



Albania 2018 Discipleship Trip

Information Meeting, January 2018

Information Meeting Agenda

- History/Vision of the Dallas-Albania Connection
- High School (HS) Ministry
- Young Professionals (YP), Poland, and Hungary Ministry
- Stories
- Calendar, Deposit, and Fundraising
- Q&A and Wrap-up

Main Trip Dates

- Week 1 (Tirana HS, Elbasan HS, Tirana YP)
 - **Fri 6/29 – Mon 7/9** (6 days of vacation)
- Week 2 (Korça HS)
 - **Sat 7/7 – Mon 7/16** (6 days of vacation)

Trip Details

The Albanian Cru high school ministry teams organize and execute 2-week long high school camps in various cities throughout the country that are aimed at evangelism. Our teams will partner with the Cru teams for one of the two weeks of these camps. Following the camps, the Albanian ministry teams maintain the relationships they have built through the summer camps and continue to evangelize non-believers and disciple believers throughout the rest of the year. You will have the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of the camp, share the Gospel and disciple high school students, and build relationships with Cru missionaries. You can continue to grow these relationships after you return (Facebook is great!)

The Albanian Cru young professionals ministry team organizes and executes seminars and events throughout the year, aimed at evangelism and discipleship of young professionals. This is a new and growing movement within Albanian in which the Cru team is trying to identify and develop leaders within the country to continue to expand the ministry. You will have the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of a seminar, become friends with and share the Gospel with young professionals, and build relationships with Cru staff. You also can continue to build into these relationships even after you return (hello Facebook!)





2018 Trip Preparation Timeline

- **Sun 2/15** – Application Deadline (Google Form)
- **Mon 2/19 to Sun 3/4** – Application Interview (scheduled with team leader)
- **Sun 3/15** – Decision Day (teams finalized and \$200 deposit due)
- **Sun 3/25** – Team Meeting #1 at 2:30 pm @ Watermark. Subsequent Team Meetings on **Sun 4/8, Sun 4/22, Sun 5/6, Sun 6/3, and Sun 6/24.**
- **Sat 5/12** – Team Building Event (TBD)
- **Fri 6/8 to Sun 6/10** – Team Evangelism Unashamed Weekend
- **Fri 6/29** – Week 1 Team(s) Depart; **Mon 7/9** – Week 1 Returns
- **Sat 7/7** – Week 2 Team Departs; **Mon 7/16** – Week 2 Returns
- **Sun 7/22** – Post-Trip Celebration (TBD)

Trip Fundraising

- We use fundraising as the primary way to fund our trip. Fundraising is a great way to allow others to partner with you, and God can use the fundraising process to help you trust Him. God has always faithfully provided the funds needed for past trips.
- Training and support in how to fundraise will be provided at team meetings.
- \$3000 total estimated fundraising goal, which includes:
 - Plane tickets (~\$1400-1900); in-country/operational (~\$1000).
 - \$200 deposit due **Thu 3/15** (will go towards fundraising goal).
 - Mile Marker #1 (**Fri 5/11**): Team member expected to have raised ~\$1500-\$1900
 - Individuals under target personally responsible for gap
 - Mile Marker #2 (**Fri 6/15**): Team member expected to have raised \$2000
 - Individual responsibility to be reduced proportionally according to total team fundraising performance
 - Mile Marker #3 (**Thu 6/29**): Team member expected to have raised full \$3000

Estimated Personal Expenses

- \$200 deposit due on Thu 3/15 (will go towards fundraising goal).
- \$5 for book that we will read as a team prior to trip.
- \$15 for team t-shirt.
- \$10 for bringing snacks to one team meeting.
- \$20 for miscellaneous costs for gifts and supplies for Texas Night while in Albania.
- \$100 cash to bring on trip for personal expenses (snacks, souvenirs, etc...)
- Potential funds to meet fundraising progress markers if short of targets.

Next Steps

- Pray – Ask questions – Talk to your community group...
- Fill out application
 - All attending will receive an email link to the application (Google form)
 - Due by February 15th, but please submit ASAP!