

High School Mission Camp – NEXT LEVEL  
Experience Mission (Catadupa, Jamaica)  
July 26 - August 2, 2025



Trip Cost: \$1550 (This is the individual share of the \$2,100 total/person)

\*Optional Info Meeting for all 3 trips – January 12 at 8pm in Fellowship Hall

\*\*\*For questions, please email Jenn Arnold: [jennarnold@mandarinpres.com](mailto:jennarnold@mandarinpres.com)\*\*\*

This summer we are offering THREE unique mission/serve experiences – in Costa Rica, Georgia, and Jamaica. We encourage you to look at each trip, pray, and consider which one God may be leading you to be a part of. We understand there are many motivations behind why you may choose a specific trip (friends, adventure, service hours, desire to grow deeper with God, wanting to serve significantly) the list could go on! **These trips are first and most importantly about what God is doing in our world and how we can join that and support ministry partners in Georgia, Costa Rica, and Jamaica.**

\*Georgia is a great first step mission experience that combines a traditional camp/conference with service. This is a great trip for students that want to serve within the US and for students who are wanting to serve multiple weeks in their summer (combo with another trip).

\*Costa Rica is a great first international mission trip for students who want to travel overseas and be part of God's global work. We have partnered with 6:8 ministries doing trips for over 15 years and have long standing relationships with their staff. This trip will allow students to serve with US missionaries, interact with Costa Rican children and adults, and volunteer on a work project that benefits the local community.

\*Jamaica is our Next Level trip for 2025. This trip is open to students who have served on an international mission trip before (with MPC or other organization). This trip is intended to further challenge students to learn about culture and ministry work in a new context, to take steps out of their comfort zones and to engage in global service. While Jamaica is a new destination for us, Experience Mission is an organization we have partnered with before to facilitate a Next Level trip.

**Trip Description:**

We will be traveling to Catadupa, Jamaica to partner with Christian Fellowship Church and Experience Mission to serve in a rural mountain community. Many families living in the mountains of Jamaica have limited access to jobs and struggle to maintain their homes. We will be assisting in construction work to assist in home repair or will be completing a project that will benefit the community. We will also be leading a Kids Club that we will prepare before leaving. Exact construction projects will be determined closer to the trip when biggest needs for our week can be identified. This trip will be physically demanding and students should be prepared for that.

Our team will be staying at a local church or school. We will be sleeping on concrete floors and bringing our own bedding, mats and mosquito tents. There is no running water in the community so our team will be bathing (in swimsuits) in a local spring. We will be using outdoor toilet facilities where we flush using buckets of water.

Treated drinking water will be provided for the team, and local women will be preparing our meals. Team members will bring their own plate, bowl, cup and silverware.

Catadupa is a safe, rural community away from the city. To ensure security, the local pastor will designate people to stay with our belongings during the day and on the property during the nights.

We will fly into Montego Bay and take a charter bus over winding roads to reach Catadupa. On the last day of the trip we will take a chartered bus to Dunns River Falls and then return to stay in Catadupa that evening.

**Who should Apply:**

- High School students who have prayed about this trip and feel God leading them to this team.
- Students who have participated in an international mission trip before (with MPC or other).
- Students who are willing to set aside their personal comforts and fully participate in all aspects of the week. This trip includes physically challenging work, relational connection, community engagement, and spiritual growth.
- Students who will have a great attitude at all times and who will be open to what God is doing.

**\*Note: Students on this trip will only be allowed to bring cell phones for use on travel days. Phones will be kept by leaders and locked at the local church. MPC is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen phones. Parents will have emergency numbers, and we will post daily updates on a private Facebook page.**

## Dates and Requirements:

For everything to run smoothly and to offset trip costs we need the following from team members and their families – (these are NOT optional):

Team Members:

- ❖ **Complete application** and turn in a \$400 non-refundable deposit by Sunday, January 26!  
(Anyone not selected for this year's team or put on waitlist will have their total deposit refunded)
- ❖ **Current passport** (expiration cannot be less than 6 months after the trip)
- ❖ **Attend Parent/Student Meeting:** February 27 from 6:30-8pm at the Mandarin Road Campus \*\*\*Save this date\*\*\*
- ❖ **Help sell mulch** to family and friends and distribute flyers in neighborhoods - we are asking each participant to have a goal of at least 10 orders from family/neighbors outside of the church
- ❖ **Help with spreading mulch** on 4 of these 6 dates: March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 19.  
\*If you do not complete 4 spread days, \$75 will be added to your balance for each missed day. You can have a parent or another person work for you if needed.
  - **\*Mulch days are from 8am – 5pm. Students are responsible for being there the entire time OR getting someone to come fill in their spot if they have to leave early/arrive late.**
  - **\*At least one of your four days needs to be April 12 or 19 as these are our two biggest weeks!**
- ❖ **Pay remaining deposits:** \$300 by March 15, \$400 by April 12, and \$450 by May 12
- ❖ **Participate in Crave or Wed. Bible Study at least twice a month.** (It is important to be connected with peers and growing in faith year round – not just on trips!)
- ❖ **Attend Training Days**
  - Sunday, March 30 from 4-6pm
  - Thursday, May 1 from 6:30-8pm
  - Friday, July 25 from 6-8pm
- ❖ **Commissioning Service:** Sunday, July 20 at the 10am Worship Service
- ❖ **Actual Mission Trip:** July 26 – August 2
- ❖ **Team Worship Rehearsal:** TBD
- ❖ **Sharing Worship Service:** TBD

Parents (or an adult in family):

- ❖ **Attend Parent/Student Meeting:** Thursday, February 27 from 6:30-8pm at the Mandarin Road Campus
- ❖ Sign up for at least **2 days of the following** (Signup Genius)
  - Selling mulch at the tent on Saturdays on Mulch spread dates
  - Mulch Deliveries – Every Thursday and Friday before spread dates (or other day as available)
  - Drive and spread on mulch Saturdays
- ❖ **Make sure your child is available to attend and fulfill all of the listed requirements and that payments are made at the designated times.**

\*For questions or more information contact:  
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# MPC High School Jamaica – 2025 Application

## Experience Mission (Catadupa, Jamaica)

July 26 - August 2, 2025

\*Please read the trip description and carefully review the team and parent requirements before filling out the application! Then answer the questions as honestly and openly as you can. There are no “right” answers – we are looking for your honest reflections!

\*All applications submitted will be carefully reviewed. Submitting your application DOES NOT guarantee your spot on a team.

\*This trip is open to all HS students who are able to commit to the team requirements.

\*Applications MUST be submitted online – [www.mandarinpres.com/hsmiissions](http://www.mandarinpres.com/hsmiissions)

Note: You will need to type your answers into the online form. We are giving you the questions here so that you have time to prepare.

**Applications will be accepted starting at 10am on January 1 through midnight on January 26.**

Deposits are due January 26 to hold your application. We will notify everyone of team selection no later than February 5, 2025. We will deposit checks at the time of team announcements. Anyone not selected for a team or waitlisted will have their deposits returned.

### FUNDRAISING

Mulch is the main fundraiser for this trip and is the only way we can offer participants the discounted trip cost. Even if you could pay the trip cost, many others cannot. We couldn't pull it off and assist others without everyone's efforts – that is why it is a requirement. We will be taking orders and then doing all deliveries and spreading over a 6-week window of time. Participants will choose 4 of the 6 spreading Saturdays to work. See dates and requirements page for details.

In addition to mulch, team members have the option to sell TPC tickets and keep \$40 per ticket sold for their trip cost. We will also give you a sample letter that can be sent out to family and friends if you would like to raise money that way. \*TPC tickets can be sold immediately – you do not need to wait for team selection. Contact Jen Loehle if you wish to get that information - [jloehle@mandarinpres.com](mailto:jloehle@mandarinpres.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade and School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In addition to attending Crave, do you participate in worship at a local church (MPC or other)? If yes, what is the name of the church?
2. In the past 3 months, how has your faith been reflected (or not) in your life and actions?
3. What is a next step towards Jesus that you want to take this school year?
4. Describe your past international mission experiences and what you learned from those.
4. What excites you the most about serving on our Jamaica team this summer?
5. In what ways will this trip challenge you?
6. What things do you think are important to have a healthy and effective mission team?
7. Do you have any physical limitations, medical conditions, etc. we should know about?

I have read all the dates and trip requirements and have shared them with my parents. If picked for this team, I agree to fully meet these expectations and rearrange my schedule as necessary to do that.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*I have February 27 written on my calendar so I can attend that meeting with my parents if I am chosen for this team.