



**DA NANG, VIETNAM
HUMANITARIAN TEAM APPLICATION
September 18 – October 4, 2008**

Please provide all information requested. **Return pages 1-4** as soon as possible. *Keep pages 5-7.*
Include appropriate trip payments to bring you up to date per the “Schedule of Trip Payments.”

PERSONAL INFO

FULL NAME: _____ NICKNAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ HOME EMAIL: _____

WORK TELEPHONE: _____ WORK EMAIL: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

VITAL STATISTICS

HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____ AGE: _____ MARITAL STATUS: _____

SS #: _____ - _____ - _____ DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER & STATE: _____

CITIZENSHIP: _____ DO YOU HAVE A PASSPORT? Y () N ()

IF YES, PASSPORT #: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

Do you have a criminal record? Yes () No (). If yes, you will be asked to discuss the circumstances surrounding your criminal record before a decision can be made on your participation on this humanitarian team.

ARE YOU A SMOKER? YES () NO () DO YOU SNORE? YES () NO (). THIS INFO IS REQUESTED FOR ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENT.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH CONDITION THAT VWAM SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHICH COULD AFFECT YOUR PARTICIPATION DURING THIS TRIP? IF SO, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

PREVIOUS VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

DID YOU SERVE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR? Y () N () IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLOWING INFORMATION:

CIVILIAN () OR MILITARY (). DATE IN COUNTRY: _____ to _____

IF CIVILIAN, WHAT WAS YOUR JOB? _____

IF MILITARY, WHAT WAS YOUR JOB/MOS? _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____ UNIT: _____

RANK OR GRADE: _____ HONORABLY DISCHARGED? Y () N ()

DID YOU SERVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM () THAILAND () OFF THE COAST OF NORTH OR SOUTH VIETNAM? () GUAM () Cambodia () OR ELSEWHERE? () LOCATION: _____

PLEASE FORWARD A COPY OF YOUR DD214 AND/OR DD215.

This is required all veterans to participate on the team!

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Do you understand that the primary purpose of “**VETS WITH A MISSION**” is to promote reconciliation in keeping with *II Corinthians 5:18*? VWAM is a Christian founded organization by Vietnam veterans and desires to be a Christian witness in conduct and character. We are asking you to represent the United States of America in the highest ideals of service and charity, to present yourself at all times as a goodwill ambassador, to create an atmosphere of trust and cooperation in the performance of humanitarian work in Southeast Asia primarily in Vietnam, Cambodia and/or Laos; and to promote positive working relationships with other organizations and NGO’s, to assist VWAM in remaining faithful to the *Great Commission given in Matthew 28:18-20*, and to further the healing process between the veterans of all countries involved in the war, the people of the United States of America, and the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos?

Yes () No ()

Do you understand that the purpose of this trip is to promote reconciliation and conduct humanitarian work in sharing the love of Jesus Christ through word, action and deed? As a member of this team you are expected through your participation to honor and complement the honorable service of those who served and, furthermore, do you understand that you are going in a non-political capacity which will require that you avoid politically sensitive subjects such as POW’s, MIA’s, criticism of the communist government, or controversial discussions about the US involvement in the Vietnam War with Vietnamese? Even though all of us have deep personal convictions about these and other issues it is very important that you do not jeopardize the long-term commitment and objectives of VWAM’s call to Southeast Asia with inappropriate remarks, comments or discussions?

Yes () No ()

Are you willing to submit yourself to the oversight and leadership of the VWAM and its Team Leader(s), and to work within the framework of cooperation to maintain a spirit of unity and teamwork at all times?

Yes () No ()

Do you understand that the use of illegal drugs, abuse of alcohol, inappropriate sexual-physical behavior, violation of any Vietnamese law, and purposeful non-adherence to the tenets listed above will result in the revocation of your Vietnamese Entry Visa and immediate expulsion from the country without any refund of monies paid?

Yes () No ()

Do you speak any Vietnamese or French? _____ If so, how fluent are you in this language? _____

Any additional comments that you would like to make related to your participation on this team/trip: _____

SCHEDULE OF TRIP PAYMENTS

Cost to participate on the “VWAM Humanitarian Team” September 18 – October 4, 2008 is \$3,389*/person, double occupancy.

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
NOW!	Non-refundable Deposit**	\$ 200	\$3,189
December 15, 2007	1 st payment due	\$ 189	\$3,000
January 15, 2008	2 nd payment due	\$ 250	\$2,750
February 15, 2008	3 rd payment due	\$ 250	\$2,500
March 15, 2008	4 th payment due	\$ 250	\$2,250
April 15, 2008	5 th payment due	\$ 250	\$2,000
May 15, 2008	6 th payment due	\$ 500	\$1,500
June 15, 2008	7 th payment due	\$ 500	\$1,000
July 15, 2008	8 th payment due	\$ 500	\$ 500
August 15, 2008	Final payment due	\$ 500	\$ -0-

*** Does not include price of an upgrade to Business-class. If you are interested in an upgrade it's approximately \$1,750-\$1,900 more per person.**

**** Deposit applied to overall trip expenses.**

Trip payments are by personal check, money order, cashiers or bank check made payable to **Vets With A Mission**. All payments should be in USD. Mail payments to:

Vets With A Mission
POB 202
Newberry, SC 29108-0202

You may want to check with your accountant, financial or tax advisor to determine if your participation on this humanitarian trip may be tax deductible in full or part. VWAM is an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.

You may pay trip payments before due or more on any payment due date, if you wish. You may pay in full before any payment due date should you be prepared financially to do so. It is, however, important that you adhere to the payment schedule and make those minimum payments on time.

REFUND POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- (1) The \$100 trip deposit is *non-refundable* but is applied to your total trip expense should you participate. If you do not participate or the trip is canceled for any reason this \$100 will be receipted to you as a charitable donation to VWAM.**
- (2) As of February 15, 2008 ninety percent (90%) of all moneys paid to VWAM (less the \$100 non-refundable trip deposit) are refundable.**
- (3) As of March 15, 2008 eighty percent (80%) of all moneys paid to VWAM (less the \$100 non-refundable trip deposit) are refundable.**
- (4) As of April 15, 2008 seventy percent (70%) of all moneys paid to VWAM (less the \$100 non-refundable trip deposit) are refundable.**
- (5) As of May 15, 2008 sixty percent (60%) of all moneys paid to VWAM (less the \$100 non-refundable trip deposit) are refundable.**
- (6) As of June 15, 2008 fifty percent (50%) of all moneys paid to VWAM (less the \$100 non-refundable trip deposit) are refundable.**
- (7) As of July 15, 2008 forty percent (40%) of all moneys paid to VWAM (less the \$100 non-refundable deposit) are refundable.**
- (8) As of August 15, 2008 there will not be a refund of any and/or all money paid to VWAM if you do not participate on the humanitarian team.**
- (9) In the event that you do not participate on the team trip all money paid to VWAM less any refund according to points 1-8 above will receive an appropriate charitable tax deduction receipt for a donation to VWAM in the total amount paid to VWAM.**

PLEASE NOTE: If VWAM cancels or postpones the trip for any reason each team participant will receive a travel credit for a future team trip in the full amount paid to date. No refunds will be given.

VWAM has to adhere to this refund policy because of contractual obligations it must honor concerning air, hotel and ground deposits and contracts to avoid any excess charges or penalties assessed to VWAM from these air, hotel, or ground entities for postponements or cancellations.

ATTENTION: Optional Medical & Life insurance with an evacuation clause is available for an additional expense. More information will be mailed to team volunteers in the future.

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

You must have a valid United States of America passport to participate on this trip. If you do not have a US passport, please get one immediately! You will be required to obtain an “Entry Visa” from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. This requires a valid US passport. VWAM will do this for you.

VWAM will forward a Vietnamese visa application to you on or about May 15, 2008. Instructions will be provided to assist you in filing out this entry visa application. The \$65 entry visa application fee required by the Embassy of Vietnam is included in your trip price. Be prepared to return a completed entry visa application to VWAM no later than June 1, 2008.

When you mail the completed visa entry application to VWAM, you will need to send **two passport photographs** and **possibly your passport**.

The VWAM office or the Travel Agent will return your entry visa, your passport, and your plane ticket or itinerary approximately ten days to two weeks before the trip departure date.

INOCULATIONS & PRESCRIPTIONS

VWAM will advise if there is any requirement to take health precautions such as a malaria prescription or certain inoculations as preventative measures. A number of factors will result in this determination based on information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, the U. S. Public Health Service Office, and the American Consulate (Ho Chi Minh City) & United States of America Embassy in Vietnam (Hanoi). **However, you are encouraged to discuss this matter with your personal physician to determine what is best for you.**

If you are a project team member building a home or constructing a medical clinic you should have a tetanus inoculation or booster!

MISCELANEOUS

Suggestions concerning travel, clothing, snacks, cultural tips, packing, luggage, food, laundry service, hotel, flight schedules, fax or telephone calls to the US of A, e-mail, cameras and film, etc., and so on will be disseminated in future correspondence.

However, if you have any questions at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Chuck Ward at 803-405-9926 / vetswithamission@backroads.net or *Joette Ward* at 803-405-9953 / cjward@bellsouth.net at your convenience.

It is our intent to make this return trip or your first trip to Vietnam as memorable and special as possible. We want it to be a life-changing experience and one that is so positive that you will not hesitate to recommend Vets With A Mission to anyone else considering a trip to Vietnam - especially any Vietnam veteran!

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