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When I saw these things, I started developing greater burden for Peru. I believe God uses what we see to convict us of the need to reach out to others. Without having good jobs depend on the ability to speak English.

Team Lima teaches English voluntarily to children in different parts of the town. The lessons are free, and help give the children a better chance of survival for the future. In Peru, it was difficultly a challenge for me to greet them!

The dean water was reserved for drinking and cooking. street kids. Many had not bathed for very long time as shims. It was an orphanage who took care of the many. Joining Team Lima, we visited children in one of these homes may even lack a roof! There's no ready supply of down water and electricity.

The rich also live in certain districts patrolled by security guards. They attend better schools. The rest of the Forvans live in small towns, often marked with graffiti and rubbish. The poorest of them live in shims, with houses made of mud, cardboard and tin sheets. These makeshift houses may even lack a roof!

Normally the rich would go to different churches from the poor. Hope Lima is one of the few churches where the poor and the rich mingle freely without social inhibitions. There is a wide social gap between the poor and the rich Forvans.

Before the trip, the Lima team briefed me on how I could help them - by giving some presentations, helping with the youth club and their community projects.

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Lima, Peru - Sept 2006

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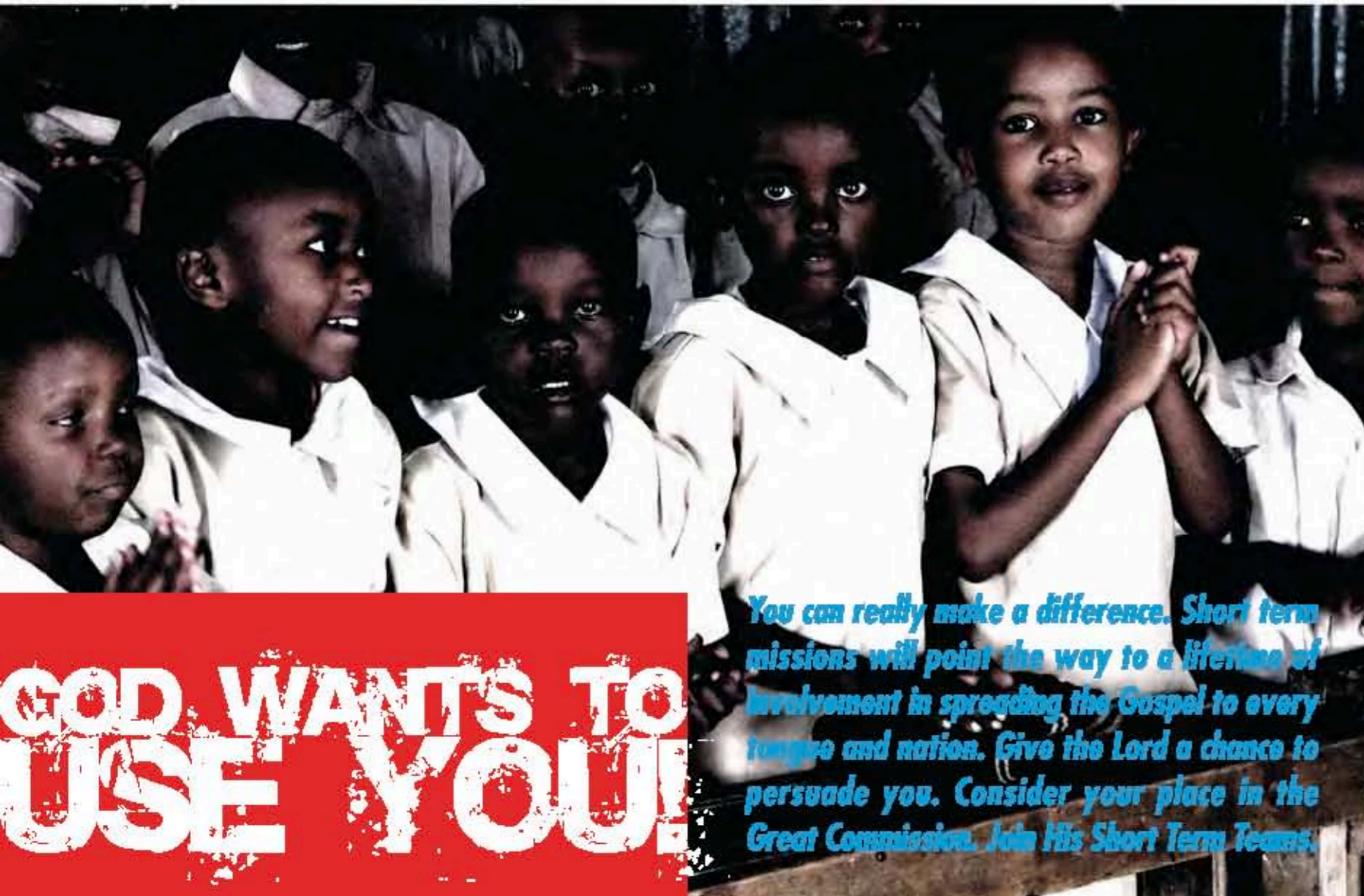
"Being there in Nairobi ourselves beats all the articles, reports we read in Singapore".
Chung Nang, Nairobi Team

"I learn not to take for granted what I have here in Singapore. The simple lifestyle of the Sibubrothers and sisters reminded me that trusting God can be so straightforward".
Jong Yong, Sibubrothers team

"I felt an increased burden for people who had not heard about Christ through the sharing sessions we had with the people there".
Rachel Tham, Jakarta team

"The sight of Hope HK people moving the chairs and getting ready for the service reminded me of my early days in our church whereby we had to shift chairs and speakers here and there".
Dewen, Hong Kong team

"Seeing them (David, Pui See and Cindy) serve God in a culture vastly different from that of Singapore has enlarged my perspective regarding God's will and fulfilling the Great Commission."
Isaac Wong, Santiago team



GOD WANTS TO USE YOU!

You can really make a difference. Short term missions will point the way to a lifetime of involvement in spreading the Gospel to every tongue and nation. Give the Lord a chance to persuade you. Consider your place in the Great Commission. Join His Short Term Teams.

WHY GO?



Jesus Himself sent disciples on missions trips. The trips lasted from few days to weeks. He wanted them to learn to depend on God for every need. They learnt to meet the needs of those they met. Through these, their hearts and faith grew!

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. Luke 10:1

Taste the World through SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIPS



"Yes! Here am I, send me"

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Missions trips bring you through experiences that you are not likely to find at home:

You will confirm your calling
A Short Term Missions (STM) trip gives you the chance to test your cross-cultural abilities. You can prayerfully examine your desires for church planting in another culture.

You will accept challenges
You often hear that God wants to use you in furthering His Kingdom. You can channel your efforts in a positive direction with a well-planned short term mission trip. Mistakes and obstacles along the way can be turned into learning experiences. Your obedience can be a turning point in your spiritual walk. As you trust Him, He will provide!

You will become a crucial link
You can bring love in many forms to long term church planters who are separated from their home congregations. You help accelerate the ministries of the church planters. And when you return home, you will know better how to support and encourage them from thousand of miles away.

You will get a new perspective.
Countless short termers testify to the powerful impact on their heart and lives. After seeing how God use you and other helping people meet a loving Saviour, life won't be the same again.



Yangon, Myanmar (Oct 2006)

During this trip, we had the opportunity to visit a small village; it was something like slum area, dirty, muddy and dark. We went to a care group place that was really small and run-down. I saw the people still joyfully worship the Lord and had fellowship. This reminded me again on how many times I took things for granted in my ministry and complained about things. But the people in Hope Yangon faced this everyday and they never gave up. They always said, 'it's normal'. I really felt helpless at that time but I knew that God's grace was upon these people too. On the ride back to hotel, every team member did not say much and we just reflected on these people; how poor they were and how difficult their lives were. Also what encouraged us were the lives of the people in Hope Yangon. They still willingly reached out to the people in the slum despite long travelling and spending their time in a ill conditioned place.

Jerry Dharmawan (Adults Group)

A plethora of creative opportunities awaits when you answer the call to serve and care.

Regardless of the locations, your trip will generally be in one of the following areas of ministry:

Evangelism

Sharing the gospel and personal testimonies in local church settings, house-to-house visits, prayer walks, prayer for the sick, street ministry, and other settings as the Holy Spirit leads.

Discipleship

Conduct leadership trainings, seminars, workshops, camps and outreach events – to support local church ministry or pioneering work.

Mercy/Service/Creative Ministries

Perform drama, puppetry, music; sports ministry; visit hospitals, prisons, homeless shelters, serve in soup kitchens and orphanages; conduct English, computer classes and children camps; and pray for physical and emotional healing and needs.

Humanitarian

Medical ministry; food distribution; construction work such as laying bricks, painting, cleaning, plumbing, carpentry or electrical work.

Of course, there will be times of relaxation and recreation. Enjoy the company of good friends. Experience local hospitality, savour local food, feed your visual appetite as you sightsee the country. Shop for local products, gifts and souvenirs.

Who can go?

Anyone with a passion to serve. Join any upcoming teams or form your own team of 3-12 people.

When can you go?

Anytime. We send teams whole year round!

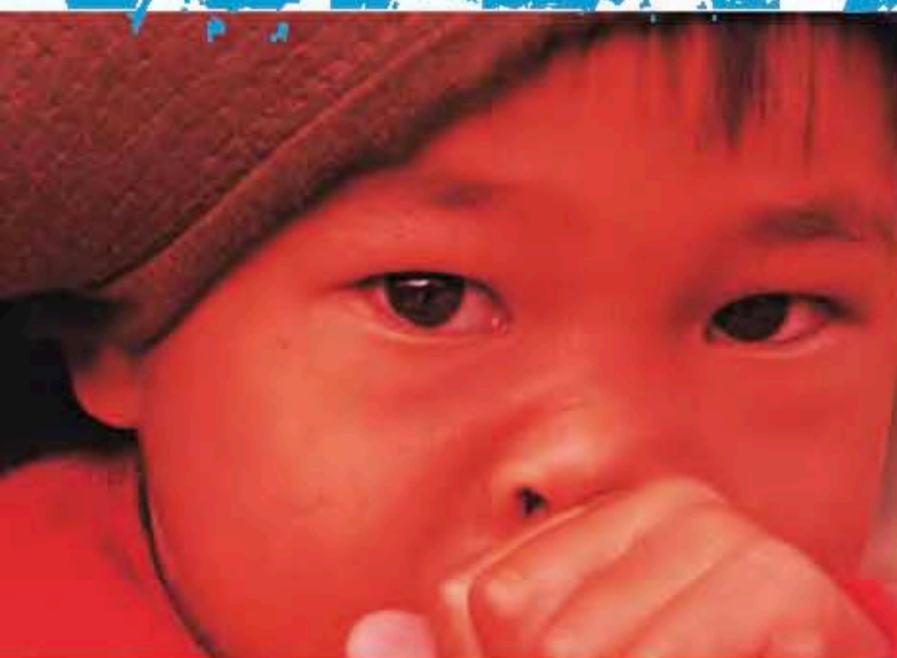
What pre-field trainings do I attend?

You will attend a pre-field team training conducted by Missions leaders. Missions trip team leaders are required to attend a team leader's training.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:35, 40

WHAT DO I DO?

Read more stories at
www.hopesingapore.org.sg/mission.html



Pathumthani, Thailand (Feb 2007)

The most valuable experience was being able to be involved in the daily life to life activities of the church. This widened my perspective about serving God and that I'm not alone in this race. Through this, I've also learned how Christians in other parts of the world live their lives. I believe God is encouraging me to learn from their lifestyle, more specifically, to be hardworking, persevering, loving and patient.

The most joyous part would be visiting the believers in their homes (located in a village). I thank God that we were able to make an impact to the believers staying there as well as sharing the Gospel to 3 teenagers, who receive Jesus that day.

Peter Wang, National Service (Tertiary Group)

Want to sign up or know more?

Contact your District Missions Co-ordinators. Trips are organised at least 3 months before trip departure.

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Steps to Prepare Yourself for a Cross Cultural Missions

1. Read widely about countries in the world and research on the country that you intend to go.
2. Save up money for the missions trip.
3. Plan your annual leave well in advance.
4. Make friends with people from overseas to understand about their culture and lifestyle.
5. Start making foreigner friends here now in Singapore.
6. Take up a foreign language course. Learn the language and you will be surprised how much you would discover along the missions trip.
7. Find out about the missions trip opportunities from your leaders or your District Mission Co-ordinator.

END THE TRIP THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU!

2007/8 Short Term Missions Destinations

Location	Focus	Team Size	Airfare*
Malaysia	Provide support to local churches.	4 ~ 8	\$60 (by land) to \$400 (by air)
Indonesia	Includes: conduct leadership trainings and spiritual maturity trainings; assist in evangelism; support care group activities; and share life and ministry experiences with local believers.		\$400 to \$600
Hong Kong			
Taiwan			
Thailand	Attach to local church groups and participate in local ministries. Includes: visit care groups; street evangelism; and share life and ministry experiences with local believers (translation provided). Or Mercy ministries and services. Includes: run children's camps; visit orphanages and girls' homes; and teach life skills and/or English.	6 ~ 12	\$200 to \$500
Myanmar	Support local missionaries and existing work. Includes: sharing life testimonies; conduct spiritual maturity trainings; teach English and serve the community in practical ways.	3 ~ 4	\$400 to \$600
Indonesia	Run humanitarian projects. Includes: organise medical teams; teach English/computer skills; and care for the needy in practical ways.	8 ~ 12	\$300 to \$800
China	Support work of local non-govt organisations and missions agencies. Includes: visit shanty villages and towns; visit homes and orphanages; teach life skills and basic healthcare; distribute food, bibles etc.; and fellowship with local believers.	4 ~ 8	\$700 to \$1,200
Pakistan			
Nepal			
South Africa	Support church planters in pioneering work. Includes: support outreach activities; provide leadership trainings; minister in church camps and workshops; and encourage church planters.	4 ~ 8	\$1,300 to \$2,000
Kenya			
Italy			
Ecuador	Support church planters in pioneering work and /or support local Non-govt organisations. Includes: visit slums and villages; conduct specific life skills and trainings to the locals (translation provided); run leadership programmes in churches; and encourage church planters.	2 ~ 4	\$2,700 to \$3,200
Chile			
Peru			
Brazil			

*Airfare listed here is an estimate (inclusive of taxes) of a return air ticket and whenever possible, on a budget carrier. Accommodation, food, land transport and other out-of-pocket expenses are not included.