

CAMBODIA GO TEAM BLACKHAWK CHINESE MINISTRY PARTICIPANT 2025 FAQ

Application Deadline: **M 27 January 2025**

Trip Dates: **17-30 June 2025**

Trip ID# **CAMB0625**

Apply online at blackhawk.church/chinese-ministry/

What are we doing?

Blackhawk Church has a longstanding relationship with [Overland Missions](#), whose mission is to communicate the Gospel in remote places, with an emphasis on the new creation, in order to transform forgotten people, by making disciples and developing leaders. Overland Missions (OM) is active on four continents in 15 countries, including Cambodia.

The purpose of this GO Team is to bring the Gospel and build relationships with people in the villages of the Oddar Meanchey province of northern Cambodia. This GO Team will focus primarily on evangelism and discipleship as team participants preach the gospel and build the local church by impacting lives and advance the Kingdom in this region.

Blackhawk Chinese Ministry (BCM) was specifically invited for this opportunity to share the gospel in Cambodia. BCM participants will experience significant personal spiritual growth and develop evangelism skills, as well as helping BCM grow in its understanding of overseas missions in action.

What are the dates?

The GO Team will be leaving 6/17/2025 and returning 6/30/2025*.

*These dates may change by a day on either end depending on available flights.

How many participants will be on this GO Team?

Space will be limited for this team. The team will consist of 8-10 adult team members who are Mandarin speakers and actively involved in BCM.

What sorts of characteristics are you looking for in team members?

Team members should be adults who are fluent in Mandarin and who participate in BCM. It is important that our team members are mature, available, humble, and flexible, and would make a positive contribution to the team. The ideal candidate will be interested in developing mutually transformative relationships with the people of Cambodia. Please take note of the Safety Concerns section below when applying.

How is the team selected/when will I be notified?

After reviewing this document and praying about your decision to apply, please fill-out the online GO Team Application [[English](#) / [Mandarin](#)] by **Monday 27 January**. Individuals will be notified of their application status within 2 weeks of the deadline. It is important to fill out the application in its entirety; *an incomplete application (e.g. lacking reference addresses) will not be considered*. After reviewing applications, some applicants may be asked to meet with trip leaders and/or members from the

Impact Ministries team to discuss their application. Typically, the number of applicants exceeds the size limit of the team.

Who is leading this trip?

Ping Yi will be the trip leader. Overland Mission will provide expedition leaders (Ale and Emily Camacho) and translators (Mandarin – Khmer) on the ground in Cambodia. OM missionary Pastor Charles Chow will also help provide leadership in Cambodia.

How much will it cost and how will I pay for my trip?

Each participant will have an individual support raising goal. We're estimating this goal to be between \$3800-4200, however we may alert you to changes in this goal at the first team meeting once the final number of team members is determined. This includes airfare, transportation and lodging in Cambodia, meals, etc. **All funds support the entire team, and the team will work together to reach the goal.** BCM and the team leader will discuss ways to raise support with the team's participants.

Where do we stay, and how will the team get around in Cambodia?

While in Cambodia, the team will stay at hotels in the Oddar Meanchey province for the majority of the trip, accessible to the villages in which outreach will take place. The hotels are modest, but clean and comfortable; they may have shared bathrooms. Team members may be asked to share a room with another member of the team. The team may also spend 1-2 nights in the city of Siem Reap, also in a hotel.

Ground transportation in Cambodia will be provided by Overland Missions, utilizing a 15-passenger van to move to and from the airport in Siem Reap, as well as getting the team into the villages. Team members will also need to be able to walk some distances within or between the villages.

Do I need a passport and visa to get into Cambodia?

Participants must have a valid passport (US, PRC, ROC, etc.) that does not expire within six months of the return trip (approximately the end of December 2025), and has at least one blank page. The current turn-around on USA passports can be 8-13 weeks. In order to avoid a conflict with our departure dates please send in your passport application/renewal forms when you submit your application for this trip. You can learn more about the US Passport process through the US Postal Service at www.usps.com/international/passports.htm or at a local branch of the post office.

A tourist visa is required for entry into Cambodia from all countries (except passport holders from Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam). Visas are usable for 90 days, and visa holders can stay in-country for 30 days. Visa applications should therefore be done no more than two months before intended travel (mid-April). Visa processing can be done by mail (two-week processing time), as an eVisa (a few days processing time for slightly higher fee), or upon arrival (not recommended). Non-US passport holders who reside in the United States will also need to submit a valid residency card or any equivalent document.

See more information at www.embassyofcambodiadc.org/tourist_visa_type-t.html.
You can apply for an eVisa at <https://www.cambodiavisas.org/>

What are the risks of traveling to Cambodia?

The US Department of State has issued a general worldwide travel caution in response to threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens throughout the world. The State Department currently considers Cambodia to be a Level 1 (lowest level) country, meaning that travel should be done with normal precautions. There is some concern about unexploded land mines, particularly in very remote areas, such as the villages of Oddar Meanchey, so traveling with a local guide is important. Please visit travel.state.gov to read warnings and for more information on traveling.

Do I need vaccinations or medications?

You will need to bring an ample supply of whatever medications you take on a regular basis. We also encourage you to discuss your travel plans with your doctor to ensure you are up to date on all check-ups and immunizations and discuss any additional immunizations your doctor may recommend.

Cambodia currently does not require any vaccinations for entry into the country. The CDC recommends, in addition to routine vaccinations, an anti-malarial prophylactic medication, as well as a few others. See the CDC recommendations for Cambodia at wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/cambodia. Participants will want to make an appointment at one of the Travel Medicine Clinics (contact your primary physician). Participants who have not been on a short-term trip before you should do this as early as possible as some of the vaccinations require repeat visits. More details will be given during the first team meeting.

What about COVID or other public health issues?

COVID-19 has had a big impact on how people travel throughout the world. CDC guidance on travel is fluid, based on current national and local situations. We will ask that you abide by CDC guidance and any national, local, or partner-identified COVID restrictions. Currently, Blackhawk does not require COVID vaccination for GO Team participants unless required by our partner (Overland Mission), transportation providers (airline, bus, etc.), or local government.

Currently, travelers to Cambodia who are fully vaccinated for COVID (with vaccination card) do not need to quarantine or be tested for COVID upon arrival. Unvaccinated or not-fully vaccinated travelers may need to take a COVID test given by health officials at the port of entry; a positive COVID test may result in required treatment at the expense of the traveler.

Please visit <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> for more information about travel's health.

What happens if someone on the team contracts an illness (like COVID) or is injured?

If any team member gets ill or injured while in Cambodia, the team will follow the recommendations for treatment given by Overland Mission and/or local medical personnel.

What is the climate like in Oddar Meanchey, Cambodia for the time the team is in-country?

On average, it is maximum 91 °F (33 °C) in June in Oddar Meanchey and at least around 78 °F (26 °C) degrees. In June there are an average of 18 days of rainfall with a total of 7-8 inches and it will be dry 12 days in this month for Oddar Meanchey. Humidity levels will be high, as much as 70% or more. However, the short, heavy showers help break the humidity, making life a little more comfortable.

Can I set up a separate personal trip at the beginning or end of the GO Team trip?

For reasons of logistics and liability, the GO Team Travel Policy is that team members will not be able to plan separate trips, whether in-country or to other countries, as a part of this GO Team experience.

Team members are expected to travel with the team to Cambodia and back to the US together. Keeping the team together for the entirety of travel helps keep the team "on mission", focused on the team goals without being distracted by other travel arrangements.

When will we start meeting as a team?

We will begin meeting as a team in February 2025. Meetings will include team building, discussing support raising, trip logistics, training for the trip, etc. *Attendance at all meetings is mandatory, and it is expected that prospective team members will communicate about a personal need to miss a meeting at the time of application.*

Team Meeting #1: **N 16 February** / 12:30-2:00 PM

Team Meeting #2: Date / Time TBD

Team Meeting #3: Date / Time TBD

Team Meeting #4: Date / Time TBD

Team Meeting #5: Date / Time TBD

Team Meeting #6: Date / Time TBD

Final Preparations Meeting (Date / Time TBD - 1-2 weeks prior to departure)

Celebration Trip Presentation (Date / Time TBD - about 2 weeks after return)

Questions?

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