

GLOBAL MISSIONS PARTNERS



Prayer Needs: North Way sends out short-term missions teams multiple times each year and has partnerships with dozens of missionaries around the globe.

- Pray for the hearts of our missionaries, both short and long-term, and for the hearts of those they encounter around the world.
- Pray that lives will be transformed for the glory of God.
- Pray about how your group could participate in God's work through North Way's global missions efforts.

Descriptions of Volunteer Opportunities:

Imagine Conference – www.imagineconferencepgh.com – Annual event – Imagine what would happen if followers of Jesus took a stand for the hungry, the hurting, and the fatherless. The Imagine Conference brings to life what it looks like to serve and love our neighbors near and far through inspiring speakers, educational breakout, and practical ways to engage in caring for the fatherless, the refugee, single moms, and trafficking victims.

Collect Materials for a Mission Team – *One-time or occasional need* -- Short-term teams often have need for donations of clothing, shoes, craft supplies, and other items for their trips. Groups can be connected with trip leaders to coordinate collecting items for this purpose.

Financial Support – *One-time or occasional need* -- North Way's global partners count on a broad network of partners to help them meet their ongoing financial needs. Groups can invest in the work of our missionaries by committing to supporting them on a monthly basis. Global partners also have short term financial needs for projects outside of their normal financial support. Small groups can learn about these needs, help to provide funds to meet them, and pray for the project and the missionaries with whom they are partnering.

Host a Global Partner – *One-time or occasional opportunity* -- North Way global partners generally return to the United States for a few weeks every two years. They often make time to visit small groups during their visits. Hosting a partner for one of your group's meetings is a great way to learn more about how God is working outside of our country and how you can get involved in the ministry.

Pray for a Mission Team – *One-time commitment, multiple opportunities per year* – Prayer support is of great importance for each of North Way's short term team. Group leaders can connect with trip leaders to determine prayer needs before a trip and can follow team blogs during the trip. Teams will go out knowing that a group of believers is covering them in prayer.

Join a Short-Term Team – *One-time commitment, multiple opportunities per year* – North Way considers short term mission trips a key discipleship tool in the life of a believer. A cross-cultural ministry trip, whether around the world or closer to home, has the potential to be truly life-changing. Trips usually last 7-10 days, and the training provided is designed not only to prepare participants for the trip, but to disciple them into becoming more devoted followers of Christ. Taking a trip with others from your small group can be an incredible opportunity to grow and serve together.

Global Partner Prayer – *Ongoing need* -- "Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition" (Ephesians 6:18). North Way's global partners face many difficulties including the threat of persecution for their faith, and committed, ongoing prayer is essential. Commit to praying for a global partner and those they serve on a weekly or monthly basis as a group.

Adopt a Global Partner – *Ongoing commitment* -- North Way's global partners are an integral part of our church, but they often feel isolated from the rest of North Way. Adopting a global partner can help them to feel more connected while helping your group grow as they see how God is working overseas. In addition to a commitment to regular prayer, adopting a global partner can include sending occasional care packages, communicating monthly by email, having them join your group every few months by Skype, or hosting a group celebration with them when they visit the United States.

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