

2020 AICC Taiwan Summer Mission Fact Sheet

Corona Virus and potential date change

The dates of this summer mission may change because of the outbreak of the Corona virus. Taiwan officials extended the spring break by two weeks delaying the official end of school. This could impact the summer mission dates. The current dates are July 1-23. It could be delayed to July 15-August 5.

Background

Agape International Christian Church (AICC) will partner with Cru and Taiwan Youth with a Mission (YWAM) and other church teams from the USA to run English camps in Changhua, one of the least reached areas of Taiwan. While Taiwan is seeing an increase in followers of Jesus, areas like Changhua are still resistant to the Gospel and still very devoted to the traditional worship of idols. The number of Christians is less than 1%. Evangelism here makes a really big difference!

What Will You Do?

You will serve as English teachers and assistants. Classes are designed so that you teach Bible stories and do evangelism as you teach English.

You will build friendships and share your life (including sharing your faith in Christ) with Taiwanese high school students who help run the camp. You will also share your faith story with your elementary students through a translator.

As a team, we will spend a lot of time together. We will meet for Bible study, sharing, encouragement, fun, travel, laundry, eating... pretty much everything will be done together!

Who Can Go?

To qualify for this trip, you must be able to answer "yes" to all of the following:

- I am a native or near native English speaker.
- I am a high school student or older.
- I have asked Christ to come into my life to forgive my sin. I desire to grow in my relationship with God.
- I will write my personal story of faith in Christ and share it with others this summer. (Training and coaching will be provided on how to do this).
- I will memorize the Knowing God Personally booklet before I leave for Taiwan.
- I can be flexible with unknown, changing, or difficult circumstances (such as food that is different, really hot and humid weather, lots of walking and standing, plans that change unexpectedly, and so on).
- I will submit to authority (including things like surrendering my phone during camp days).
- I work well with others and I have a heart to serve people, especially kids.
- I will accept the label of "teacher," a position of respect in Taiwan. I am aware that people will know that I am a Christian and they will be watching me at English camp and in the community. Therefore, I realize I am a walking testimony wherever I go. I will not smoke, drink alcohol, do drugs, gamble, or any other behavior unbecoming of a follower of Jesus.
- I will complete the written application and wait for my acceptance.
- I will raise at least half of the cost of the trip. (Training will be provided).

Application

Each person must complete an application and be officially accepted to participate in this mission. Applications must be completed by March 7.

How will I benefit? I realize that I may grow in some or all the following areas:

- Grow in the trust of God and personal walk with God
- Grow in teamwork and flexibility, especially through difficult circumstances
- Grow in heart for the world
- Grow in responsibility
- Develop leadership skills
- Develop a servant attitude

Timeline and Deadlines

Mar 1	<u>Applications must be completed and turned in</u>
Mar 4	Acceptances given
Mar 28	<u>Initial deposit received</u>
Mar 28	All forms signed and turned in (waivers, medical forms, permission forms, etc.)
Apr 3	Purchase plane tickets
Apr – Jun	Team Building

Taiwan Dates July 1 - July 22 (3 weeks) (approximate)

<u>Initial Dates</u>	<u>Potential New Dates*</u>	
Jul 1	Jul 15	Fly to Taiwan
Jul 4-5	Jul 18-19	Training Days
Jul 6-10	Jul 20-24	English Camp – week 1
Jul 13-17	Jul 27-31	English Camp – week 2
Jul 18	Aug 1	Ministry Day (Initial Follow Up Meetings)
Jul 19-21	Aug 2-5	Debrief
Jul 22	Aug 5	Fly to USA

*The official delay of Taiwanese school by two weeks may cause the summer mission to be pushed back two weeks.

Cost: \$2300 (estimate)

What are some of the benefits of Fund Raising?

Each participant should raise at least half of the funds for this trip (in other words, you are permitted to self-fund up to 50% of the total cost). Training for how to raise funds and the biblical basis for raising funds will be provided. Here are some of the benefits:

- Your relationship to God will be enriched as you cling to Him and trust Him as never before. Going out on a limb for God will drive you to the Word and prayer.
- Your faith will greatly expand as you see God reach your support goal.
- This experience develops a prayer base for your ministry as you form relationships with your ministry partners.
- Your ministry partners will benefit as they are allowed to invest in something that has eternal consequences. God promises to bless them for helping you (see Malachi 3:10, Philippians 4:17, Luke 6:38 and II Corinthians 9:6).

Housing

We will stay in homes or a church. There are beds, bunks, and Japanese Futons (mattress for the floor). Usually, there several people will share one room.

Training

There will be some reading and preparation that you will need to complete before departure. You will also need to participate in pre-departure meetings (in person or by video call).

Safety

Though there is petty crime, Taiwan generally is safe. Participants are encouraged to keep a close watch on all their personal belongings, especially electronics. Crime against individuals is unusual. While we take reasonable measures to protect everyone in the group, there is no way to guarantee participants safety in the USA or traveling abroad.

We follow the guidelines of the US State Department for travelers abroad and sign up for travel alerts. All participants will register their travel with the US State Department.

We purchase Emergency Evacuation Insurance for each participant. This provides medical advice, assistance and referrals for travelers abroad. Medical Assistance includes: Evacuation and repatriation coverage, medical referrals worldwide, access to clinics, dispatch of medication and medical supplies, and medical monitoring. For more information, www.internationalsos.com.