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the world for Jesus!*

Micaiah Ministries

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Greetings!

Thank you for showing an interest in joining the Micaiah Ministries Russia Quest 2016. Knowing that you have a heart to reach out to the lost around the world is encouraging to this ministry. God is putting together a wonderful team who are eager to grow in the things of God and eager to be used by Him to touch hurting people. During this trip you will participate in Micaiah Ministries Camp for Youth in Crisis and visit the work and minister at Restoration House. Other opportunities may include a visit to an orphanage or a children's hospital, youth who live on the streets, a drug rehab, and some will have the opportunity to minister in churches. Everyone who comes must be willing to participate and must be flexible when participating.

Enclosed you will find some important information that you need to take the time to read. The information will help to answer many of the questions you might have concerning the trip. It will also help to bring us to a place of being of one heart, one mind and one spirit, to accomplish the work that God has called us to.

There are also important documents that you must complete and return by **March 15, 2016**. Delay will only bring unnecessary frustrations and may incur extra-added cost to the trip. **Please be sure that all forms are signed as required. When providing contact information, provide only the means by which you will respond to. If you won't read your e-mail or respond to such, please advise the best means by which we are able to send documents and obtain information.** If you do not already have a passport, apply for it immediately, but go ahead and return your application to us without the passport number. **Don't wait for your passport to get the process started.**

The total cost of the trip is \$2995.00 out of New York City. (Price is subject to change due to rising airline cost and other costs.) A \$1500.00 non-refundable deposit is required by March 15, 2016, a second payment of \$500.00 is due by May 1, and the balance of \$995.00 is due by May 25, 2016. Micaiah Ministries is a non-profit organization and payment for trips are considered a donation to the ministry. **Due to IRS rules, contributions are non-refundable.** In order for the mission trip to be tax deductible, your contribution must be made payable to Micaiah Ministries. The funds cannot be designated to a specific individual and the name of the traveler cannot appear on the check memo line. Simply attach a note giving the traveler's name and the trip they/he/she will be joining. If we are notified in writing of a cancellation, it may be possible to hold funds over for one year (**minus any costs incurred such as airline tickets, visa fees, etc.**) towards another trip. (**There is no guarantee of future trips and Micaiah Ministries is not responsible to produce any future trips.**) The individual who raised the funds is the only one who can use these funds towards another Micaiah Ministries Missions Trip.

It is the desire of Micaiah Ministries to assist you in fulfilling God's call on your life to Russia. **Please note that this is a missionary trip and NOT a summer vacation. You will be working.** If you are not physically able to do a substantial amount of walking, we suggest you reconsider your decision to apply. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 918.457.9265.

In His Service,
Kent Wilson
Micaiah Ministries

Micaiah Youth Team Information Sheet- **To Be Returned With Deposit**

1. Full Name: _____
Birth date: ___/___/___ M/F Age: _____

2. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ___ No ___
Passport number: _____
Issue Date: ___/___/___ Expiration Date: ___/___/___
Passport Agency: _____

3. Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

4. Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____
Parent or Legal Guardian daytime phone number: () _____
Parent or Legal Guardian cell phone number: () _____
Email: _____

PLEASE MARK WHICH IS THE BEST WAY WE CAN CONTACT YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

5. Name and Address of School you attend: _____

Grade: _____

6. Church Name and Address: _____

Church Phone Number: () _____
Fax Number: () _____
Senior Pastor's Name: _____
Youth Pastor's Name: _____

7. Do you attend youth group ___ more than once a week ___ on Sunday ___ Some times

8. What do you like best about your youth group? _____

9. Do you bring friends to church? _____

10. Do you like to tell people about Jesus? _____

11. Do you talk to God ___ often ___ some times ___ when I need to

12. Does God talk to you ___ often ___ some times ___ when I am listening

13. Have you been outside the United States? ___ Where? _____

14. Have you previously been on a missions trip? Yes ___ No ___
If so, please list when, where and thrust of trip: _____

15. Why do you want to go on this trip? _____

16. How will you get the money to go? _____

17. On this trip, what do you want to do for God? _____

18. On this trip, what do you want God to do in you? _____

19. Please list and special skills, gifts, talents or hobbies that you have, and give some indication of the degree of competence that you have in them (i.e. singing, musical instrument, etc.).

20. In fifty words or less, describe yourself to the Russian teens you will be working with.

_____ (If you need more space, continue on back.)

21. Please write your personal testimony. _____

_____ (If you need more space, continue on back.)

22. Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone – Home: _____ Work: _____

23. Do you have any known health problems or things that would limit your ability to do certain types of work, amounts of exercise, etc.? Yes _____ No _____

If “yes,” please explain:

24. Are you on any special diet? (Not able to eat certain meats or food) Yes _____ No _____

If “yes,” please explain:

25. Are there certain times of the day that you MUST eat? Yes _____ No _____

If “yes,” please explain:

26. Are you able to walk long distances without discomfort? Yes _____ No _____

If “no,” please explain:

27. Are you presently taking any kind of medication? Yes _____ No _____

If "yes," please explain:

28. Have you ever been sick with a communicable disease of risk for the public or suffered a dangerous physical or mental disorder? Yes _____ No _____

29. Have you ever abused drugs or been a drug-addict? Yes _____ No _____

30. Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offence? Yes _____ No _____

31. Have you ever been deported?

If "yes," please explain:

32. Have you ever been refused a visa? Yes _____ No _____

If "yes," please explain:

33. Has a visa ever been canceled? Yes _____ No _____

If "yes," please explain:

34. Please write your expectations about this trip:

(If you need more space, continue on back.)

Statement: To the best of my knowledge, the answers on this information form are complete and true. Please include a picture with your signed information sheet.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete and return this application and all other documents along with a recent photograph and \$500.00 deposit to: Micaiah Ministries - P.O. Box 1592 - Tahlequah, OK 74465

Micaiah Ministries Inc.

Consent for Medical Treatment/Release and Harmless

Whereas, I wish my child to be a member of a MICAIAH MINISTRIES INC. missionary group which will be traveling to and staying in various cities of Russia and,

Whereas, certain circumstances and situations may occur resulting in my need for medical/dental care and treatment, and further resulting in my liability to personally give consent for such care and treatment,

Therefore,

- 1. In consideration of permission for my child to participate in said mission, I, _____ being the parent or legal guardian of _____ authorize Kent Wilson and Todd Murphy or the person acting in their place to act in my behalf should I be unable to do so and to consent to reasonable medical/dental care and treatment, including but not limited to diagnostic tests, x-ray examination, anesthesia, surgery or other procedures which may be deemed necessary to my child's medical well being for the duration of the mission. I further authorize the physician/dentist to call in any necessary consultants to dispose of severed tissues.
2. This consent is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment, surgery or hospital care required, but is given to provide authorization and specific consent for medical/dental treatment or care on my child's behalf, in the event I am unable for any reason to give such consent.
3. Any consent by the person(s) named above or the person(s) acting in his place, shall have the same force and effect as if I had personally given the consent.
4. For my child being allowed to participate in said mission, I personally assume all risks associated with the activity. I hereby release, hold harmless, and indemnify MICAIAH MINISTRIES INC., its ministers, officers, trustees, agents, and employees from any liability for personal injury, including death, arising out of their negligent acts or omissions as a result of medical/dental treatment given pursuant to this consent, from financial responsibility for any medical fees; and from liability for personal injury including death, as well as all property damage or loss, arising out of their negligent acts or omissions connected with my participation in this trip.

State of _____

County of _____

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said county and state on _____ 20____ personally appeared _____ to me known to be the identical person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as his/her free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year above written.

(seal)

My Commission expires _____

The intention of this authorization is to provide consent for a minor to travel with representing agents of Micaiah Ministries, Inc. without the company of both legal parents. If neither parent is traveling with the minor child then, **two authorization forms must be completed separately by each parent.** (One for agents of Micaiah Ministries, Inc. to hold for proof at the airport and hotels and one to be submitted with visa application forms.) What if you have special circumstances like many single parents? Please present a valid copy of a death certificate, a court order of sole custody or a notarized letter from a government or religious official confirming your situation along with this documentation.

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in relation to my child, _____ [name of child], who is a citizen of the United States of America and a minor born on _____ [specify child's date of birth]. My child holds a U.S. passport with the number _____.

I do solemnly swear that I have legal custody of my child and that no pending divorce or child custody proceedings involving my child exist. I do hereby grant full authorization and consent for my child to travel outside of the United States with any agent representing Micaiah Ministries, Inc. including but not limited to Kent Wilson and Carl Murphy. The purpose of the travel is a tour to Russia. I have approved the following travel plans:

Dates of travel: _____ Destination: Saint Petersburg region of Russia Hotels and lodging to be decided by representing agent.

I authorize any agent representing Micaiah Ministries, Inc. including but not limited to Kent Wilson and Carl Murphy to make any changes whatsoever to the travel plans specified above.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of _____, I attest to the truthfulness, accuracy, and validity of the forgoing statement.

Signature

Date

Parent:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Pager: _____

Email: _____

Additional Contact Information: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Acknowledged before me on _____ [date] by _____ [name of principal].

[Notary Seal]:

(Signature of Notarial Officer)
Notary Public for the State of _____
My commission expires: _____

OPERATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT

Micaiah Ministries (MM), the Restoration House (RH) staff and their ministry associates are making every effort possible to provide the type of ministry and youth missionary experience we desire. We are considered an outreach of MM while we are in Russia, therefore, we should make every effort to conduct ourselves in a way that would make a good representation of their work.

Your actions can have either a positive or a negative effect on the mission base. We do not want to do anything that would harm the favor that MM and RH have found with the authorities of Russia or the people of Russia. Your reputation is not all that is at stake when you go to the mission field. **Your actions effect the reputation of MM, RH your home church, the local churches we work with and the American people in general.** **Understanding this makes it is easier for us to co-operate fully with the standards and regulations set forth.**

HOTELS, WALKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Life in Russia has not been difficult for most of our previous team members, but for others, it can be far from their expectations. The standard of living is far below the American standard of living. That statement is not propoganda, it is factual. Hotel conditions are clean, but don't expect too much. Remember, this is a mission trip NOT A VACATION!

Each *missionary* (which is what you are) will be asked to carry humanitarian aid supplies. You will be expected to participate in the outreaches without hesitation. **There will be a great deal of walking, usually not more than one or two miles at a clip.** ***Prior to this trip you should confirm your ability to walk this distance.***

- BE SURE TO BRING COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES
- **LADIES, *DO NOT* BRING BOOTS OR SHOES WITH HEALS FOR WALKING. YOU MAY CARRY THEM FOR CHURCH SERVICES IF YOU WISH.**

We use a lot of public transportation, as do the Russians. It is our desire to be with the Russian people as much as possible so that we gain knowledge of what they might experience in their everyday lives. This will help us to be better equipped to minister to them.

The public transportation can be strenuous for some since the metro trains; buses and trolleys are usually VERY crowded. There is usually a great deal of pushing and shoving in order to get on board. **Be prepared to be aggressive but NOT rude. Be prepared to move on and off the transportation quickly.**

MANDATORY CONDUCT

All missionaries working with MM and RH are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is described in detail in Romans 12. Every one is to judge their self in proper behavior. Representatives of the ministry, however will, when necessary, assist in this area.

To effectively minister in a different culture, there are some things we have found to be important:

- **Listen** when ministry representatives or leaders are addressing the team. **If you choose not to pay attention, you will miss valuable instruction and this will only create confusion.**
- Time spent with God is needed to be able to effectively minister. Morning devotional and prayer must be observed.
- Be ready to minister at all times to team members as well as to the public.
- You must **WILLINGLY** and **QUICKLY** put on makeup when performing dramas if requested.
- **NO COMPLAINING WILL BE TOLERATED!**
- **Be ready to eat what ever is placed before you without turning up your nose or making comments unless your comments are complimentary.**

- We do not assess the Russian people, the city, food or the culture by American standards. It is their way of life. **We do not criticize or try to make jokes about it at any time.** More and more people are learning English. If they hear you, they may not understand that you are just trying to have fun.
- **We are punctual at all times.** Your tardiness could affect our ability to catch public transportation in a timely manner, thus causing the whole team to be late at the conference or ministry outreaches.
- DO NOT exchange money at kiosks or on the streets. Doing so can be very dangerous. Micaiah Ministries will usually have enough rubles on hand to exchange or can make the necessary arrangements to have dollars exchanged for you.
- Care must be taken not to develop misleading friendships with Russians. Small acts or gestures of friendship can be very misleading if not communicated properly. Do not make promises to the Russian youth. You have good intentions, but when you get back to the States you forget. Do not promise to send items or write or arrange for them to visit you in the United States. If you tell them you will write, they will look every day for your letter. If you invite them to visit you in America, they will expect that you are going to help them financially to come and that you will be the one who will provide for them while in America. They take you very seriously at your word.
- NO CLIQUES are permitted! Be friendly to all and reach out to others.
- Loud and boisterous behavior in public places is strongly discouraged.
- You are responsible for your own things. Do not ask anyone else to carry your things and then later complain because they were left, lost or stolen.
- Interpreters are provided for ministry outreaches, conference interpreting and conversations, and city excursions. At no time are the interpreters to be regarded as anything less than our equals in ministry regardless of the age. At no time are they to be used as mules to carry any of your luggage, backpacks, souvenirs, purses, shoes, etc. Whatever you purchase or bring, you are responsible to carry.
- **You must be willing to be stretched.** You will be out of your comfort area just because of your new surroundings. Keep an open mind and a “can do” attitude as we ask you to help in areas that you are unfamiliar with.

If you choose not to follow these instructions, you will be sent back to the United States at the earliest possible opportunity at your expense!

- We DO NOT travel alone. Always travel in teams of two or more. Teens are not to go anywhere without permission and adult supervision. Chaperones and other adults should be considerate to check in with the team leaders so we know where you are should the need arise.
- **There is to be No Romantic Relationship type coupling with either Americans or Russians on this trip. (Even if you were a couple before the trip, your romance will not be tolerated during the trip unless you are married.)** This only clouds the work that we are there to do. Quick relationships are a definite distraction. No pairing off. Remember why you came to Russia. No holding hands, kissing, backrubs, etc.
- NO BOYS IN GIRLS ROOMS AND NO GIRLS IN BOYS ROOM! Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- No smoking, drinking or drugs are allowed.
- No swearing or foul language. All speech must edify. No putting others down or criticizing others or the rules.
- No arguing with leadership.
- Every group member is expected to come under the authority of the group leader. Rebellion or insubordination can result in the person being sent home early at your own expense.

PASSPORT AND VISA

A valid passport and visa are required. Your passport must be valid for at least six months upon your return to the U.S. **We will be getting your visa, but we cannot do it without your passport number.** You should already have your passport, but if you do not, it is very important that you get your passport right away. **Delays will only bring unnecessary frustration and extra expense to you or could result in your exclusion from the trip.** Download the visa application at <http://www.micaiah.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=41192&PID=519034>

EXPENSES

Your housing and meals are provided. You will want to bring pocket money to purchase snacks, sodas, souvenirs, etc. **These costs are not covered in the cost of your trip.**

We will be taking some time for sightseeing and souvenir shopping. **There may be an opportunity to see a few sights that will not be covered in the cost of our city tour.** **We have no idea of possible costs for such sights.** The city bus tour and guide, along with access to some of the sights are however covered. So bring whatever you think you will want to spend for these types of things.

Traveler's checks are new to the system and only a few banks will cash them. ATM machines are more readily available each time we visit. Credit cards are also more readily accepted at businesses.

For your convenience it is important that you bring cash for making easy exchange. Micaiah Ministries will help you to exchange money. **Old, worn, ink marked, torn or defaced dollars ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** **Please bring new crisp money, with the metallic strip, for easy exchange.** Consult with your bank teller; they are usually very helpful in providing what you need. If you are bringing a large cash offering for missionaries, outreaches, and other expenses, please be courteous to your bank and notify them in advance that you will need enough new money. Denominations of \$50 or \$100 are best for the best exchange rate. Be sure to bring denominations of \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$1 for personal usage such as purchases made at street vendors.

AT THE AIRPORT

Upon arrival at our departure gate, you will be given a piece of luggage containing needed supplies for the camp and ministry outreaches. You will also be given a paper that denotes the contents of that luggage. **Please orientate yourself with that piece of luggage and the contents so that you will be able to quickly identify it upon arrival in Saint Petersburg.** Bring a means of identifying the luggage that you will be familiar with, as this will aid you in retrieving the luggage upon arrival at St. Petersburg. (Please note: some of our groups have determined that they will fill suitcases with supplies before departure from their hometowns. In that case this does not apply to you)

The following applies to all: When you arrive in Saint Petersburg you must first clear passport control. The lines are usually long, just be patient. You do not need to follow any team members through the queue; you are able to use any lane that has a green light for non-residents. After you have completed passport control go to the baggage claim, gather your luggage remembering to claim both the one you brought and the one supplied by MM and proceed through the GREEN LINE through customs. Do not stop even if you see others stopping at the checkpoint. Simply proceed through the doors unless you are requested by uniformed customs agents to stop.

BAGGAGE

DO NOT PACK EXTRA LARGE SUITCASES. DO NOT PACK USING DUFFLE BAGS. DO NOT PACK USING ROLLING DUFFLES BAGS. DO NOT PACK USING BOXES.

You are allowed one carry on item, one personal item (i.e. purse, briefcase, camera bag) and one check in piece of luggage (62 inches. The carry on must be able to fit under your seat in front of you. FAA regulations states that carry on bags be 9" X 14" X 22". Use this guide. Some airlines have a little more room and others a little less. **The total weight limit you are allowed for your check-in luggage on most international flights is 50 pounds. Charges for extra weight can be very substantial. There is normally a charge for a second piece of luggage. Be sure to check airline regulations for the exact details for your flight when you receive your itinerary. Total weight including carry on and personal items MAY NOT exceed 110 pounds when entering Russia.** This is very important! Russian customs can and usually does charge for the extra weight upon your arrival into the country. You will be responsible, not Micaiah Ministries, if your personal luggage is overweight and this can get VERY costly (some have told us as much as \$5.00 per pound).

We ask that you bring only one personal check-in piece of luggage because you will probably be asked by Micaiah Ministries to check in a 50 pound piece of luggage along with yours. This is how we transport the gifts and other items for the camp and ministry outreaches. We will be picked up at the airport in a bus and the extra items will be transported to a base location. In other words, you will not have to be concerned with it during your stay. **This will not effect the weight limit of your personal luggage 50 pounds).**

Strong durable luggage is suggested for any check in luggage. Remove all straps so that they will not get caught in the luggage conveyor belt. Also identify your luggage so that you can spot it with ease and so that it will be difficult for someone else to mistake it for his or hers. **Airline regulations are to NOT lock the luggage in case they desire to inspect it.**

You may want to **bring a backpack**. It will also be useful to carry your slippers, Bible and other personal items, or to have along in case you see something to purchase while out and about and to carry humanitarian aid supplies to our outreaches. They fold up and fit into luggage nicely.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Our lives are a reflection of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The way that we dress reflects it also. Current style is not necessary, but is not always discouraged either. More conservative is the most accepted style among the Russian Christians. We do not want to be a stumbling block to anyone, so pray about what you should wear.

- It is not necessary or advisable to bring a lot of clothes. The Russians can often be seen in the same outfit. Remember, you are only permitted to bring one suitcase. The more clothes that you bring, the more YOU will have to carry. Bring outfits that are interchangeable.
- Please do NOT wear expensive jewelry. It only contributes to misunderstandings that all Americans are wealthy. It is also for your own safety as we travel on crowded trains and buses as well as ministering at the camp or on city streets to the unsaved.
- No lip rings, tongue piercing, nose rings, eyebrow piercing, or any other body piecing – **Men, NO EARRINGS—Ladies are asked to wear only one set of earrings at a time.** We do not want to give the wrong impression to any of the Russian Christians that we may come in contact with.

- No tee shirts advancing a political agenda, advertising alcohol, tobacco, non-Christian groups, worldly standards or even heavy metal Christian bands and Christian tee-shirts that may be misunderstood as a worldly advertisement. Remember, they do not read English and if the picture looks like some worldly advertisement that is what they will think that you are promoting instead of Jesus. (i.e. The tee shirt that looks like the beer logo but says “This Bloods for You” speaking of the blood of Jesus)
- Church attire – You should look nice but do not need to be fancy.
 - Ladies – dresses or skirts (*Must be below the knee-Dress slacks may or may not be acceptable depending on the church, so always be prepared to wear a dress or skirt. NO JEANS for church.*)
 - Men – Slacks and appropriate shirt. (Dress jeans MAY be acceptable at some churches but always be prepared to wear slacks - TEE SHIRTS for church is NOT usually appropriate.)
- Blue jeans ARE acceptable for both men and women at certain times such as sightseeing and some street ministry.
- Knee length shorts only may be worn. **Short shorts, tank tops, low cut, strapless and off the shoulder braless tops and such are NEVER appropriate.** The occasion for swimming will *probably* arise, if you choose to bring swimwear, *be sure that it is modest.*
- Comfortable shoes are a must. We do a lot of walking. Dress shoes can be carried to the crusades and church services. Be sure that you have broken in your walking shoes before you leave home.
- PLEASE BRING SLIPPERS! Shoes are not worn inside the Russian homes. If we visit a sight during any possible sight seeing where you will not be permitted to wear your shoes, you will want your slippers if you do not want to wear slippers that have been worn by hundreds of others.
- If you are bringing an iron, curling iron, blow dryer, etc., you will need to bring the correct adaptors for the electricity. Sears, Wal-Mart and Radio Shack normally carry these products.

MEDICAL

Check with your local County Health Department concerning overseas immunizations required or suggested. **Limited Medical Insurance is covered in the cost of the trip. Travel insurance is NOT covered in the cost of the trip.**

PICTURES

You will probably want to bring along a camera to take pictures to remember your trip and the people you prayed for.

Make sure that you bring lots of film and batteries. It is not always accessible and usually more expensive in Russia.

If you are bringing a video camera, don't forget the battery charger. You will need an adaptor for electricity.

TOILETRIES

You might want to pack your toiletries in small leak proof plastic containers or Baggies. You should leave some room in them and squeeze the air out before you put the lid on. This will help to keep the contents from leaking out at high altitudes or in flight.

You will want to bring a washcloth, as most of the hotels do not supply them. You may even want to bring your own towel. The hotels supply bath towels, but often they are smaller and thinner.

See the list at the end for other item suggestions you may wish to bring.

SAFETY TIPS

*Only use small amounts of money at a time. Never disclose that you are carrying large sums of money. It is advisable to get a money belt, breast pouch or even a fanny pack that you will wear in front at all times.

*A passport pouch is recommended to keep your passport safe while you travel into the different communities.

*While traveling in other countries you should always be in teams of two or more, and always notify team leaders as to where you are at all times.

*Always keep your possessions in front of you while aboard the crowded buses, subways and trains. Saint Petersburg is like any city in the USA, the unsaved are not always trustworthy.

***Make two copies of your passport, credit cards and plane tickets.** You will be required to carry one of the copies on your person at all times. Police officials could stop you on the street and require you to show documentation. Micaiah Ministries will hold onto your original passport and return tickets till time of departure of St. Petersburg. Leave one copy with someone at home that you can reach in an emergency and keep the other set with you in a safe place separate from the originals.

DEALING WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS

ALWAYS be truthful in your answers, but **never** offer more information than what they have asked. The least said, the less confusion. ***BUT ALWAYS BE TRUTHFUL!***

If asked the purpose of your visit, simply answer cultural.

We do not smuggle things out of the country that we are told not to take out. If you choose to disobey the laws, YOU will pay the consequences. Remember, you represent this ministry and others, so lets keep a good reputation.

GIFTS

We know that the Lord leads you, and we do trust your ability to hear from God. You might wish to consider the following to help safeguard you in your giving and to safeguard the ongoing work of the ministry in Russia.

If you are bringing a gift or gifts (financial or otherwise) for any of the Russian people or the missionaries, since the team leaders have the closest contact with the base leaders, you might consider discussing it with them before you give. Gift giving must be done in a manner as to not mislead or cause jealousy among the Russian people and the base leaders know who really needs the financial assistance and who may be simply trying to scam the Americans.

Just as anywhere else, there are those who at times try to play on the compassion of other people. Even if you feel you are being led by the Holy Ghost to give large cash offerings, consider the scripture that says, "There is wisdom in a multitude of council." This will help to safeguard you so that you are not moved by sympathy alone and you may also be made aware of the possibility of an even greater need elsewhere that you might wish to participate in.

It is so easy at times, to be moved by the great needs of the people, that we can miss the leading of Gods Spirit. **That is why although we have been to Russia many times in the past, we often council with other leaders. We can safe guard each other if we will participate together. Then there will be no place given to the enemy. The final decision will be yours and we will not stand in the way of you blessing the people God has told you to bless.** Micaiah Ministries does help provide financial support to those we visit. This does not mean you are not able to do the same. If you channel any funds through MM, you will also help to leave a future legacy with those we assist. We have had years of ongoing relations with those you will see and continue to foster those relations for opportunities for our teams to minister to the Russian peoples in the future.

PHONE CALLS AND E-MAIL

It is unlikely that you will be able to make phone calls or send E-mail back to the United States. When ministering in villages there are no phone connections and we have only cell phones and that makes it very expensive for outgoing calls to America. We will do our best to make it possible for team leaders from your church or Micaiah Ministries team leaders to send an occasional E-mail with an update to your church family. Please do not ask the staff to use their personal computers or ministry computers. We advise that you make your friends and family members aware that they can see regular updates and pictures at www.facebook.com/micaiahministries. You will receive a list contact phone numbers in the case of an emergency only. You will need to make your family and friends aware that the numbers are for emergencies only and not for personal calls.

A FEW MORE HELPFUL HINTS

-If you are allergic to feather pillows, you will want to bring your own pillow.

-It will probably be cool at night, so bring a jacket.

-Bring an umbrella for any rainy days.

-If you bring any Russian tracts, please make sure that they are doctrinally sound. We would like to see the English version before they are distributed. Bring as many as you can.

-You may bring an I-pod or portable CD player WITH ear buds, BUT *there will be times that you are not permitted to use them.* Remember, you must be willing adhere to the instructions given by the team leaders.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Of course we are in faith, knowing that God is protecting His people including your families, but we are not ignorant of the enemies devices. In case of an emergency, our stateside contact person is Jay Jones. You can reach him at: (918) 458-0040 during the day and (918) 822-0396 during the evening. We will make sure that he has the most up to date information on how to contact you or other team members while in Russia.

A FINAL NOTE

We want God to be glorified and appreciate so much the financial gifts that families, small groups and churches will contribute into a general fund that will be distributed to the needs of the outreaches of Restoration House and the churches we visit. We pray, counsel together, and distribute money where it can be used most effectively. Offerings can be sent in advance to Micaiah Ministries and should be earmarked on a separate piece of paper **RUSSIA QUEST** (IRS rules) or can be brought with you in clean, crisp, new bills, with the metallic strip and given to the team leader at an appropriate time. If you desire income tax credit, it best to send your gift in advance to Micaiah Ministries.

There is no obligation to bring or send anything. We simply ask that you be led by the Holy Ghost and do what you feel comfortable doing for the work that will go forth. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you think would help to make the conference and the outreach ministry more effective, be sure to contact us in plenty of time.

Fund Raising Idea's

Car wash	Clean homes	Party fundraisers
Lawn mowing	Bakes sales	Yard work/raking
Collecting recyclables	Window washing	Baby sitting
Spaghetti/chili dinner	Bowl-A-Thon	Run errands-donation basis
House painting	Walk-A-Thon	Change collection
Garage sales	Flea Market selling	Wal-Mart matching funds
Candy sales	Pancake breakfast	Talent contest

- Contacting friends and relatives to directly ask for their support is a great way to raise finances. It is important to convey the vision for ministry and communicate the need in person, by phone or letter. The most effective and for some the most difficult is in person.
- Follow up is important. There will be those who are interested in helping but gave no immediate response.
- Be sure to ask them to pray for you. Give them some specific things to pray about, i.e. revival, safety, open doors, strength, team unity, health, etc. Their prayers are as important to the success of your trip as the money that they give. The money will get you there, but the prayer will assure the open doors of opportunity for ministry while you are there.
- Be sure to send out than you cards or letters for any contribution you receive. You should make it a habit to pray for those who are supporting you.
- If it is possible, it is good to send a postcard from the mission field to those who supported you. You may even wish to bring them a small souvenir.
- To assure support for yourself and others in the future, a summary letter explaining what God did in your life and in the lives of others is very important. Include a thank you for the prayers and financial support.

Sample Letter

Dear John Doe,

I have an opportunity to do something this fall that I know will change my life and the lives of others for eternity! I recently decided to go on a mission trip to Russia with Micaiah Ministries.

There is a tremendous need for the Gospel in Russia. Millions of people there have never heard of the love that Jesus has for them. Many do not know that He wants to heal them, deliver them and work miracles in their lives and families. I believe that God has called me there to minister to these people on this trip.

We will be ministering in churches, the inner city of Saint Petersburg, parks, orphanages as well as working along with Micaiah Ministries in a youth camp. We will be giving people the opportunity to respond to the Gospel message and we will be praying for the sick and giving testimonies of the things God has done for us. We are expecting God to move in mighty ways.

I am asking you to be a part of this trip with me. I cannot do it alone; I need your help both spiritually and financially. I will be working hard these next few months to raise the funds to go. I am putting all of my extra finances to the trip and will be working hard to find news ways to earn the money to go. The total cost of the trip is \$2895.00 (Be sure to add any extra cost to get you to New York.) and my first deadline is January 15.

Will you join me in this opportunity by supporting me financially and praying for my team and me? I am committed to do my part and work hard. Any amount you give is greatly appreciated!

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In His Service,
Jane Doe

Spiritual Preparation

“Ask and I will give the nations to you” (Psalm 2:8)

In your prayer time ask for:

- Revival
- Favor with government officials
- Salvation, healing and deliverance
- Sign, wonders and miracles
- Open doors of opportunity
- Team unity
- Peaceful sleep
- Boldness
- Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit
- Safety and protection
- Heart of Compassion
- Fruitful and anointed ministry
- Total health
- Alertness and free from distractions
- Strongholds to be broken
- Wisdom /guidance for team leaders

ITEMS TO BRING:

These required items are for your benefit as well as that of your team.

- **Passport**
- **Sunscreen and insect repellent (30% DEET)**
- **Jacket, sweater or sweat shirt for cool nights**
- **Travel alarm clock**
- **Bible, a notebook or diary and pen.**
- **Deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo and soap**
- **Comfortable tennis shoes**
- **Umbrella and appropriate footwear for the rainy days.**
- **Spending money**

Should someone become ill, it is extremely helpful to have immediate access to minor drugs. On prior trips we have found that no one is immune to these attacks.

- **Any medication you may need, including sinus medication. It is very difficult to find extra medication in Russia. Please advise your team leaders in advance that you are taking medication and of any other physical challenges that you may be experiencing. Please notify us immediately if you begin to experience physical challenges while on the trip, not matter how insignificant you may feel they are. Challenges confronted immediately will make your trip more enjoyable.**
- **1 small travel size diarrhea medicine**
- **1 small travel size ibuprofen**
- **1 small travel size hand sanitizer**

You may wish to bring:

- **Sunscreen and insect repellent (30% DEET)**
- **Conservative swim suit**
- **Sunglasses**
- **Flashlight**
- **Snacks**
- **Camera and Film**
- **Ear plugs and sleep mask**
- **Water bottle**
- **Travel alarm clock**
- **Money belt or pouch**
- **Moist towelettes or hand sanitizer**
- **The Russian teens enjoy seeing pictures of your family, friends, home and the community in which you live.**

DO NOT BRING:

- **Secular magazines, books or music**
- **Expensive jewelry**

Please sign and return to: Micaiah Ministries, P.O. Box 1592, Tahlequah, OK, 74465 with all other enclosed documents.

I HAVE READ COMPLETELY THE INFORMATION PACKET. I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE REGULATIONS CONTAINED AND ALL POLICIES OF MICAIAH MINISTRIES.

(SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT)

(DATE)

I HAVE READ COMPLETELY, THE INFORMATION PACKET WITH MY TEENAGER WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE TRIP. I ASSUME ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY CHILDS PARTICIPATION IN MICAIAH MINISTRIES YOUTH MISSION TRIP. I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL MONEY GIVEN TO MICAIAH MINISTRIES IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND CONSIDERED A DONATION TO THE MINISTRY. I AM AWARE THAT I AM ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ADDED EXPENSES SHOULD THE NEED ARISE FOR MY CHILD TO RETURN HOME EARLY FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SICKNESS, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES, OR FAMILY EMERGANCIES.

(SIGNATURE OF LEGAL PARENT OR GUARDIAN) (DATE)