

Reid Saunders Association Funding Mission Trip Participant policy

Short term mission trip participants are considered a Deputized Worker by Reid Saunders Association and are responsible to pay for their Reid Saunders Association trip expenses. As a Deputized Worker you are allowed to raise tax-deductible support using various methods and styles, and any trip expenses you personally fund to Reid Saunders Association are also tax-deductible. Support is a provision from God; we encourage you to submit all your needs, including financial to God through prayer.

Support account. Gifts given to Reid Saunders Association *preferred* to provide the funding necessary for the expenses relating to your trip will be recorded as a credit to your name for your trip. This credit will be used to pay your trip expenses incurred by Reid Saunders Association. Please note that personal expenses are not part of expenses incurred by Reid Saunders Association. Some examples of these are: passport fees, visas, immunizations, traveling expenses to/from the airport, personal expenses (including medical) while serving on the mission trip, entertainment, personal purchases, personal meals outside those provided by Reid Saunders Association, personal travel outside that provided by Reid Saunders Association, etc.

The balance applied to your expenses does not represent your funds. Any donations credited to your account must be donations to support the ministry of Reid Saunders Association, not to you.

If the total amount of donations credited to you for your trip are more than the amount of the trip the surplus may be used by the ministry for other purposes consistent with donor preferences.

Communications to donors. It is essential that you maintain appropriate communications with donors who partner with Reid Saunders Association to provide gifts *preferred* or *in support of* your trip participation.

For contributions to be tax-deductible by donors, the gifts must be to Reid Saunders Association and not to or for specific individuals. It is important for donors – and you - to understand that Reid Saunders Association has full discretion and control over all contributions, and the contributions are for mission work. As such donations are “*preferential*” or “*to support the trip*” of ministry of a particular trip participant. Every effort will be made by Reid Saunders Association to honor this donor preference.

Remaining funds. There are two reasons to have remaining funds that were credited to your name for a mission trip. The first is for some reason you were not able to go on the mission, leaving money credited to your account and the second is more money than trip expenses were credited to your account. In both cases Reid Saunders Association reserves the right to use the

balance as it deems best. The participant is not entitled to receive the excess funds nor are the donors allowed refunds. The reason for this is the contributions were made to Reid Saunders Association as a gift to the organization for mission work, not to the participant themselves, even when the contribution was made by the participant themselves.

That said every effort will continue to be made by Reid Saunders Association to honor the donor preference. For example the remaining funds could be held for this participant for a future mission trip, designated to a different participant, be applied to general expenses for a specific mission trip, be used for operating expenses, or be used where most needed.

I have read and understand the above policy and I agree with this policy.

Date

Signature

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