

## What You Need To Know About the Cost of Your Short-Term Ministry Trip

International Messengers (IM) is unique in the way we finance the support and care of our career missionaries. The amount that you've been asked to raise will help decrease the amount of overhead of our career staff and will ensure follow up of the ministries you'll be involved in. We are concerned about being accountable to you for what we charge.

### **COST** (*Costs are subject to change*)

As with all International Messengers missionaries, you are responsible for securing all necessary funds for this ministry.

### Your cost covers:

<b>Room &amp; Board</b>	During training and in the country of service.
<b>Travel</b>	Designated mission travel <i>within</i> the country of service.
<b>Special Activities</b>	For the purpose of cultural enhancement and increasing mission understanding (may include sightseeing, etc.)
<b>Administration</b>	Field paperwork, preparation and training materials, set-up, publicity, etc.

### Your cost does not cover:

<b>Travel</b>	<i>Passport, Visa (if required), airline ticket</i> , and travel between your place of residence and training.
<b>Personal</b>	Prayer letter, personal spending, gifts.
<b>Food</b>	Eating out or travel (that is not a part of the designated special activities), food to and from training.

## COST BREAKDOWN RIVER OF LIFE CARE HOME

<b>COST:</b>		
Overhead (includes the following):	\$400.00	Special Discounts:
<i>Recruitment</i>		♦ Pastors (and their spouses) = Discount of \$150 each
<i>Secretary Salary Subsidies</i>		♦ Youth ages 3-17 ( <i>going with a parent</i> ) = 33% discount
<i>Emergency Ministry Subsidies</i>		
<i>Office Operations</i>		
IM Leadership Airfare	60.00	
Overseas Staff Care	90.00	
ROL Maintenance and Materials	240.00	
Housing* (see note below)	380.00	
Transportation+ (see note below)	120.00	
Insurance	20.00	
Training	60.00	
<b>TOTAL**</b>	<b><u>\$1370.00</u></b>	NOTE: **TOTAL <u>does not</u> include your airline ticket
*An additional \$190 per week is required for a stay of longer than two weeks at ROL.		
+Includes cost of round trip shuttle van between the Budapest airport and the Care Home		

## DONATIONS

Tax-deductible receipts will be issued to anyone donating to International Messengers for the short-term program. All checks must be made payable to **International Messengers** and the donor's name and complete address must accompany the check. A memo must also be attached indicating whose ministry the donation is for. If you use response forms, have them sent with the checks to our office.

If you receive *cash*, please *keep that money*, and make out, in turn, a check payable to **International Messengers**, attaching a memo indicating *whose ministry* the donation was given for, *by whom* the money was donated (supply the name and complete address), and *the amount* of the donation given by that person. This information is necessary for issuing a tax-deductible receipt. Financial disbursement is at the discretion of International Messengers. If you have questions, please direct them to us.

Should you receive any *checks made out to you personally*, please write "Payable to International Messengers" on the back of the check, and then endorse (sign) beneath that.

All *US* donations should be sent to:

**International Messengers**  
P. O. Box 618  
Clear Lake, IA 50428-0618

All *Canadian* donations should be sent to:

**International Messengers**  
PO Box 11022  
1945 McCallum Road  
Abbotsford, BC V2S 0E4

## REFUNDS

All money donated to International Messengers is non-refundable. Due to tax regulations, monies donated to a non-profit tax exempt organization cannot be refunded.

If you are unable to go on your mission trip, or if you raise more than your required amount, you may indicate in writing (letter, fax, or email to [jpaul@im-usa.org](mailto:jpaul@im-usa.org)) within 12 months how you would like these funds to be dispersed within International Messengers.

You may request to have funds transferred to other team members who have not raised their full support, designate them for a special project need, have them applied to an International Messengers' missionary or ministry in the country of service, or you may have the funds held in your account for a year.

## FUND RAISING SCHEDULE

- Group/Church Team Applicants – A \$100 *Commitment Donation* is required to accompany your application. This \$100 *will be* credited toward the total amount to be raised.
- Individual Applicants – A \$100 *Commitment Donation* is to be sent along with your signed response to our *Invitation to Serve*. This \$100 *will be* credited toward the total amount to be raised.
- If we are securing your ticket, \$1000 is requested prior to purchasing your airline ticket.

NOTE: All donations for an individual's trip will receive a tax-deductible receipt and therefore are non-refundable. *However*, if anyone sends in funds to *expedite the purchase of their airline ticket* (and want to get the funds back – they anticipate getting funds from supporters to cover the cost of tickets and their trip) then they need to clearly state that the \$1000 are for "**Airline Ticket Deposit**". These funds will then *not* receive a tax-deductible receipt and can be refunded after the trip by contacting the accounting department. A partial or full refund amount may be given depending on the amount that is left in the individual's account *after* covering their trip cost. Let Paul in our accounting department ([jpaul@im-usa.org](mailto:jpaul@im-usa.org)) know if you have any questions at all about this.

- If you personally purchased your ticket, IM will reimburse you—upon request— by contacting the accounting department. Your reimbursement will be partial or full depending on the amount that is left in your IM account *after* your trip cost has been covered. There is no administration fee for this service. Let Paul in our accounting department know if you have any questions about this. You can reach him at [jpaul@im-usa.org](mailto:jpaul@im-usa.org) or at 641-357-6700.
- 50% of the total amount is requested 60 days prior to departure date.
- 80% of the total amount is requested three weeks prior to departure date.
- 100% of the total amount is requested to be received prior to departure date.

## RECEIPT REPORTS

Individuals will be receiving regular reports of the donations that have been receipted by International Messengers toward their ministry support. These reports, along with Prayer Partner responses, will be sent periodically. A church team may choose to have all reports sent to their Mission Committee instead of to each individual.



Questions? In US please call 641-357-6700 or email [mary@im-usa.org](mailto:mary@im-usa.org)  
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