



**ISRAEL AND PALESTINE MISSION TRIP
YOUNG ADULTS AND PROFESSIONALS
October 30 – November 10, 2019**

Deadline to Apply May 1st 2019

Join this exciting team as we travel to the Holy Land! This trip will be centered around learning and experiencing the Holy Land in both Israel and Palestine and hearing the multi-narrative history and context for both these regions. Part of our trip will serve to visit key biblical places like the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Golgotha. However, part of our trip will also be focused around learning and serving along the “living stones”—churches and families of Christians who have been in the region for centuries, enduring and ministering during various political, cultural, and sociological changes. This trip is designed for young adults and professionals (around 18-35 in age) who are looking to expand their worldview in terms of the Christian Church and its context in the Holy Land. This trip will have some direct service opportunities (helping olive farmers harvest their crops from trees older than Jesus) while also having a focus on learning and hearing first-hand the multi-narrative story of this region of the world. This trip provides a unique experience that allows us to look back (to stay in Bethlehem, walk where Jesus walked, visit the site of crucifixion) while also focusing on looking forward and learning how to implement the still-living Jesus and his teachings into a hurting region and world. We will be partnering with Churches for Middle East Peace (a church partner of OCC's) as well a multi-narrative educational and tour group on the ground, Medji.

MINISTRY PROJECTS

- **TENT OF NATIONS SUPPORT:** The location and organization we will partner with the most will be the Tent of Nations, an absolutely SPECTACULAR family-run farm turned ministry that is committed to advocating for peace and violence-free justice in the Holy Land and the Middle East at large. We will spend some time learning under the Tent of Nations leadership and missional values as well as practically serving some of the harvesting needs. As an organization committed to reconciliation and non-violence, they often face hardship in successfully running their centuries-old family farm as well as the various advocacy work they do. We, therefore, will step and help with whatever practical

needs we can fill. How amazing—harvesting olives from trees from the time of Jesus in lands he could have walked!

- **COMMUNITY LEARNING:** This trip is unique in that much of the “service” we will do will come from a place of internal transformation and learning. We will meet and hear from leaders among leaders in the Christian world who advocate and practice the ways of Jesus in terms of loving one’s enemies, advocating for peace and reconciliation with God, and more. We will visit refugees at a Palestinian refugee camp to hear their stories. We will visit the often controversial separation barrier and experience its impact on various communities. This is guaranteed to be trip of learning and transformation that will extend beyond our 10-day time in this region.

ESTIMATED COST: \$1600-1900 * (+ Cost of Airfare)

***cost is range depending on number of participants.**

A \$200 deposit is due on May 1, 2019 or upon application. Final payments are due on Sept. 15, 2019.

Trip Fee Includes:

- Travel Insurance
- Accommodations, most meals, & water
- Daily Transportation
- Ministry & Project Expenses
- Guides and local organization contact (for best travel between these two regions)

Does Not Include:

- Passport Fees
- Airfare
- Immunizations
- Meals in Airport plus a few meals on the ground that we eat on the go
- Personal Spending Money

FUNDRAISING

We encourage team participants to do personal support raising to pay for the cost of the trip. You will be guided on how to do this in our training meetings, but if you already have some ideas, go ahead and start now!

ACCOMMODATIONS & FOOD

The team will be staying in a mix of accommodations. Sometimes, we will be staying in local hotels or hostel accommodations. When we are serving the Tent of Nations, we will be staying

with their family at their family farm compound. These regions are both filled with very hospitable people who will be eager to treat you to local foods and culture. We will be eating meals either prepared for us by the Tent of Nations or in the hotels we are staying. There will be a few meals we will go out and eat on our own (bring money, but often quite cheap) that will better let us experience the local cities and culture.

TEAM LEADERS

Victoria Falkner- victoriaf@occ.org, Victoria works at Overlake Church in student ministries leading their local and global missional experiences as well as a number of other things. However, Victoria has been invested in the Middle East (particularly Israel and Palestine) for over a decade, even writing her degree thesis on the subject. She has been to both Israel and Palestine as well as serves on the board of Churches for Middle East Peace's 18-35 leadership team. She travels annually to Washington D.C. as part of Churches for Middle East Peace to lobby and advocate on a national level for our representative government to better enact policies that will help both the Israeli and Palestinian people prosper. She is a travel aficionado and this trip is bringing together her three favorite things: Jesus and His mandate for Peace, travel in the Middle East, and the next generation of leaders!

EMAIL WITH INTEREST OR QUESTIONS!

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