harmless for Travel

Name: _____

WHEREAS I _____,
wish to be a member of the summer missions program organized by Never the Same Missions and Big World Ventures which will be traveling and staying in the U.S. and to and in other countries, and WHEREAS, certain circumstances and situations may occur resulting in (my child's/my) need for medical/dental care and treatment, and further resulting in my inability to personally give consent for such care and treatment; THEREFORE,

1. In consideration of permission for (my child/myself) to participate in said mission, I _____, being of legal age, authorize any agent of Focus on the Family or Big World Ventures, Inc., including their volunteer medical staff, to act in (my child's/my) behalf should I/they be unable to do so and to consent to reasonable medical/dental care and treatment, including but not limited to diagnostic test, x-ray examination, anesthesia, surgery or other procedures which may be deemed necessary for (my child's/my) medical well-being for the duration of the mission.
2. This consent is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, surgery or hospital care required, but is given to provide authorization and specific consent for medical/dental treatment and care in (my child's/my) behalf.
3. Any consent by Never the Same, or Big World Ventures, Inc., shall have the same force and effect as if I had personally given the consent.
4. I am aware that serious illness, requiring return by air ambulance could cost more than \$10,000. I agree that I am solely responsible for any expenses that may arise from (my child's/my) return by air ambulance or other extraordinary means.
5. I hereby release and hold harmless Big World Ventures, its officers, employees and representatives/volunteers from all liability for personal injury, including death, as well as all property damage or loss arising out of (my child's/my) participation in the summer missions program. (If you are under custody of both parents, we need both parents' signatures. If you are not, we need the signature of the one who has custody of you. Some foreign countries require this.)

Father's signature: _____ Date: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Mother's signature: _____ Date: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____
(if over of 18 years of age)

Please have this form notarized.

State of _____,

County of _____.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State of _____, _____, 20____, personally appeared the identical person who executed the within and forgoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as his/her free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year above written.

My commission expires: _____

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Certain Limitations

Name (Please Print) _____

In the event of any crisis - political, natural, or missions related, any political unrest or natural disaster, Big World Ventures decides if and where to send individuals in the Summer Missions Program.

Big World Ventures is a disciplined organization with regulations in certain areas, including conduct, dress, and Christian life-style. These are explained in the acceptance packet sent to the accepted applicant. All individuals participating in the Summer Missions Program will adhere strictly to Big World Ventures' policies and are subject to dismissal for disobedience, without refund or reimbursement.

All individuals in the Summer Missions Program serve at their own risk and Big World Ventures or is not liable in the event of sickness, accident, death, or terrorist acts, or for transportation or any other expenses beyond that of normal involvement.

I also give Big World Ventures permission to use my picture, voice and/or testimony in any type of promotional advertisement. My enclosed signature signifies my approval of all limitations listed above.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's signature (if a minor): _____ Date: _____

Please have this form notarized.

State of _____

County of _____

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state of _____, 20___. Personally appeared the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as his/her free and voluntary act and deed, for the use and purpose therein set forth. Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year above written.

My commission expires ____/____/____

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Applicant's Name:

Please give three references of people who are currently a part of your life that we can contact regarding your personal character, integrity and leadership qualifications.

(Example: dorm R.A., small group leader, current pastor etc.)

1. Name:

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____

Relationship to you:

How long have you known this person?

(Evening Phone) (____) _____

2. Name:

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____

Relationship to you:

How long have you known this person?

(Evening Phone) (____) _____

3. Name:

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____

Relationship to you:

How long have you known this person?

(Evening Phone) (____) _____

4. Name:

Phone: (Daytime) (____) _____

Relationship to you:

How long have you known this person?

(Evening Phone) (____) _____

What are you really good at (talent we should know about) that will be an asset to this trip?

Have you had experience in playing in a worship band?

If so, please tell us what instrument you play and your level of proficiency/experience:

What's one thing we'll love about you if you're chosen as a missions LIT?

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Spiritual Leader Recommendation For College-Age Applicants

(To be filled out by your current pastor or Bible Study leader, currently involved in your life).

The purpose of this recommendation is to find out as much as possible about the applicant's character, spiritual maturity, leadership skills and emotional stability. This particular missions trip has a variety of ministry opportunities for team involvement, discipleship, physical demands and spiritual intensity. We are looking for college-age young adults with strong leadership skills to work with, mentor and spiritually encourage younger teens. We appreciate and depend on your honest opinion. Your evaluation is appreciated and held in strict confidence.

This form must be completed and turned into Big World Ventures before you can be officially accepted by Never the Same Missions to participate in a summer mission venture.

Applicant's name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Applicant's address; _____

_____, _____

Pastor's name: _____

Church name and address: _____

Church phone number: (_____) _____

Please complete this form and **return it within four days** to:

Never the Same Missions, Big World Ventures, P.O. Box 703203, Tulsa, OK 74170 3203 or fax to 918-481-5257.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. How well do you know him/her?
Not really well Casually Quite well
3. Which of the following best describes the applicant?
E=Excellent AA=Above Average A=Average P=Poor U=Unknown
Flexibility _____ Dependability _____ Response to authority _____ Servant heart _____
Spiritual influence _____ Leadership skills _____ Maturity _____ Spiritual life _____
4. Does this person have a heart for teens and will this person be a good encourager, role model, mentor to teenagers?
5. Anything else we should know about this applicant?

Pastor, if you'd like information on being a team leader on this trip please contact Big World Ventures at info@bigworld.org or call 918-481-5223.