

Estimated CCC Short-Term Mission Trip Costs

As you contemplate a short-term mission trip domestically or internationally, there are **expenses** involved. Most mission organizations, agencies or missionaries will tell you the costs involved in transportation to/from the mission assignment, daily costs for room and board, local project expenses, trip insurance, etc.

However, Assembly of God domestic or international MAPS or Missionary Associate (MA) trip costs may not be known until you work through the application process, are approved for a project and then develop a budget with the specific missionary for the actual project or assignment. To help you better anticipate and plan for expenses, we can help you estimate (or “guesstimate”) what you might need to raise as far as trip funds.

Assemblies of God has a wonderful comprehensive website describing all domestic and international mission opportunities, both as short-term MAPS workers and as longer-term Missionary Associates. This site also explains the application process and provides links to start your application:

<http://wideopenmissions.org/opportunities>

Domestic mission assignments may typically cost \$100 - 400 per week to cover food, housing, insurance and project expenses, depending on the project plus any transportation costs (whether driving or flying) to the site.

International MAPS assignments may range from \$200 - \$500 per week plus travel. Airfare to Haiti or Central America can typically cost \$700 – 1000 roundtrip and to Europe may be \$1,200 - \$1,600 roundtrip. If considering an international trip to a specific country, you can go to a internet travel site such as Expedia or Travelocity and get a “ballpark” airfare cost to the capital city of your desired country. Thus, as an example, a month long mission trip to El Salvador may cost in the ballpark of \$1,500 - \$3,000. These are estimates for an individual, and does not include spouse or family.

Assembly of God World Missions (AGWM) **Missionary Associate (MA) assignments** are typically 1 to 2 year in duration. MA’s work under a designated AGWM full-time career missionary. Budgets are set by the missionary after a candidate goes through the 4 - 6 month application and approval process. Most individual MA’s end up with a monthly budget of \$2,000 – 3,000 per month, depending on project plus an initial cash (one-time) budget of maybe \$5,000 - \$8,000, which covers airfare, MA training, shipping of supplies to the field, initial housing expenses (such as furniture or initial security deposit, etc).

All AGWM MA’s (and some longer-term MAPS workers for 4-11 month assignment) must go to a Springfield, MO **“Pre-Field Orientation”** that is a 7-10 day training for the candidate (and their spouse and children, if applicable). You will have to pay all expenses for this training, including hotel, meals, transportation to Springfield, etc.

As you contemplate mission trips, you will need to consider how you will fund your trip. Will you be totally self-funding it from your savings or employment earnings? Will you be raising support from family, friends, and colleagues? For further information please contact Rob Kelch rhkelch@gmail.com