

# LAOS

We're glad you're considering going on this trip  
and look forward to getting to know you!



Here are some more details you will want to consider as you complete the application for this mission trip.

**Dates of the Trip:** July 10-24, 2010  
**Total Cost Estimate:** \$2500-3000 (all meals, transport, insurance, room, material, etc.)  
**Location:** Laos  
**About the Ministry:**

A country often overlooked by the rest of the world, Laos lies tucked in the mountains of the Southeast Asian peninsula. The people are friendly and the natural beauty is striking along the winding Mekong River and through the dense tropical forests. With a population of only 5 million people, this tiny landlocked country feels quaint and full of adventure. Compassion and Mercy Associates (CAMA) has been working in Laos for almost two decades. CAMA provides a variety of relief and development ministries that flesh out the good news of God's love for people in a holistic way. Through silk production, handicrafts, and English education, CAMA is providing income-generating opportunities and vocational training to people who have hope for a better life.

**Our work there:** We are going to help expand MLMAC's support. We believe that interacting with the Laotian people and being immersed in their culture and the ministry there will help the church understand the impact of its financial contributions and dedication to prayer. We are also hopeful that the church's dedication to the work God is doing through the Ronzheimers in Laos will encourage and inspire opportunities to reach the Laotian people right here in Mountain Lake, MN.

## TEAM MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

- Attendance at ALL mission trip preparation meetings is required
  - Fundraising Brainstorming
  - Biblical Foundation for Missions
  - Understanding the people (History, Politics, and Economics)
  - Understanding the people (Culture and Language)
  - Evangelism and specific ministries
  - Travel Logistics & more ☺ Team Building
- Attendance at fundraising activities is required.
- Each team member is responsible for total financial expenses of the trip.
  - The missions committee and elders of the church have agreed that the church will help if it can not to exceed half the cost of an individual's participation.
  - Fundraising within the church members (including the mission's budget) is not to exceed 50% of the cost of an individual's participation.

## IMPORTANT PREPARTATION DATES

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** Applications are due at the church office.  
**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>** Applicant interviews with team leader & church leader.

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
9:45am-10:30am : 1<sup>st</sup> Team Meeting- Team Building Exercise  
12 noon-1:30pm : 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Meeting- Fundraising Brainstorming (Lunch included)  
\$200 Deposit (non-refundable) is due to team leader

**Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
9:45am-10:30am : 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Meeting- Biblical Foundation for Missions