

DG Mission Trip Handbook



Why should I go on a mission trip?

Making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Jesus has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20) – this is the will of God for all of us.



ARPC Missions Committee was set up thus to bring opportunities for our church members to experience first hand God's love for the nations.

We collaborate with Gospel workers to reach out to the nations, till a great multitude of people from every nation, tribe, and language, praising God before His throne (Revelation 7:9-10).

We begin our journey by surrendering our lives to God, allowing His authority to rule over our lives and letting Him use us to reach out to those living around us. And as we mature as Christians, we realize that God's world is indeed big, and His love goes to all at the end of the world (Acts 1:8), to those who have not yet heard the Gospel.

Who can go on such trips?

Anyone who is a committed member of a Discipleship Group (DG) within ARPC can go for such trips. We highly encourage members of a same DG to go on a trip together. This is because the DG leaders and fellow members are able to

provide prayer support, as well as a long-term accountability structure. So when the team returns to Singapore, the DG can prayerfully help the trippers apply what they have learnt during the trip.

For each trip, a team of 6-8 persons will be formed. In the case where there are insufficient DG members to form a team for a single trip, those interested can join members from another DG to form the team.



How many trips are there in a year, and when will they take place?

There will 6 trips in a year for DGs to participate, with 3 trips in June and another 3 in December (see page 4 for the **Annual DG Mission Trips Calendar**).

What do we do during such trips?



The main aim of these trips is to help trippers participate in God's mission of reaching out to sinners, making disciples of all nations, maturing them in all areas and praying for their walk with Christ.

During the trip, the team will be attached to a missionary working in the country of destination (see above). The trippers will be exposed to the life of a missionary and some of the ministry platforms. They may also be called to proclaim the Gospel both by word (sharing of testimony, teaching the Bible etc) and by deed (loving and serving the people of the country in practical ways).

What must I do to prepare for a trip as a DG?



Each member of a team must be prepared to go through at least 2 months of weekly training for each trip. The first month (usually in April for those going in June, and in October for those going in December) will consist of 4 sessions of combined training with ARPC Pastors/ Missions Committee. For the second month (usually in May for June trips, and in November for December trips), the respective Mission Agencies will customize the training to prepare the teams for the fields that they will be visiting (see page 4 for training and trip schedule).

It is important for the trippers to commit to these training sessions. During each session, the training is designed to orientate trippers to cross-cultural ministry, building on top of the biblical foundation that the DG already provides. Thus, trippers will be ready to learn lessons from God during the trips, as well as preparing them to be a blessing to the missionary and the people they will be working with.

What do I do after the trip?



For most, the trip will be an exciting experience, seeing how big the love of our God, which extends to all peoples, tribes and nations.

Upon return, the team will go through a debriefing session. This is to help the team to continue to develop a close walk with God. It is also important to continue to have active participation in the ARPC Body of Christ, through your life with DG and the various ministry platforms in Church.

At the same time, you can participate in the various Missions related programmes, such as prayer meetings and the Annual Missions Retreat. Finally, continue to grow by reading up good Christian books on Missions.

In short, continue to be a sender and/or goer, wherever you are!

Where will the teams be going?



The place of the missions work will be determined jointly between the Missions Agencies, ARPC Missions Committee and the DG leaders involved.

In general, these trips will take place in countries in ASEAN and other parts of Asia, depending on the time of the year, taking into account the weather conditions and the availability of missionaries in the countries to help guide and orientate the teams.

The missions agencies that we are partnering with include OMF (www.omf.org/singapore), SIM East Asia (www.simeast.com), and WEC (www.wec-sing.com).



What must I do to sign up?

To sign up for a trip, do pray and plan with your DG leader(s) on the number of participants and preferred time of the year (either June or December) for the trip. The DG leaders will then discuss with the respective CLDG Leader/Pastor and the ARPC Missions Committee to create the appropriate opportunity for your DG.

For DG leaders, you may want to fill up the form at the end of this handbook (page 4), so that we can contact you and send updates on future trips.



What about the rest of the DG members?

The DG members who are not joining in for the trip can also join in for the training. This will help them understand missions in greater details. In addition, they can help in the preparation of the teaching and/or Gospel sharing materials. Lastly, they can participate by praying for those DG members who will be embarking on the trip.



If I am interested to explore serving in missions, how do I begin?

Very simple! Come and talk with the Missions Committee! We are contactable at missioncommarpc@arpc.org.sg

At the same time, you can take a look at the ARPC Missions Handbook, which provides a brief explanation of the preparation and support of missionaries in ARPC.

Annual DG Mission Trips Calendar

| Month | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan |
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| ARPC DG Trips schedule | | | Recruit DG trippers for 3 teams | Common Training by ARPC Pastors and Missions Com | SIM Training | 1 SIM Trip | Post-trip debrief and thanksgiving | | Recruit DG trippers for 3 teams | Common Training by ARPC Pastors and Missions Com | SIM Training | 1 SIM Trip | Post-trip debrief and thanksgiving |
| | | | | | OMF Training | 1 OMF Trip | | OMF Training | | | 1 OMF Trip | | |
| | | | | | WEC Training | 1 WEC Trip | | WEC Training | | | 1 WEC Trip | | |

How does the mission trip schedule look like?

The calendar above shows the typical trip schedules in a year. After the recruitment phase, there will be a month of common training (in April, or in October), followed by a month of training with the respective missions agencies for each trip.

Then, the trip will take place, lasting about 7-10 days (in June or in December). Upon returning, the team will go through a debriefing session to help

them integrate the lessons learnt back in their life in Singapore.

We pray that through these trips, the DGs will mature in their walk with Christ, and continue to be an active missions supporter by praying for and reaching out to our friends for Christ, both locals and foreigners, in Singapore and overseas.

Sign-up Form for DG Mission Trips

Information about your DG Leaders

Name(s) of DG Leader(s):

Name of CLDG leader:

Contact Information

E-mail Address:

Mobile number:

Information about your DG

Number of regular attenders in the DG:

Number of years the DG has been together:

Number of DG members interested to go on a trip:

When and where does your DG meet regularly (day of week/time):

You may want to e-mail the information above to missioncommarpc@arpc.org.sg