

2012 Missions Application

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"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'"
-Acts 20:35

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DECEMBER 28, 2012 - JANUARY 4, 2013

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**MISSION LED BY ARCHBISHOP H.E. MOR TITUS YELDHO
GUARDIAN ANGEL CARE CHARITABLE SOCIETY**

MALANKARA ARCHDIOCESE OF THE SYRIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

Volunteer Guide

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I. APPLICATION FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY

Part I: General Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight _____

Parent/Spouse's Name: _____

Home Parish: _____

Application for trip to which city: Guardian Angel Society Perumbavoor, India

Part II: General Questions

What are the primary reasons you are applying to travel on this trip?

Are you aware that travel to some third world or developing countries involves some risk, such as health, travel and emotional stress?

Do you have health insurance that would cover you in case of an out-of-country sickness or accident?

Do you have any physical, mental, or other problems that might affect your travel in a third world or developing country? (If yes, explain)

Part III: Passport & Visa Information

Do you have valid American Passport? _____ Passport Number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Issue Date: _____

Location of Issuance: _____

Visa Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Part IV: Guidelines

Do you anticipate any problems getting the required finances for the trip? If yes, explain:

Do you agree by your signature below to abide by the expectations and conduct of Guardian Angel Society? _____

(Including: obey curfew guidelines; proper dress, other defined guidelines by the travel leader)

Do you understand that participants who disobey these guidelines may be sent home at participant's expense? _____

Signature of
Applicant _____ Date _____

II. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

The undersigned participant wishes to be accepted for participation in one or more of the activities listed above. This is organized by Guardian Angel Charitable Society of Perumbavoor, India in allowing the applicant to participate in such activities or programs, the undersigned acknowledges that the activity does involve certain risks. The activities are designed to allow the participants to broaden their understanding of various cultural values, socio-economic differences, ethnic and racial diversity, cultural appreciation, team building, character development, and/or enrichment opportunities. I further understand that immediate medical treatment may be difficult or delayed, especially in foreign countries.

In consideration of the above, I have and hereby do assume all the above risks and any other ordinary risk incidental to the nature of the program, including risks which are not specifically foreseeable, and will hold harmless the **Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America**, the trip organizer **Mor Gregorios Syrian Orthodox Student Association (MGSOSA)**, the **Group Leaders**, the **Guardian Angel Charitable Society**, and its **Board of Directors, employees, agents, and or Associates** from any and all liabilities. The terms hereof, and my signature on this document shall serve as a release and assumption of risk, and shall bind my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns for all members of my family, including any minors accompanying me. I also state that I am not under, and will not be under the influence of any non-prescribed chemical substance, including alcohol. I also state that I will assume responsibility for any damage or loss to physical property or expenses incurred due to negligent or irresponsible behavior. I understand that my participation in this Guardian Angel Charitable Society program or activity is entirely VOLUNTARY.

My signature also gives my permission and accepts financial responsibility, as well, for first aid treatment and/or medical attention if needed. I also give my permission for photographing of myself or my child during the activities and use of those pictures or video by the Guardian Angel Charitable Society.

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please print legibly:

Participant Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

In case of emergency, please contact (India): _____

Phone :(_____) _____

Relationship to participant: _____

Contact (America): _____

Phone :(_____) _____

Relationship to participant: _____

Sponsoring group, church, etc. (if any): Malankara Archdiocese of North America & MGSOSA

Group Leaders: H.E. Mor Titus Yeldho & Dn. Martin Babu

List below any physical, mental or emotional problems this participant has. Include any medications to which he/she is allergic:

III. FEE SCHEDULE & BRIEF ITINERARY

Food, lodging, and transportation are covered through Guardian Angel Society. Airfare to and back from Cochin, India and spending money is the responsibility of each volunteer.

Brief Itinerary: There will be changes depending on number of Participants.

- ❖ Day 1: Arrival at Cochin airport. Settle at Guardian Angel. Initial orientation
- ❖ Day 2: Visit of orphanage, Mental Health Centre
- ❖ Day 3: Visit of Retirement Home, Bethsada Destitute Home
- ❖ Day 4: Visit near-by historical Churches
- ❖ Day 5: New Year's Day: Holy Qurbana,
- ❖ Day 6: Spend time with children at Junior School
- ❖ Day 7: Spend time with children at Public School
- ❖ Day 8: Last Day, End with Holy Qurbana, Celebrate Consecration Anniversary of H.E. Mor Titus Yeldho

Volunteers will be interacting with adults and children. These are sick, mentally challenged, orphans, and elderly who are dying.

IV. PERSONAL ITEMS TO BRING

A. Clothing

Casual clothing is well accepted, although you should avoid bringing clothing which may be viewed as "too revealing" from the Indian cultures.

Important: Special Cultural Issues regarding clothing for Women:

We require that female volunteers wear pants, crop pants or skirts that fall BELOW the knee. No shorts. Also, shoulders are to be covered. Therefore, tank tops/strappy tops are prohibited. No see-through clothing is allowed. No spandex pants, no bare midriffs. We will be visiting churches and attending Holy Qurbano so please bring appropriate clothing.

Special Cultural Issues regarding clothing for Men:

We will be visiting churches and attending Holy Qurbano so please bring appropriate clothing.

You will not have an opportunity to wash items during the week, so make sure you bring sufficient underwear, socks, etc. for a full week.

We recommend bringing a firm pair of sandals and tennis shoes for daily footwear.

Weather during the winter and can be chilly at night and warm during the day, you should bring pants and a jacket.

B. Other Items:

In addition, you may want to review the following list for more items to pack for you:

- Your passport.
- Mosquito repellent. Extra mosquito repellent.
- Sun screen.
- A flashlight with extra batteries.
- A personal water bottle.
- Twin sheets, a towel, an airline style blanket/throw, and washcloths.
- A camera, extra camera batteries and film. Double the film you think you will need.
- Personal toiletry items, including soap, you may need. Instant hand sanitizer is helpful.
- Just in case—items for stomach issues—Pepto Bismol, Gas ex, Tums, etc.
- An extra pair of glasses or contacts, if you use them.
- A plastic garbage bag to store your dirty clothes.

- There is need to bring electrical voltage converters/adapters; Indian power is different A/C power used in the United States and Canada.
- The group is also considering taking some clothes and school supplies for the residents and students there. If you can please bring well conditioned clothes and new school supplies for donation.

Most airlines allow you to bring two large (up to 50 pounds) pieces of luggage to check in. You should confirm this with your airline. We request that you bring all personal essentials and two sets of clothing in your carry-on, in case your check-in bag doesn't arrive in time.