

Reaching the Nations Next Door

2021 Informational Packet

We are thrilled that you will be joining us during one of our short term mission trips, Reaching the Nations Next Door in 2021. These trips are very strategic to our work as we send out volunteers to strategic areas of the Metro DC area to pray and to sift for North African and Middle Eastern Muslims who are being drawn to Christ by the Holy Spirit. You will greatly multiply our efforts to look and find people who desire to know more about Jesus. As you begin putting your team together, the following information will be helpful to you.

Project

The Reaching the Nations Next Door project will run for 3 ½ -4 ½ days (from Wednesday evening through Saturday evening with an optional worship and ministry day on Sunday). You will need to arrive in DC by at least early afternoon on Wednesday at the beginning of the project date and plan to leave no earlier than Sunday after the project, though you may want to consider adding time before or after for sight seeing. We will begin around 8:30 AM each day and not finish up until late evenings. We need your full participation throughout the project.

Dates:

- **June:** Wednesday - Saturday, June 23-June 26
- **August:** Dates to be finalized; still confirming location for training (tentative dates Wednesday - Saturday, Aug 11-14)

Here is a tentative schedule of the week.

Potential Schedule

Wednesday Evening

- **7:00-9:00 Orientation and Training**

Thursday - Saturday 8:30 am - 9pm or later

- **Morning:** Training and prayer
- **Afternoon and evening:** Lunch and dinner at ethnic restaurants, other assigned activities including a group visit to a mosque, prayer walking in strategic neighborhoods, material distribution, and sharing the gospel in a variety of settings from ethnic restaurants and markets to parks and malls. Training and guidance will be provided. Be prepared for a late night on Friday we will probably send you to a popular outdoor gathering place that usually stays busy until 11:00

Sunday Depending on the size of the group interested and space available, we might be able to have a small worship time and additional time in the community for sharing the gospel. Weekends are a time when many of our internationals are more available. Contact us to explore the option of adding time on Sunday.

Your schedule may change, so we ask you to be flexible. Basically, our time will entail morning large group meetings where we will worship and train for effective outreach. We will break around lunchtime, at which time participants will divide themselves into groups of around 3 people each who will go into the community together. The team leader from your church/university will be responsible to divide up your team and give logistics to the team members. Team leaders will be the point of contact for team members. Groups will be in the communities to meet, pray with people, share the gospel with people, etc. It is encouraged that groups also eat in the restaurants of the target populations and utilize this time to make new friends and share the gospel with restaurant workers. We will then debrief each day's activities the next day at our large group meeting. However, we do encourage teams to meet together at their hotel in the evenings to pray for people met during the day and to celebrate the work God did through their team. Our prayer is that you will gain something during this trip that you can return home with and be more effective in your own personal ministry.

Finally, this trip is very heavy in prayer and personal EV. We are asking our volunteers to come and help us search out people of peace, and the only way to find people of peace is to try to share Christ with people. You will prayer-walk, and we will let you have a variety of ways to help you can engage people (going in shops, door to door with free materials, giving out things in the strategic areas, getting henna for your hands, etc.). We will engage people, learn about them, offer to pray for them, and then seek to share the gospel with them. The goal is to find people that the Holy Spirit has been at work in, share Christ with them, and then ask them if you can meet together again with their family/friends to share more. We hope to form some groups of people studying about Jesus together as a result of this outreach.

Pre-trip Training Modules

Everyone who participates in a Reaching the Nations Next Door project **MUST** complete the required pre-trip training modules. These are designed to be covered in 4 meetings, with times to practice what you are learning. We recommend doing these every other week for 2 months. This will allow time to read and practice what you are learning. Please don't wait until the last minute to begin these trainings. They are crucial in helping you be effective once on the ground here.

A Few Logistics

- * Unfortunately, public transportation is not adequate for the work and locations that we will need to access, so you will need to have a car for each small group that will be going out. If this is a problem, contact us as there may be local or regional individuals participating that can help with some transportation, but rental cars or driving from home if you are in this region is recommended.
- * Bring comfortable shoes, water bottle, sunscreen, and a backpack for everyone
- * Please NO SHORTS, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, tight, or revealing clothing while doing ministry. We are sharing primarily with Muslims and Hindus, and they will be dressed nicely and conservatively. Please also avoid wearing shirts with overt Christian messages or missions logos.
- * On Thursday, we will probably visit a mosque. On that day, ladies - please wear a long skirt (maxi skirts are great) or loose fitting pants. You can wear tighter pants if you have a tunic/loose fitting top that comes to your thighs) Also, you may wish to bring a scarf to cover your head for entering the mosque.

Lodging

Please contact us for more details regarding housing and location. Due to COVID and different church policies, we are still finalizing the exact location for the training. Contact us for more details regarding the best location for hotels or AirBNB options.

Anticipated DC Costs (transportation to DC is in addition to these costs:)

- \$100- project fee/participant. This covers renting space for trainings, materials & resources we distribute, and other ongoing strategic projects. This payment should be made to Global Gates.
 - **Mail this at least 1 month prior to your arrival to**
Global Gates
236 W 72nd St.,
New York, NY 10023
(Please put **Wisdom/Reaching NND** in the memo line).
 - Online payment options through donation available at invest.nationsnextdoor.com
- \$50-\$75/person a night for hotel (for dual occupancy)
- \$25-40/day for food (can eat cheaper than this, but this is a safe bet), depending on the restaurant you choose and what you order)
- money for any car rental and gas

Contact us with any questions/concerns. We look forward to working with you to build the kingdom of God among the unreached people groups of Metro DC!

Please direct any questions to: WashingtonDC@globalgates.info