



Info Packet



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Thank you for considering bringing your group on a mission trip with Kaleo Missions. As pastors and leaders in the church I know that you are concerned both with reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as developing those you shepherd into mature believers, dedicated to a life of mission. I believe that Kaleo Missions can partner with you in your ministry to see lives changed by the Gospel.

The word Kaleo is a Greek word meaning call. This idea is at the heart of why Kaleo exists. We believe that all believers in Christ have been **called** to be a part of God's mission to redeem His fallen world. Kaleo exists for two reasons. First, we hope to assist the church in developing mature Christians who will impact the communities in which they live with the transforming message of the Gospel in both word and deed. Additionally, we desire to partner with existing ministries to help them fulfill the missions that God has given them.

We would love to have you partner with us in this mission. The following packet is designed to give you some insight into our purpose and values as well as some nuts and bolts as to what we do and how everything works. Please feel free to contact us if you have any more questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronnie Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light green rectangular background.

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Our Purpose

Kaleo Missions creates short term missions experiences in the United States for the purpose of encountering Christ, transforming lives, empowering ministry, and inspiring the Church.

Our Values

1. Each person as loved by God
2. Being a blessing to all we are in contact with
3. Doing everything with a spirit of excellence
4. A willingness to sacrifice for others
5. Intentional preparation and training
6. Reflection as much as the experience

Our Network

Kaleo Missions is the short-term missions program of the American Missionary Fellowship. American Missionary Fellowship is a historic, wide-reaching organization, with one purpose- to draw the people of the United States closer to Christ. AMF missionaries serve year round in ministries including church-planting efforts, Christian camping ministries, ethnic ministries, and children's ministries.

We see America as a strategic mission field of great proportions, considering the impact of immigration and the changing social mores impacting our culture. Every year, well over 100,000 people are influenced by AMF missionaries toward faith and growth in Christ. We see 4,000 to 5,000 people of all ages annually become Christ-followers through our ministry.

Communities in both urban and rural settings experience the impact of studying God's Word together in children's Bible clubs, teen leadership training, and adult Learning Communities. Summer Bible camps and Vacation Bible Schools reach thousands of children.

For more information about the ministry of American Missionary Fellowship, visit our website at www.amfmission.org.



What We Provide

Kaleo Missions exists to connect Christian groups who want to serve with year-round ministries who would like help. We make it possible for leaders to bring their group on an intentional, relational missions experience and to focus on their students, rather than having to juggle all the logistics that an effective missions trip requires.

Your registration cost of \$55 dollars per person per night pays for all your meals, housing, a customized ministry itinerary connected with year-round ministries, and all ministry supplies. Additionally, our staff will serve alongside of your group throughout the week and debrief your group about the ministry experiences they are having during the trip. You will be responsible for transportation to the ministry site, and during the Kaleo Missions experience.

We work one-on-one with each group leader to help them through the registration and preparation process, then continue to serve with you at the ministry site and follow up with any needs you may have as you return back home.

If you have any questions, you can contact us directly at ronnie@kaleomissions.org or 940-367-9699.



Ministry Location: San Diego, California

There are few cities in the United States that rival San Diego, California in terms of its beauty and climate. San Diego County has over 70 miles of some of the best beaches in the country, in addition to some of the United State's best attractions, including Sea World and the San Diego Zoo. With a population of 1.3 million people in the city and a total of 3 million in San Diego County, it is the second largest city in California and the eighth largest in the United States.

Unfortunately, like many other of our nation's cities, San Diego has very marginalized populations who live in desperate need. According to a 2008 report by the Center on Policy Initiatives, San Diego has over 320,000 residents living in dire poverty, with single moms with children comprising 30% of that number. Additionally, as of the 2011 homeless census, there are over 9,000 people experiencing homelessness in San Diego.

Beyond all of that, San Diego is one of the largest cities in the country for refugee resettlement. A refugee is defined as, "a person who has been forced to leave their home and seek refuge elsewhere." According to the San Diego Refugee Forum, San Diego is "home to more than 150,000 refugees, asylum seekers, and asylees from Southeast Asia, East Africa, Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Bosnia, Kosovo, the Former Soviet Union and other war-torn regions of the world."

We are very excited to be partnering with several ministries and churches to specifically serve this growing refugee community in San Diego. The community is comprised of people from some of the most truly marginalized and oppressed countries worldwide. We would love for your group to join us as we partner with these great local ministries in San Diego to serve and show the love of Christ to people from all over the world. In San Diego, world missions has truly come to our own backyard!

We invite you to join what God is doing, and to help us bring the light of the Gospel to the people of San Diego, California.

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Our Lives. His Call.



Ministry Location: Portland, Oregon

Portland is the largest city in the state of Oregon and the second largest in the Pacific Northwest. It is in one of the most beautiful settings in the country, with mountains, forests, and the ocean all within a short drive. It has a thriving art community, numerous outdoor activities, the largest independent book store west of the Mississippi, and is one of the best coffee towns in the United States. To top it off, the summers in Portland are amazing with lots of sunshine and temperatures hovering between 70 and 80 degrees.

However, that only tells part of the story of Portland. Portland is part of the Pacific Northwest that is largely considered to be one of the most unchurched regions of the country. In fact, a recent Gallup Poll ranked Oregon as the state with the highest percentage of residents identifying with "No religion, Atheist, or Agnostic," at 24.6% and also ranked 41 out of 48 states for least church attendance. Additionally, Portland outpaces even San Francisco and Las Vegas for the most strip clubs in a single city. On top of that, Oregon has the highest percentage of homeless per capita of any state in the United States, many of which are youth. And it is ranked 8th out of U.S. states for the largest number of sex offenders per capita.

As you can see the need for the Gospel of Christ in Portland is great. But the good news is that there are amazing full time ministries faithfully bringing the good news of Christ to the people of Portland and we are privileged to be able to partner with them in their mission. To top it off, it is estimated that 12% of the population of Portland is foreign born, meaning that there is truly the opportunity to do world missions in our own backyard. Please come join us in loving and serving the hurting people in Portland who desperately need to know the hope that is found only in Christ.



Ministry Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

Residents of New Orleans and all of the Gulf Region have endured loss and hardship the past few years with the destruction of both the oil spill and Hurricane Katrina. New Orleans residents take pride in their food, culture and heritage and there is a determined, survivor's spirit that remains committed to rebuilding and thriving in the unique and challenging region.

Since Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, the number of homeless men, women and children in New Orleans climbed from 6,000 to 19,000. New Orleans now has the highest homeless per capita rate for any city in the nation. Louisiana also has the highest percentage of people living in poverty of any state in the U.S. and it has the second highest percentage of single parent homes in all the U.S. In the 9th Ward area of New Orleans, 40% of residents did not graduate high school, and 36% of residents live below the poverty line (12% is the nationwide average).

There are great needs in New Orleans, and many of the ministry leaders we partner with in New Orleans have experienced personal loss and trauma as they faithfully serve where God has called them to be his light.

We have the opportunity to come along side of them and help bear the weight of the vital ministries that God has called them to in a unique and challenging mission field.

The ministries serving year round in New Orleans are extremely creative, faithful and necessary- reaching out to those in need, including impoverished kids, the homeless, AIDS patients, displaced families and the elderly.

New Orleans claims to be the "Most Interesting City" and is world-famous for many things, including jazz, the French Quarter and Creole cuisine. We invite you to bring your group to serve with us in this beautifully unique city- New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ministry Opportunities

In preparing a Kaleo Missions experience, we create an itinerary that gives the participants the opportunity to see what God is doing in the city through the work of amazing full-time ministries. Our ministry partners serve year-round in each city, and we work with them to identify ways that Kaleo teams can assist and enhance their existing ministry. We place participants in position to hear the stories of people of various backgrounds, and challenge the participants to listen to what God is doing in the lives of others, be prepared to share what God is doing in their life, and to find connection points to sharing the Gospel.



Here are some of the types of ministries we partner with:

Homeless Ministry

Studies show that there are nearly 1 million homeless people in any given year in the United States, with some estimates going even higher. In many ways, they are truly the “hungry, thirsty and naked” of our day (Matthew 25). We partner with year-round ministries who are familiar with the regional causes of homelessness and who have goals for reaching out to meet the physical and spiritual needs of men, women and children who are in vulnerable time of transition.

Refugee Ministry

Over 60,000 men, women and children have fled threatening circumstances in their home countries and arrived in the U.S. as refugees last year. (as of July 31, 2010) By definition, a refugee is one who flees in search of refuge, as in times of war, political oppression, or religious persecution. The majority of refugees to the U.S. arrive from Asia, the Middle East and Africa, and our ministry partners are on the front-lines to welcome them and help them as they start their new lives. Most have endured some form of trauma in their journey and are seeking peace and hope. Some of the ways we assist is through Kids Club, mentoring, English classes, computer classes, language partners and home visits. If you are particularly interested in refugee ministry, please consider bringing your group to San Diego, where our ministry is specifically focused on the refugee community.

Ministry to Kids-at-Risk

Our ministry partners work consistently with urban kids at risk. We are able to come in and do Bible Clubs to recharge their ministries, bring the fun, and help them attract additional neighborhood kids to come. Additionally, sports camps, soccer tournaments and computer classes give our Kaleo Missions teams the opportunity to do relational ministry in a context where there are year-round ministries present for continued growth and follow up.

Inner City Ministry

Almost 40 million Americans live in poverty, and people living in urban centers are more than twice as likely to be in poverty than those outside of the inner city. Additionally, they are often caught in a tragic web of drugs, debt, fear and hopelessness. Our ministry partners serving there have the opportunity to show a different way through Christ, through Bible Studies, community development, addiction recovery programs, home visits, block parties, and many other creative methods.

Elderly Ministry

Our Kaleo Missions teams bring life and hope with us into ministry with the elderly. Our teams participate in meals on wheels programs, room-to-room visits, Bingo games, sing-a-longs, manicures and crafts... all which open up doors for us to listen to their stories, and share what God has done in our lives, too! We also build relationships with the doctors and nursing staff, who are serving the immense needs of their patients.





Sample Schedule

As we meet people and share our vision that influences each Kaleo mission trip, the question that often comes up is, "So what does an actual day on a Kaleo mission trip look like?" We are very intentional with everything that we do on each mission trip and would love to share with you what we do and why we do it.

Below is an example of a potential schedule for a Kaleo Missions trip.

Breakfast: *Recognize Our Dependence on the Lord*

At each of our ministry locations, we start every day by preparing ourselves not only physically, but also spiritually, for the day's ministry. We provide a healthy breakfast for the team as well as the opportunity for teams to spend time in either private or group devotionals. We are convinced that it is only through the work of the Lord that lives will be changed.

Morning Ministry: *Discover Our Passion and Gifts*

On each trip we work hard to expose people to multiple types of ministry. We want to provide opportunities for Kaleo participants to begin to identify their passions, gifts and how the Spirit might be leading them to serve in ministry. Ministry Possibilities: Working in a homeless shelter for women and children; Visiting refugee families; Working alongside residents of an inner-city addiction recovery program; Visiting the sick and elderly; etc....

Lunch: *Learn to Listen to People's Stories*

Everyone has a story. Each person that we encounter has a history of hope and tragedy, joy and sorrow, victory and failure. Listening to others story gives us a compassion for them that we would never have if we just judged them by first appearances. It also gives us the ability to find points of connection with them to share with them the hope found in the Gospel. Often during lunch we will send out Kaleo teams to eat lunch with homeless people on the streets. We don't send them to feed the homeless and leave, but to share a meal with them, hear their stories, and try to love them as Christ would.



Afternoon Ministry: *Experience Relational Ministry*

God has created us to be in relationship with other people. The Gospel lived out and shared in the context of relationships is the primary way by which the Lord brings about life transformation. As a result, our trips all focus on relational ministry. Every afternoon throughout a Kaleo mission trip, participants will consistently participate in a ministry such as a Bible club for inner-city kids or refugee children from all over the world.

Dinner: *Value Living in Christian Community*

To live a life of mission, we need each other. God has gifted each of us in different ways and we need each other to accomplish his purposes. We need time with each other to laugh, pray, share experiences and minister together to our hurting world. We are intentional on each trip to have time for our groups to enjoy fellowship with one another.

Debriefing: *Connecting the Trip to the Rest of Our Lives*

In everything we do on a Kaleo mission trip we are constantly discussing what God is teaching us through our experiences. What are we learning about God? Ourselves? His Mission? Other people? How will my life be different as a result of this trip? Our passion is that each Kaleo mission trip will be a catalyst for a life of mission, influencing each participant far beyond the initial experience. As a result, throughout the trip our staff lead debriefing sessions to encourage each person to consider significant questions that deepen the trip from being just a great experience to being the beginning of a lifetime of following the Lord and serving others.



How it Works

Cost

Your Kaleo mission trip will cost \$55 per person, per night. For a five night trip, your total cost will be \$275 and for a six night trip, the total cost will be \$330. This includes all of your housing, food, ministry itinerary, ministry supplies and on-site staff to guide your team through your missions experience.

Team Structure

If you will be bringing a group of more than 12 people, we will have you help us divide your group into separate teams for our ministry time. Smaller team sizes help each participant play a more important role on the team and can be much easier for our partner ministries to handle. Having 12 or less people on each ministry team will also create a more open atmosphere for the debriefing times with the Kaleo staff. Keeping the teams small helps ensure that all students are a part of the team and are able to be personally challenged.

Leader/Student Ratio

You will need to send one leader for each 6 students. Minimum participant age is 12.

Trip Length

The standard lengths of our Spring Break and summer trips are 5-6 nights, depending on your availability. However, if you are interested in other dates throughout the year, the length of trips are more flexible. To view available dates, visit our website at www.kaleomissions.org.

What are You Responsible For?

You will need to provide for your own gas and meals while in travel to the city, your transportation for the duration for the trip, your own health insurance, souvenirs, recreational expenses, parking expenses.

Registration

Sign up your team through our online registration, or filling out the application at the end of this packet and mailing it to us at the address provided. After you register, we will contact you to let you know if your particular dates are available and your application is approved. Once your trip has been approved, you can log in to the user account you created in order to pay your deposit. You will need to make a deposit of \$55 per person in order to reserve your trip. You will be able to make your payment



through PayPal through our website or you may register by mail and send a check along with your paper registration. Groups will be guaranteed space on a first come, first served basis based on when their payment arrives (paying online will guarantee your space more quickly than paying by mail).

Confirmation/Communication

When registering, you'll designate a "primary contact" for your group. The primary contact will receive all mission trip communications. This individual will be responsible for relaying information to your group and distributing, collecting, and returning all required forms to Kaleo Missions at least six weeks before your trip starts.

Housing

We have well-situated housing available to us in New Orleans, San Diego and Portland. Contact us if you have questions about housing in a particular city.

Meals

We will provide all of your meals, including dinner at a local restaurant, to encourage you to experience the city's culture. You will eat breakfast at the Kaleo Center and will either eat lunch back at the Kaleo Center or pack up a sack lunch to take with you when you leave to go minister.

Transportation

You are responsible for your team's transportation. All groups must bring adult drivers with vehicles that can be used the entire week to transport project crews to and from sites. Vehicles should have a minimum capacity of six (with seatbelts). If you will be arriving by plane or bus, you will need to make necessary arrangements for vehicles for the remainder of your trip.

Financial Deadlines

After paying the deposit for your trip to reserve your trip, you will make a second payment of half the remaining balance six weeks before arrival (for Spring Break trips) or twelve weeks before arrival (for Summer trips). This second payment is non-refundable. If payment is not received by the deadline, space(s) may be canceled.

The remaining balance for your trip will be due two weeks before you arrive. To assist you, we will inform you of these amounts on your login page once you register your group.



Cancellations

When we receive your deposit we will commit your group to serving in various ministries in the city. Your cancellation may be damaging to our reputation as a ministry, to the organizations we serve with and may detract from opportunities other groups would have had to serve. If you wish to cancel your group or reduce the number of participants, you must call Kaleo Missions to adjust your account.

If you cancel a participant, the deposit will be forfeited. Forfeited deposits cannot be applied to an account balance or to another group. However, they may be used to add a new participant to your group.

Registration amounts paid (less deposit amounts) *are* refundable when Kaleo Missions is notified at least six weeks (Spring Break) or twelve weeks (Summer) before the start of your trip. All monies to date will be forfeited for cancellations less than six weeks (Spring Break) or twelve weeks (Summer) from the start of your trip. For cancellations less than two weeks out, you will be responsible for the full cost of the trip.

Insurance

When you arrive at the Kaleo Ministry Site, you will need to provide a Certificate of Insurance for proof of coverage. This certificate is available from your organization's insurance provider.

Additional Questions

If you have any questions that aren't answered here please call us at 940-367-9699 or email us at info@kaleomissions.org. We look forward to working with you!



Registration Form

P.O. Box 1371
 Denton, TX 76202
 940-367-9699
ronnie@kaleomissions.org

Thank for you registering to serve with Kaleo Missions, a ministry of American Missionary Fellowship. If any of the questions are not clear, or if you desire additional information, please contact us at the information listed to the left.

CONTACT INFORMATION			
Last Name	First	M.I.	
Street		Apartment/Unit	
City	State	ZIP	
Phone	E-mail Address		
Group Leader Name and Contact Info (If Different)			
Requested Trip Dates:		Location: New Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego <input type="checkbox"/> Portland <input type="checkbox"/>	
How many male students?		How many female students?	
How many male leaders?		How many female leaders?	
Are you in agreement with our Statement of Faith, located at http://kaleomissions.org/who-we-are/what-we-believe/ ?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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What types of ministry are you interested in? (circle)
Refugee Children's Ministry Elderly Ministry
Bible Clubs Evangelism Homeless Other
Does your group have any special skills or abilities that it would be helpful for us to know about?
What prayer requests do you have concerning your missions trip with Kaleo Missions?
How did you hear about Kaleo Missions?



Thank you for completing this registration form. Please mail it, along with a \$55 per person deposit to:

Kaleo Missions
P.O. Box 1371
Denton, TX 76202

We will contact you as soon as we receive your registration form to confirm your requested dates. If you have any questions or concerns, or to request a digital application and pay through PayPal, please contact us at 940-367-9699 or Ronnie@kaleomissions.org.