

Team Timothy Peru - 2020

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Dear Prospective Team Timothy Peru Member,

Team Timothy is a ministry of the Presbyterian Missionary Union to assist the work of missionaries and the churches in the US and other countries. These teams exist for three main purposes: to witness of Christ to those who do not know Him, to give spiritual encouragement as a team to missionaries and pastors laboring for Christ by providing extra hands in needed projects, and to challenge Christians in their own personal lives as they extend themselves to serve Christ on a missions team. In January, 2020, we intend to send a team to work in Iquitos, Peru, as well as in villages of the Amazon basin. The team will engage in evangelism and ministries of helps to the church. See the "Team Opportunities" page for further descriptions, including dates and costs. This team is likely to be a more physically demanding team due to the nature of Peru and the area where we will minister. Please consider your physical preparedness for such a trip before applying.

Who qualifies to be part of the team? You must trust Christ as your Savior and give evidence of a Christian walk in your daily life. You must desire to serve the Lord and be willing to work together for Christ. Those who are rising high school seniors or older, including adults, are encouraged to apply.

You are required to obtain a pastoral/session evaluation; the form for this is included in this packet. Please return that completed form with your application.

Participation is a privilege and involves certain standards and obligations to be considered as a member. In the interest of fielding the most spiritually effective team possible, we are asking each applicant to carefully examine their own heart for hidden sin, conflict, disunity with brothers or sisters in Christ, or other impediments to laboring in Christ's vineyards. Please take care of these things biblically, before applying. *Important:* Your application does not guarantee you will be named to this year's team. Final team selection will be finalized by March 30, 2019. A letter of acceptance and an outline of specific team objectives and assignments will be sent to you after you are finally approved.

Team members will raise their own support from friends, church, and interested sponsors to cover travel, living, and project expenses. Other expenses are considered personal expenses.

We are pleased with the prospects for this team and believe much will be accomplished for the Lord. If you are named to the team, we will send you a detailed information packet with everything you need to know about your team's ministry.

This is a faith venture. You will gather support, travel, be a servant to others, and earnestly seek to be a witness for Christ, just as our missionaries do. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thessalonians 5:24).

You may return this application via mail or e-mail. It must be received by February 28, 2019. Please pay special attention to the attached "Application to Do List." Each step is important. God bless you as you seek to serve the LORD.

In Christ,



Rev. Leonard W. Pine, D.Min.
Field Director

Enclosures: Application Packet (3 pages)

Team Timothy Application “To Do” List:

- ◇ Pray for God’s direction and will in this ministry, as well as His provision and enabling.
- ◇ Send us a completed Pastoral/Session Evaluation Form. (Your pastor or session may question you about your spiritual walk or why you wish to be part of the team.) This document is a vital part of your application and is required to complete your application process. Thus, it is also due to the office by February 28, 2019. This information will be kept confidential.
- ◇ Complete the enclosed application and attach a photo, suitable for use in *the Missions Banner*. We prefer pictures in an electronic format. JPEG is best. You can e-mail your picture to office@presbyterianmissions.org.
- ◇ Begin to assemble a list of family and friends to whom you could send a letter about the team and the projected ministry, asking them for their help. You will find a suitable letter in the full Team Timothy information packet that will be sent to you upon your acceptance.
- ◇ To go to Peru, you will need a passport with an expiration date of at least 6 months after your date of entry and two free pages. If you do not already have a passport, you will need to apply for one as **soon** as you are accepted to the team. If you have any questions regarding how to do this, please contact the PMU office.
- ◇ Visas are NOT required for Peru. The following website will tell you all you need to know about entering the country: <https://www.peru.travel/en-us/plan-your-trip/entering-peru.aspx>.
- ◇ Vaccinations: Vaccinations are not required to enter Peru; however, some are recommended, including the Yellow Fever vaccination. Please discuss your vaccination needs with you doctor. For more information about vaccinations, please visit: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/mission_disaster/peru?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001.
- ◇ **Your completed application, with session approval and photo, must be in the PMU office by February 28, 2019.** If you know your application will be delayed a day or two, call ahead for approval. We are sorry but, otherwise, we cannot consider a late application.

Team Timothy Peru Opportunities

Dates: January 3-17, 2020

Leaders: Dr. Len Pine, Rev. Casey Southerland

Location: Iquitos and Amazon basin

Ministry Activities:

- Preach and minister in Iquitos churches first weekend; worship with believers in villages second weekend.
- Possible radio ministry in Iquitos
- Music ministry – Music concerts in English and Spanish
- Street/village evangelism with young people and adults
- Teaching conversational English
- Possible light construction of church buildings in villages
- Identify villages for possible future BP church planting

Boot camp in Iquitos and Amazon basin: January 4, 2020; in Peru

Cost Approx. \$1,450 (plus personal funds and domestic airline ticket)*

Team Size: 8-10, including leaders

Application Deadline: **February 28, 2019**

*Costs will be finalized when wholesale ticket prices become available; however, upon acceptance you should begin raising funds immediately. Additional personal funds needed are approximately \$100-\$600, depending on whether or not the team member needs a domestic flight to Orlando, and already has passport, valid visa, shots, and a water bottle. (Note: Domestic airfare can be raised as part of your funds through PMU.)

Pastoral/Session Evaluation Form for Team Timothy Applicants

To the Pastor: Thank you for your efforts in partnering with PMU in the selection process. It is our desire to assemble the best team possible for the sake of our brethren on the field, and for the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. This form is designed to help guide your discipleship as it relates to the requirements of a team ministry outside the bounds of your local church. We assume that we will not receive this form until you've had a chance to meet with the applicant and go over these areas together pastorally. Your responses will be kept confidential between you and the team leadership, and destroyed at the conclusion of the team ministry. You do not have to write extensive answers, but we would appreciate answers that are "full enough" to be useful.

Many, many thanks,

Rev. Leonard W. Pine, D.Min., *PMU Field Director*

Applicant name: _____ Date _____

1. How well does the applicant manage his time?
2. How dependable is the applicant when given a task to accomplish?
3. Is the applicant able to work independently, or is he a better team player?
4. How would you characterize the applicant's leadership abilities?
5. Please describe the spiritual character of the applicant from your observations.
6. How does the applicant respond in situations of conflict?
7. Has applicant demonstrated a willingness to put aside his own desires for the sake of others?
8. Is the applicant a person whose devotional life (prayer, Bible study) bears evident fruit?
9. In your interview with or personal knowledge of the applicant, are you satisfied that he or she is under the control of the Holy Spirit and is striving to glorify God in the following areas?
 - a. Substance abuse?
 - b. Pornography?
 - c. Anger?
 - d. Dishonesty?
 - e. Entertainment choices?
 - f. Worldliness in speech?
 - g. Worldliness in priorities?
 - h. Worldliness in appearance?
 - i. Rebellion against authority?
 - j. Conflicts with others?

[If you are, or become, aware of issues in these areas in your interview process, please do not forward your evaluation and recommendation on to us until you are satisfied that the situation is resolved.]

Team Timothy ministries are intended to be a discipleship tool for our churches. As such, we are not looking for perfect people! We know there are none. Knowing of discipleship issues in a person's life prior to approval and participation, however, is vital for us here as we plan and prepare to serve you and your congregation, as well as the ministries on the field. We cannot serve as a "reform" institution, but we can help in discipleship. Please give me a call to discuss any particulars that you believe would be helpful as we go through the approval process on our end. Again, many thanks!

Pastor's Signature _____

Team Timothy Team Member Application

Please complete as fully as possible. Please print clearly. E-mail a portrait (wallet size or larger) and return this application via regular mail or e-mail to PMU by February 28, 2019. Thank you!

Applying for Peru 2020 Team: January 3-17, 2020

Personal Information

Name (*As appears on your passport*) _____ Age _____

DOB _____ Male _____ Female _____ Email you check often _____

Mailing Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ Work phone _____

Year in School _____ School Name _____ Home School _____

Home church _____ Circle T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact's E-mail: _____ Address: _____

Ministry Experience and Abilities (Use extra paper if needed.)

Have you ever done short-term missions work before (or lived on a mission field)? If so, describe where you went and what you did briefly.

Do you have any particular abilities that you think would be useful in this mission project? Please describe them.

Testimony and Calling to this Ministry: (Use extra paper if needed.)

Please describe your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and explain why you want to be a part of Team Timothy's ministry this year.
