

OCSBA INTERNATIONAL MISSION TEAM 2024

Philippines (Oct. 3-12) and Japan (Oct. 12-21)



Summary

Trip Dates: Philippines (Thursday, October, 3rd - Saturday, October 12) and Japan (Saturday afternoon, October 12 - Monday, October 21)

Airfare Plans: Purchase flights by September 1st; Attempt to fly as a Team; some team members may join us only for Japan

Japan (only) Cost: ~~\$2,200~~ **\$2,000** (~~\$400 hotel~~) (**\$450 hotel**)
(~~\$1,000 airfare~~) (**\$1,150 airfare**), (~~\$800 meals + travel~~) (**\$400 meals + travel**)

Philippines + Japan Trip Cost: ~~\$2,900~~ **\$3,300** (~~\$800 hotel~~) (**\$710 hotel**)
(~~\$1,200 airfare~~) (**\$1,725 airfare**), (~~\$900 meals + travel~~) (**\$850 meals + travel**)

Ministries in Philippines: 3,000+ppl Youth Event, Medical Clinic, MMA Filipino Team travel, Seminars, Teaching & Feeding in Tanay, Sampaloc, Davao, and Manila (pray for fundraising an extra \$12,000)

Ministries in Japan: Prayer Walking, Attending Church Services, Visiting Sites, Street Evangelism, Gospel Conversation, (pray for fundraising an extra \$3,000) Partnership with Nevertheless Missions, Butch Booth & IMB, Steven Kunkel.

Objective

OCSBA Missions and KINGS International Missions, who are a mission-minded martial arts group, are partnering together. This trip is designed to help in cultural learning and cross-cultural evangelism skills. Our team will be exposed to both Christians and non-Christians alike in the Philippines and Japan, learn more about intercultural teaming, and how to build bridges for the Gospel. Our goal is to mobilize and develop a missionary heart in OC Churches by sending people to short-term missions who partner with Christian international churches, ministry leaders and missionaries to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

TRIP COST

For **Philippines**, please bring with you on the trip your Meals + Travel payment of ~~\$360.00~~ and your Hotels payments of (~~\$260.00~~ ~~\$409.00~~).

For more information: please text or call Pastor Jofri at **714-307-8829**

JAPAN TRIP COST — Deadline by Friday, September 27

For **Japan**, please visit Butch Booth's Nevertheless Missions website and use the portal to cover expenses for Hotel, Meals, and Travel (~~\$850.00~~ ~~\$900.00~~) <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJYX/campaign/C-YTVW>. This covers the \$225.00 Tokyo Hotel, \$275 Osaka Hotel, and your \$400 Meals + Travel expenses. Please consider bringing more money in case of extra expenses.

For more information: please text or call Pastor Trevor at **479-806-6968**

TRIP CHECK LIST:

- **Make Payment for Airfare**
- **Passport Verification & Doctor Check-ups**
- **Attend 9/6 Online Zoom Meeting**
- **Write your Personal Testimony & Learn a Evangelism Tool**
- **Fill out the Trip Application (by 9/22)**
- **Attend 9/22 In Person Meeting @ FSBC Anaheim at 5:00 PM**
(Please bring a food dish for our Potluck Meal and be ready to share your: travel plans to/from LAX, present your testimony & one Evangelism Presentation to two teammates)
- **Make \$900 Payment to Japan NTLMissions Portal (by 9/27)**

Gallagher Charitable — International Insurance Services

(Optional) Volunteer Travel Insurance - Intana Global must approve and arrange all eligible evacuation transportation. Since Intana Global is an Assistance Service, they cannot reimburse you for incidental expenses you may incur. Your coverage is limited to the term elected by the Organization arranging this coverage. The Insurance coverage or Evacuation process will not commence until eligibility of coverage has been verified for the time period elected by your sponsoring organization.

(<https://www.travelwithgallagher.com> Email: gallaghercharitable@ajg.com)

To register, go to: <https://app.travelwithgallagher.com/Account/Register>

Outcomes

- Observe and experience other cultures and peoples.
- Learn how to build cross-cultural relationships.
- Engage in cross-cultural evangelism and build Gospel bridges with different faith backgrounds.
- Learn about Filipino Catholicism and Islam; then Buddhism, Shintoism, and other religious practices of the Japanese people.
- Observe and dialogue with independent missionaries and IMB field personnel to explore international missionary life
- Work with Filipino and Japanese Christian partners.

Team Values

- Participate with a grateful heart, a good attitude, a flexible mindset for the 2-week-long mission trip.
- (See Team Covenant page) Each Team Member are expected to show respect for everyone involved in this experience, including team members, missionaries, and local partners regardless of differences in strengths, values, and cultural perspectives. Each person is expected to participate in travel, training, and sharing their own strengths while affirming other members of the team to do the same. Cooperation and following instructions are key to making this a successful team experience.

Trip Practicalities

- **Call your bank** about partnered banks in the Philippines and/or Japan to use DEBIT CARD/CREDIT CARD.
- **Money Exchange** carry Pesos/Yin and exchange at the airport or somewhere else
- **Bring Cash** of about \$400-\$500
- **SD Cards + Pocket Wifi are optional for purchase**; What's App, Messenger is another source to communicate.
- **Team will stay together for the duration of the trip including our Free Days** (this is not vacation)
- **Use your First and Last Name in conversations**, they will give you a title
- **Share the tab when eating together** with national partners
- **Deflect and be humble** when given compliments (praise God for it); high-context/low-context culture means to read between the lines...
- **Dress modestly** (5 polos, 1 pair of jeans, 2 pair of khaki pants, long sleeve, slacks, hoodie, underwear, nice socks, 2 pair of shorts & t-shirts)
- **Wear practical walking shoes** (shower shoes, 2 pair of walking shoes)
- **Take shoes off in homes**
- **Pack small trash bags for Japan or be prepared to keep trash until you get back to hotel** (there are no trashcans on the streets)
- **Prepare for rain/cooler weather** (Hoodie, jacket, poncho, and umbrella)
- **Adaptor/converter** (may not be necessary)
- **Medication/emergency contact information** (please fill out Health Form)
- **Pockets tissue, mints, cough drops, etc.**
- **Bible to use for personal and when we visit churches**
- **Small Gifts** (American Candy & Chocolates are always a win!)
- **Escalators**: In Tokyo, stay on the left; in Osaka, stay on the right
- **Riding Public Transportation**: keep conversations low & to a minimum (no talking on phones)
- **Eating To Go**: make sure not to eat anything on public transit or while walking down the street in Japan

Team Preparation

- **Pray** — Pray for local work, team members, logistical issues to come together, relationships God has prepared for us and with others.
- **Read God's Word** — For example: Acts 17:16-34
 - How did Paul learn about the city of Athens and their values?
 - What was Paul's response to the idolatry of the people?
 - What was the response of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers in v. 19?
 - What did Paul do to make them respond in this way?
 - How did Paul present the Gospel?
- **Write Your Testimony** — Team members are required to write out and practice your personal salvation testimony before going on the trip. We will have opportunities to share your testimony multiple times with other people throughout the trip. Please use the "Spiritual Preparation Sheet" (pg. 5-6) that provides adequate scriptures to share the gospel.
- **Learn Gospel Presentations** — Learning a few gospel presentations to share is very helpful for intercultural evangelism as visuals help bridge communication when words seem to be more difficult. Team Members are required to learn how to use the Four Spiritual Laws, the 3-Circles, the Bridge, New Life L6 The Gospel, or Roman Road presentations to share with other people.
- **(Optional) Journaling** — Reflect as you begin to pray for yourself, the team, and people consistently before the trip. Share daily notes and reflections during the 8 days in each country, plus, a personal reflection and highlights, lessons learned, and what we saw God do during the trip. This will not only keep you focused on the trip, but it will help you prepare to share with others when you return.
- **(Optional) Book Reflections and Videos** — Read the book Dougill, John. *In Search of Japan's Hidden Christians: A Story of Suppression, Secrecy and Survival*. Clarendon, VT: Tuttle Publishing, 2012, Lee, Samuel. *The Japanese and Christianity: Why Is Christianity Not Widely Believed in Japan?* Amsterdam: Foundation University Press, 2014, and Terry, Mark. *Missiology: An Introduction*. Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2015
- **Build A Support Team** — Write a Support Letter and include as many people as possible to pray, give, & support you and our Mission Team.
- **Participate in Team Meetings** — September 6th & 22nd, there will be two Team Meetings for prayer, logistics, and training to go in October. Please make sure your passports are updated.

Personal Spiritual Preparation Sheet

This is essential to your usefulness. It is very difficult to be useful with unconfessed sin in our life (**Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:8-9**). Jesus called the disciples to first be with Him — then preach and minister (**Mark 3:14-15**). Jesus also calls us to first be in Him and He is in us if we are to be fruitful. (**John 15:5**).

1. **Ernest Prayer** is the most important necessity of individual (and team) preparation. Start praying daily as soon as you learn of the possibility of your helping on a mission trip, and don't stop praying!
2. **Personal devotional Bible Study** is essential to "abiding in Jesus" – which is essential to being useful. Listed are just a few good recommended examples of Scriptures helpful for your personal daily Bible Study:
3. **John 3:16-18** tells us WHY to do a Mission Trip.
4. The following verses tell us WHO the Message is – Jesus Christ: (**Acts 1:8, John 14:6, Acts 17:2-3, Acts 4:10-12**)
5. The following verses tell us HOW to prepare: Confess our sins (**1 John 1:8-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 & John 14:13**) and pray until we have no will of our own (**Philippians 3:10, John 15:5, Mark 3:14-15 & Acts 4:13**) Our call is to first be with Jesus (**Matthew 5:10-12**)
6. **Matthew 28:18-20** tells us WHAT THE GOAL is.
7. **Ephesians 6:10-18** tells us WHO THE ENEMY is (Keep your spiritual guard up).
8. **Personal Bible preparation is essential** to being a well-equipped and useful worker (**2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:15-17**) – Have marked in your Bible and know by memory some salvation scriptures.

Good examples for your TESTIMONY are:

John 3:16-18, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10, Romans 10:13, John 1:12, Acts 3:19.

Also, mark in your Bible some good discipleship scriptures such as:

Proverbs 28:13, 1 John 1:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:15 & 17, John 10:27-29, Romans 8:38-39, 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, John 14:13-15, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:18-20, Philippians 4:13, Philippians 3:10, Galatians 5:22, Hebrews 10:25, John 15:5, etc.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY WORKSHEET

This will help you share your testimony personally, but quick and clearly with others. Share your life before and after you became a follower of Jesus. The most important part of your testimony is “how Jesus saved you”. This lets the hearer understand how they too can receive Jesus. Try to avoid churchy words and make it *your* story. Always remember, your story is worth just as much as anyone else’s because Jesus is the main character in your story!

My life before I made a commitment to follow Jesus:

How I came to know Jesus personally: (age, time, place, specifically what I did, etc.)

My life since I came to know Jesus personally:

Support Letter Example #1

(You can include as many people as possible to pray, give, & support)

Hello Dear Friend (*or personal name*),

It is my privilege to travel this year, October 3-12, to the Philippines and/or Japan on October 12-21, on the International Mission Team of Orange County Southern Baptist Association. We will be serving with local Church leaders and missionaries in the Philippines and Japan. Our team consists of people from a number of churches in our Association.

As a member of this team I may be:

- Sharing the gospel and distributing items at a local orphanage
- Share your testimony or preach in local churches and other ministry venues
- Distribute food and necessities during street evangelism to families
- Prayer walk and pray with Christian ministry partners
- Serve alongside IMB missionaries who are church planting
- Help with MMA demonstrations, training and gospel-activities
- Intercultural evangelism on the street, in parks and universities
- Learning about culture and other religious practices & faith backgrounds

Each member of the team is asked to set-up a personal prayer team & to pay for their own participation (\$1,500-3,000/person). If you would be willing to serve on my prayer team or help cover the cost for me to participate, *please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and send me a picture, an email, or return it in a stamped envelope*. The \$3,000 (Philippines + Japan) or \$1,500 (Japan only) does cover the cost of my hotel, airfare, & meals, but there is more fundraising to cover the costs involved with the ministry projects planned in the Philippines.

If you have any questions about where I'm going or why I'm going, I would love to talk with you about it.

Thanks & God Bless You,

Your Name: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

I will commit to pray for you starting today through October 21st.

I would like to be a part of your financial support team.
My check is enclosed.

Support Letter Example #2

(You can include as many people as possible to pray, give, & support)

Dear Family and Friends,

Praying that this letter finds you and your family well.

Another opportunity to do the Lord's Work and personally experience the work of international missions has opened! This is the fourth time Kings International Missions will be going to Asia, using martial arts as a tool to connect with people, to bring others to faith in Christ, and to strengthen believers in their relationship with God. Kings International Missions 2024 is partnering with the Orange County Southern Baptist Association (OCSBA) to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Team will be conducting seminars with pastors and church leaders, visiting and speaking in churches, ministering to orphans, feeding the homeless, training police/military personnel, giving personal testimonies, sharing the Gospel with university students, and visiting MMA gyms to not only train, but to share the Gospel with others.

Please pray and consider partnering with us! The work is great, and we cannot do it by ourselves. We understand not everyone is called to help every cause; however, we trust that you will hear God's voice and know if this is an area in which you can minister. If you can help with any amount, please make checks payable to **Shepherd of Grace Christian Church, 9812 Harriet Lane Anaheim, CA 92804** and designate on the memo line: Mission Trip 2024. If you wish to send via Zelle, our account is: Shepherdgcc@yahoo.com. For more information: please text or call **714-307-8829**.



Jofri Frigillana –
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Kings International Missions



"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." – Jim Elliot

HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

*Name of Participant: _____

*Date of Birth: _____ *Phone Number: _____

Passport Country : _____ Passport Number: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Notify:

* #1. Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

#2. (Optional) Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Medical Training or Certifications:

Any Illnesses, Allergies, or Other Medical Conditions:

Are you currently on any medication? (If yes, please list and describe)

YES NO

Please share anything else regarding your health that we need to know.

OCSBA MISSION TEAM MEMBER COVENANT

As you prepare for your mission trip, please remember that the person best equipped to minister in a cross-cultural setting is the person who is spiritually prepared. No matter what task you will be undertaking, a servant's attitude is the most important asset you can have. The Christ-like attitude will help you to minister and be ministered. It will also help you to be flexible as you face cultural challenges and language barriers. During your mission trip, we challenge you to strive to be an encouragement and a testimony to your fellow team members as well as the missionaries and nationals with whom you will come into contact. To further ensure a successful trip that will (1) maintain a God-honoring standard for the team and OCSBA, (2) portray a proper testimony to all people impacted by the team, and (3) have a vital impact on each team member and your sending church, we have established the following guidelines:

- Exhibit a servant attitude.
- Pray for other team members and others participating on the mission trip(s).
- Participate fully in all team preparation and evaluation activities.
- Practice punctuality.
- Offer grace to my fellow team members, especially to the team leader(s).
- Be flexible and fluid in every circumstance (hot, cold, rain, travel, delays, lay-overs, etc.)
- Fully submit to team leadership and the guidance of on-site nationals.
- Be a team player, encourager, and supporter.
- Accomplish whatever tasks assigned whether on the project site(s), at housing and accommodations, or while traveling as "unto the Lord."
- Be willing to abstain from conduct, as requested by team leaders, which might be offensive to others or may be contrary to a clear testimony for Jesus Christ, realizing that customs vary greatly from culture to culture. In particular, team members are asked to refrain from all use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages (this includes wine and beer), or abusive drugs.

My "yes" to the above: _____

Signature

OCSBA International Mission Team Release

In consideration of my participation in the International Mission Team of OCSBA, I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless OCSBA (Orange County Southern Baptist Association, its officers, trustees, employees, agents, administrators, successors and churches from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of actions, present or future, on account of injuries to my person or property, including injuries, accidents or illnesses which could result in my death, arising out of or in connection with my participation in the OCSBA International Mission Team. I agree to indemnify OCSBA for all costs and expenses incurred by OCSBA, including attorneys' fees, as a result of any claims made which are released in this document.

I understand that travel outside the United States of America could pose unusual risks to my person and property, which could include but not be limited to forces of nature, civil unrest, terrorism, means of transportation not operating according to standards common in the United States, legal requirements or actions of foreign governments, contagious or unusual illness, inadequate availability to medicine or medical care, or negligent or willful conduct on the part of others. I therefore agree to undertake such risks in order to participate in this program, and I assume the risk of the consequences of any and all such actions.

I agree that I have no physical, mental or medical condition that would prohibit or unreasonably restrict my participation in this program or activity. This release shall be binding upon myself and all my representatives, heirs, successors or assigns.

I give my consent for OCSBA, its employees, agents, representatives and partners to arrange for emergency medical, surgical and dental care and treatment necessary to preserve my health while I am a participant in this program. I acknowledge that I am responsible for all charges that may be incurred in connection with any care of treatment given.

Participant Print Name

Church Name

Participant Signature

Date