

AIM FAQs

AMBASSADORS IN MISSIONS Frequently Asked Questions

How are AIM trip mission sites chosen?

All teams work with approved Assemblies of God ministries. Plans must receive the approval of national AIM office and the Assemblies of God World Missions in Springfield, Missouri.

What are the qualifications of team leaders?

All team leaders are veteran youth leaders who have ministry credentials with the Wisconsin/No. Michigan Assemblies of God. They receive training from the national AIM office, visit the ministry site and personally meet with the host missionary to prepare for the trip. They are committed both to the AIMers and to the host missionary to facilitate a ministry experience that will have lasting impact.

How does AIM guard the personal safety of team members?

Criminal background checks are conducted on all team leaders and adult participants. Team members are provided personal safety advice in their AIM packet, at the AIM Training Day in Waupaca, and in the training they receive from the missionary at the mission site. Team ministry is accomplished in groups: AIMers are never given assignments that will isolate them from the rest of the team.

How are medical emergencies handled?

AIMers are instructed to advise their team leader of ANY illness or injury. The host missionary or an associate will be familiar with facilities that can offer safe medical treatment. If medical need arises, every effort will be made to contact and inform parents. However, if necessary, medical treatment will be sought immediately—this is authorized through signature on the medical authorization form.

What expenses does the AIM fee cover?

- Fund raising updates and team letters to keep you informed as ministry plans develop
- Training materials including AIM Training Day
- All expenses upon arriving at the missions site including, transportation, food, and lodging. Any exceptions will be clearly noted.
- Ministry costs according to the team's needs. May include: Rental for building; use of sound system or other equipment; promotion fliers for event; follow-up literature; Bibles; clown costumes/makeup, puppets, balloons for children's ministries; miscellaneous extra expense related to ministry.
- Free day activities—AIMers may be asked to cover the cost of a meal on free days when the team is not all together. Usually the whole team participates in a free day activity together and AIM covers the cost; however, on occasion there are extra free day options requiring an admission fee. Again, these exceptions will be clearly noted prior to the trip.
- Supplemental medical/accident insurance policy (detailed in acceptance packet)

What expense is the AIMer expected to cover?

- Any meals on travel days to and from the destination.
- AIMers may be asked to contribute to or purchase small items to: (1) Respond to a specific need on the mission field; or (2) bless the ministry if the AIM office is aware of a need.
- AIMers are often asked to bring 1-2 bags of wrapped candy as give-aways for children's ministry.
- Personal spending money

How much personal spending money is appropriate?

This amount is an individual matter. Just bring enough to cover any snacks and small items that may have been forgotten.

What is the donation policy?

As people donate to AIM they release control of the donation to the AIM office. The AIMer is given credit for the amount of funds raised. A weekly report is sent to each AIMer listing the donor name and address and amount of donation until all AIM fund raising concludes following the final deadline, May 15.

What happens if an AIMer doesn't meet the fund-raising deadline?

Most teams have two or more financial deadlines to set goals and help AIMers pace their fund-raising. If an AIMer is struggling to meet a deadline, please call the AIM office to discuss it with the coordinator.

Should the AIMer choose to cancel, donations are non-refundable due to IRS regulations and the initial application deposit of \$200 (international trips) or \$75 (domestic) is non-refundable. The amount raised is reduced by the forfeited application fee and the cost of any trip expenses paid on behalf of the AIMer. The remaining balance may be transferred to another team member, or may be held for one year to be used by the AIMer toward any stateside or overseas AIM trip offered by Student Ministries.

What happens if the AIMer raises more than the cost of the trip?

Follow the progress of your fund raising closely. Donations are not refundable. *If the AIMer fund raising exceeds the trip goal, funds cannot be disbursed to the AIMer for spending money or for any other purpose.*

The AIM office may:

1. Transfer funds toward another AIMer(s) goal
2. Transfer as a gift to the mission site.

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