

North Texas AIM Update on 2020 trips

First of all, thank you for listening to the leading of the Lord and saying YES to a missions trip! If your specific missions trip doesn't happen in 2020 because of the COVID-19, that doesn't mean that God has canceled that call to missions. **PLEASE** pursue a missions trip in the near future to experience all God has for you!

Due to the current travel advisories from the U.S. Department of State, Assemblies of God World Missions, the CDC, and conversations with our missionary hosts, we have made the difficult decision to postpone all AIM trips for 2020 due to the worldwide health crisis. We are in the process of rescheduling all canceled trips for the same locations and relatively similar time frame in 2021. Here is an update on the trips:

International trips – All postponed (to be rescheduled in 2021)

El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua June, and Nicaragua July

Reasons:

- Current International Travel ban
- Safety of team members – virus may still be advancing into new areas of the world
- The unpredictability of health care and level of care at facilities outside the U.S.

USA trips - All postponed (to be rescheduled in 2021)

Atlanta, Los Angeles, New York 1 & 2, San Antonio, and Wyoming

Reasons:

- Travel restrictions in most cities may still be in place (went into effect 3-31-20)
- Dream center/host organizations are not currently hosting teams
- Safety of team members - virus may be worse in the larger cities we would be serving

All who are registered for a 2020 AIM trip will have to make a decision:

Voucher your trip money or request a **refund**

Voucher AIM trip money (preferred choice)

- Money turned in for the 2020 AIM trip will be vouchered, including the deposit (this means the students/leaders that have paid will have the amount raised for 2020 to be used on another AIM Trip in 2021)
- AIM voucher must be used for any North Texas Aim trip in 2021
 - (Can be used for your rescheduled trip or a new 2021 trip)

Refund AIM trip

- Money turned in for the 2020 Aim trip will be refunded (including the deposit)
- If credit card payments were made through Managed Missions, they will be refunded to the original form of payment
- If money was sent to a local church, a check will be mailed to the local church, and they will distribute the funds to donors

Guidelines

- Decision must be made in 2020.
- Refunds do not go to AIM Participant, but to donors or to the church who receipted the gift (unless they have personally donated, or their parents have donated to their account, then they would be given the refund just like every other donor)
- Our preference for your group would be either 100% vouchered or 100% refunded to the donors, but **EVERY** donor **MUST** be contacted to see what their decision is. To let their money be vouchered for your next AIM trip or request a refund of their money
- You can change your mind until May 15th, 2020. Once that day passes, it will stay a voucher because of tax purposes. That voucher can only be used for a NTX AIM trip in 2021.

Questions

- Is the 2021 voucher transferable? Yes, to someone in your family or your home church. (your family member does not need to be from the church you attend)
- Can the money be used for another mission trip different from my original? Yes, in 2021 only.
- A check will be sent from the NTYM office directly to the local church after May 15, 2020.
- When do I need to make the decision to either voucher the trip or request a refund? May 15, 2020.
- Will the AIM scholarship be awarded for 2020? No

What to do now

Download the voucher & refund form and turn the completed form to your youth leader/pastor. You must talk with every donor and ask what they want to do with their donation. They can either choose to leave it at the District Office (then it will be vouchered for your trip next year), or they can request a refund. If your youth leader/pastor is not going on the trip, send it to your team leader (who has been in conversation with you).

Youth Pastor/Trip leader send all forms (scanned or photos) to NTYM by May 15, 2020:
aim@northtexas.ag

Refunds will be sent out after May 15th.

2021 Trip locations will be published by September 1st on our website: www.ntym.org
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