

# ELEVATE SUMMER PROJECT 2020

## PARENT GUIDE

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### **WELCOME TO ESP 2020!**

*For the Glory of Jesus. For the Good of the Nations. For the Discipleship of our Students.*

That's ultimately what Elevate Summer Project is all about. Our primary focus is to on-ramp your student into a process where they partake in God's global mission, for the glory of Jesus and the good of the nations. In our fourth year, we're seeing that vision become a reality. Welcome to a life-changing year. Hold on tight! It'll be worth the ride.

## **FAQ'S**

### **What is Elevate Summer Project?**

Elevate Summer Project is an 8 month discipleship journey that culminates in a four week international mission trip where juniors and seniors in high school will live and serve overseas with local church planters. Prior to students ever hitting the field, they will spend 7-8 months in a discipleship and training small group where they will learn about the history of church planting, hear from experienced church planters, and learn what it means to be on mission with God in a domestic/international context.

### **Where is Elevate Summer Project?**

Elevate Summer Project is currently held in two locations; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Southeast Asia) and Lisbon, Portugal. ESP 2020 will be our 10th year sending short term teams to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and our 2nd year sending teams to Lisbon, Portugal.

### **Who is it with?**

Elevate Summer Project is working in conjunction with The Summit Church International Church Planting ministry and the International Mission Board (the largest sending agency in the world).

### **How are students chosen to serve?**

Individual students complete and submit an in-depth online application. A face-to-face meeting between the applicant and an ESP leader will also take place prior to acceptance. A background check is also required for each individual 18 years and older. Summit Student Leadership reviews and approves each student based on the application and interview including skills, interest, abilities, and dates of availability.

### **How are student missionaries supported financially?**

Students are responsible for all of their expenses including passport, immunizations, travel costs, insurance, and cost of living on the field (food, lodging, and in-country transportation). The supervising missionary determines the cost of the project and makes the housing arrangements for students. This cost will be given out in one sum prior to raising funds.

### **What is the estimated cost of the project?**

Currently, the cost of Elevate Summer Project is estimated at \$4,500.00 Included in that cost is airfare, lodging, meals, insurance, transportation and other field costs for the duration of the trip. This could change based off of airfare prices when tickets are locked in.

### **What about insurance?**

All students serving through the IMB are required to have insurance coverage through Gallagher Charitable International Insurance Services. This insurance is comprehensive coverage, not just travel insurance, and costs are just a few dollars a day. All students should keep their current U.S. coverage while on the field, but the U.S. policies generally do NOT cover emergency medical care overseas, emergency evacuation, etc.

### **What about Leadership?**

The field supervisors leading each team are key leaders hand picked from Summit Church Missions team + Summit Church Student Ministry. In addition to the leaders at each project location from The Summit Church will be our field partner that is hired by the International Mission Board. Currently, we are working with missionaries that have been on the field for 15+ years.

### **What about transportation?**

The Summit Church organizes all transportation through a travel agent and the student will be provided with the information provided by the travel agent when available. On the field transportation is organized by field missionaries and field supervisor.

### **What about housing?**

The field supervisor is responsible for the living arrangements and all other logistics on the field unless otherwise noted. Students will stay together as a team in the arrangements made by the field partner. Our lodging is carefully planned and coordinated to be in a safe and trusted neighborhood at all times.

### **What about communication?**

The field supervisor can give you the contact information (email address, mailing address, phone numbers) where your child can be reached throughout their assignment. You may be accustomed to daily contact with your child via text, cell phone, and Facebook. Please realize that due to the nature of the schedule, time differences, cell phone coverage, power outages, etc., it will NOT be possible for your child to communicate with you every day. We will aim to ensure that your child communicates with you at least 1xs a week when possible. When you do communicate, please keep in mind the security level of the place where your child is serving. The field supervisor will provide security guidelines for communication.

**Application will go live in early October.**

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