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# GUIDE 2022

IMPACT TRIPS

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH



**GLOBAL IMPACT TRIPS**



A little picture frame sits next to my reading chair. It reads, “Only one life, it will soon be passed. Only what is done for Christ will last.” It’s a constant reminder to me that I only get this one life to know God and to live for his purposes. So often my attention gets hijacked by lesser pursuits, by demands and attractions that seem urgent, but aren’t important.

The Apostle Paul understood this tension all too well. He constantly reminds the churches to live in such a way to please the Lord, leveraging all of our resources and energy to magnify Jesus and make his name known.

This little book is filled with opportunities to do just that. As a church, we’re amazed that God would invite us to use this one life to accomplish something for eternity. I’m hoping as you look through the various possibilities, you’ll be filled with the curiosity and clear vision to do what it takes to stretch, exert, and push yourself to go beyond your comfort zones and even your understanding of who God is and what He desires.

The time is short. Life is finite. Let’s make it count!

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# Middle East

## Trip 1A

**May 1-14 // 4 Adults, 1 Leader // Cost: \$2,000**

This trip will focus on experiencing Turkish hospitality, as we build on long-time Turkish friendships, and connect with family members of our friends from the local American-Turkish Friendship Association. There will be an opportunity to visit key Turkish historical and cultural sites as well.

## Trip 1B

**Sept. 12–23 // 10 Adults, 2 Leaders // Cost: \$2,200**

Description: We will visit the two Grace families serving in Turkey. We will interact with college students on campus and have fellowship with them over dinner conversations. Prepare to fall in love with the students and gain wisdom and understanding in how we might engage more effectively as prayers and senders. In addition, this cultural exposure/vision trip serves as an introduction to the history and culture of Turkey. We will explore the centuries-old layers of civilization of ancient Anatolia, learn about the Byzantine church history from the architectural wonders of Istanbul to the cave churches of Cappadocia, and discover the key role of Ataturk in transforming the Ottoman Empire into the secular Republic of Turkey, now under threat from renewed Islamification.

## Trip 2 – Jordan

**July 10–19 // 4 Adults, 1 Leader // Cost: \$2,300**

We will serve under two local churches in Amman that are our partners and visit the refugees. For the first half of the trip, we will visit Syrian refugees living in tents in the northern region of Amman. The second half of the trip will be dedicated to visiting Syrian, Iraqi, and Sudanese refugees in the city of Amman. The main purpose of the trip is to learn from the local churches in Amman and share the hope and life-giving words with the refugees living in dire situations.



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# San Diego

A close-up photograph of a group of people. In the center, a woman with dark hair pulled back looks directly at the camera with a slight smile. To her right, another woman wearing a patterned headscarf is partially visible. In the foreground, the top of a woman's head wearing a bright pink headscarf is visible, looking down. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting.



## San Diego

**July 25-30 // 8 Adults, 2 Leaders // Cost: \$1,500**

Amanda is currently living in San Diego, CA, to serve the Syrian and Afghani refugees. We are sending a team to encourage Amanda and serve the refugee community. The team will conduct VBS in the morning and have evening teatimes with the refugees to hear their stories and speak life-giving words to them.





# Students

## High School Trip – Richardson, TX

**July 10–16 // 20 Students, 5 Leaders // Cost: \$1,500**

Students will help with education, acculturation, and Gospel presentations to refugee adults and children. They will engage in developing relationships with refugees to share the love of Christ with those who have suffered in difficult circumstances. In addition, the students will offer individual attention, such as conversation time, to help them acclimate in interacting with Americans.





## **Middle School Trips – Park Heights**

### **Trip A:**

**July 17–22 // 15 Students, 5 Leaders // Cost: \$450**

### **Trip B:**

**July 31–August 5 // 15 Students, 5 Leaders // Cost: \$450**

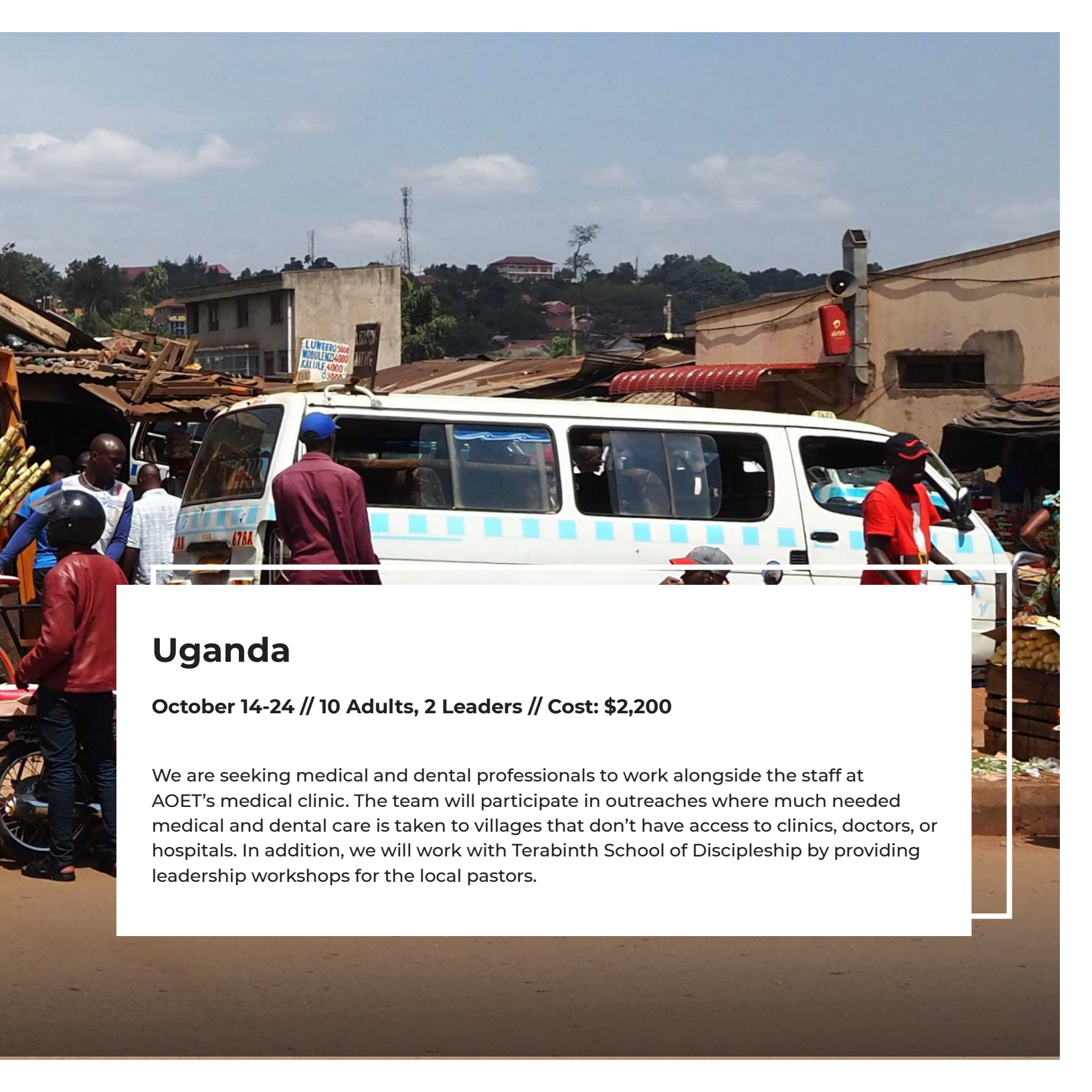
Students will stay overnight at the Warehouse and travel back and forth to Baltimore each day to serve alongside our partner, Park Heights Saints. Students will plan and lead VBS for students in the Park Heights community. Afternoons will be spent working on community service projects. All students will take a field trip together one day to the First Fruits Farm.





Uganda





## Uganda

**October 14-24 // 10 Adults, 2 Leaders // Cost: \$2,200**

We are seeking medical and dental professionals to work alongside the staff at AOET's medical clinic. The team will participate in outreaches where much needed medical and dental care is taken to villages that don't have access to clinics, doctors, or hospitals. In addition, we will work with Terabinth School of Discipleship by providing leadership workshops for the local pastors.

**Q: WHY SHOULD I GO?**

A: The question to ask might be “why would I not go?” God invites us to be a part of what he is doing around the world and to step out of our comfort zone so that others can share in the hope that we have. His commands to share the gospel with the nations are clear (Psalm 96:3, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Acts 13:47, Romans 10:13-15).

**Q: IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WILL KEEP ME FROM GOING?**

A: If you have a major health problem you should consult with you doctor before applying. A servant spirit is also needed to be a part of an Impact Trip team, and if you are unable to be flexible or teachable, then you will not enjoy the experience and will make it difficult on your team members.

**Q: WHAT ABOUT THE COST? (IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY TO RAISE – CAN’T I JUST PAY FOR IT MYSELF?)**

A: Impact Trips are funded through support raising. Whether you are concerned about the cost or not sure why you should raise support, God is concerned about people being involved in his mission. This is an opportunity for you to grow in your trust of God and his provision, and an opportunity for others to be a part of what God is doing through your team.

**Q: THAT SEEMS LIKE A BIG TIME COMMITMENT. CAN I JUST SHOW UP AT THE AIRPORT?**

A: There is a time commitment involved because you are joining a team, not a trip. Your team will meet approximately six times prior to departure to get to know each other and prepare for your time on mission together. The team will also meet at least once after you return. Your meetings will prepare you to better understand yourself, the culture into which you are traveling, and the specifics of your mission.

**Q: I WANT TO GO BUT I CAN’T COMMIT TIME FOR PREPARATION. WHAT DO I DO?**

A: If your schedule does not permit you to be a part of the preparation, you should not travel this year and wait until you can make room in your schedule for it. That does not mean you have to be



left out! The most successful teams include both travelers and non-travelers; those not traveling can pray, give and mobilize others to complete the mission. Commit to praying for a specific team or leader and/or designate funds toward an individual or team. Get involved with Beyond locally.

**Q: MAY I DRINK ALCOHOL OR SMOKE ON THE TRIP?**

A: No. GCC requests that you do not drink alcohol or smoke.

**Q: HOW DO YOU ENSURE THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS OVERSEAS?**

A: Grace Community works closely with our partners, and we do everything in our power to ensure safety in health, food and travel. In almost all instances, we are assured safety when following the direction of the local hosts. Ultimately, our security is in the hands of the Lord.

**Q: DO I NEED A PASSPORT?**

A: Yes. You must have a valid passport to apply for any international trips.

**ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?**

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# Living Out the Gospel in Action

You are following the Lord and going through all the routines day in and out, but something still feels missing. Have you ever felt that way? That sense of incompleteness? Intellectually, you know the Word of God and can articulate your faith, yet your heart feels empty.

Recently, I meditated on chapter 2 in the book of James in which we are told that Abraham's faith was active; as a result, faith was complete in his works. Perhaps we feel incomplete or empty in our walk with God because faith and works are not simultaneously living out the gospel.

James points out the fake compassion of believers - they notice the vulnerability of others in dire need but feel indifferent to their affairs (James 2:1-7). Taking notice of others and wishing them well are useless and worthless when they do not bear gospel-centered action. I believe that having faith to notice the needs of others but not action creates an emptiness.

Do you know that if you have living faith, there will be natural outworking of your faith in action? Living faith obeys what God tells us to do, but dead faith cannot since it has no life and is fruitless. James reminds us about Abraham's obedience as evidence as what genuinely occurs when someone has living faith.

Bearing fruit is not a function that was added to a fruit tree later; it was the design and purpose from the beginning. Thusly, bearing fruit is an integral function and purpose for the life of the believers.

Abraham's faith was perfected by his works and was counted to him as righteousness (James 2:18-26).

Church, we are sent to demonstrate our faith in action the greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). Obedience in faith and action is a design by God. Many of us know the greatest commandment to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves, and we know the Great Commission to go but neglect to put this knowledge into action.

Church, you are sent to bear kingdom fruit in your work places. Jesus spent more than 50% of his life as a carpenter. Out of 132 public appearances, 122 were in the work or market places. Of 52 parables told, 45 had a work or market place context. Of 40 divine encounters in the book of Acts, 39 were in the workplace.

Church, you are sent to bear kingdom fruit in your neighborhoods because the nations haven come to our communities. Just look around. The nations from the Unreached People Groups are everywhere, and we are given the tremendous opportunity to share the gospel with them.

Church, you and I are sent to have a worldwide impact and to continue to raise up generations after generations that will keep impacting all peoples, all nations, worldwide. We are destined to have a world-perspective and not just my-life-only perspective. For this very reason, divine power has been given to us to fill the earth with His glory.

**TAE PAE**

**Pastor of Missions & Mobilization**

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## START PRAYING

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