

The following sets of questions are designed to help you as you discern a pathway toward a short-term mission trip. Take some time to write down the answers to these questions and process them with someone close to you. Upon completion of this process, feel free to set up an appointment with Renee Pitts, Minister to Students for Global Missions, in the Office of Spiritual Life by emailing her at rlpitts@samford.edu.

Foundational:

1. Why do you want to participate in a mission trip?
2. What is your understanding of the Biblical foundation of missions?
3. How does participation in a mission trip align with what God is doing in your life over the last two years? How does this “fit”?

Personal/spiritual:

1. What are your talents?
 - a. What do you love to do?
 - b. What fuels what you do?
 - c. What do you constantly think about?
 - d. How do others describe what you are good at?
 - e. What do you feel you MUST do or become in your life?
 - f. What accomplishments are you most proud of?
2. What is your passion?
 - a. What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?
 - b. What would you do if finances were no limitation?
 - c. What do you hope to be and do in the future?
 - d. What do you ultimately care about?
 - e. What part of the Gospel story inspires you most? What characteristics of Jesus and His ministry?
 - f. What wrong would you like to see made right?
3. What geographical regions of the world, cultures, world religions, or people groups interest you? If you need a way of thinking this through, try exploring: <https://joshuaproject.net>.
4. What level of confidence do you have in sharing the story of God as found in the Bible as well as your own personal story of salvation and discipleship?

Practical:

1. When do you want to go on a mission trip?
2. How long would you like to serve?
3. How important is it for you to serve on a team?
4. Are you prepared to raise the necessary funds for this trip? Have you thought of pathways forward for fundraising?