

London Bridges Team Member Application

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Complete and submit to: London Bridges C/O Western Avenue Baptist Church,
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Include a non-refundable deposit of \$250 TBC for a 7 day cycle and or \$300-TBC for a 12 day cycle (to cover meeting places hire etc)

Please submit and send your deposit to Kim by ~~April 1, 2023~~ June 25

LONDON BRIDGES

Marhaba (Hello). We are encouraged by your interest in participating in this strategic outreach to Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula. Please take a moment to read this pre-orientation material. You will receive further orientation and training upon arrival in London.



London Bridges: Vision, Mission, & Goals



The London Bridges Project takes place on the streets of London, England in June, July and August each year. This project focuses on people from the Arabian Peninsula who are vacationing in London during the summer months to escape the high temperatures of the Gulf. Arabic New Testaments, JESUS films and other materials in the Arabic language are distributed to thousands of families who would never have an opportunity to hear the gospel or obtain these materials in their home countries.

VISION:

To see Saudis and other Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula worshiping and glorifying Jesus, through the planting of indigenous, reproducing churches

MISSION:

To provide an opportunity for Arabs traveling from the Arabian Peninsula to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel, by offering them a copy of the New Testament and a Jesus Film and other helpful literature in Arabic and speaking with them whenever possible.

GOALS:

- 1. To Distribute 6,000 Arabic language New Testaments and 6,000 Arabic language Jesus Films to Saudis and other Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula**
- 2. To have a minimum of 1200 spiritually based conversations with Saudis and other Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula**
- 3. To present the complete Gospel message to at least 600 Saudis and other Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula**

Expectations

As you prepare to come to London this summer you are probably full of anticipation and excitement. You may expect to have a great time seeing the sites in London. Maybe you expect to be standing on a street corner distributing packets and talking with Arabs. Possibly you expect to see Saudi Arabs come to Christ. Perhaps these feelings are mixed with some fear or anxiety about your travels or the work that you will be doing while participating in London Bridges.

Each of these expectations and feelings is very real and very normal. However, we would like to ask you to do something very difficult with these expectations and feelings. Get rid of them! That's right, put them aside. Yes, some of the very things that you are expecting to happen or expecting to feel while you are in London this summer may take place, but some will not.

The normal process for those who travel overseas for a mission trip is that their initial expectations are completely shattered. Many times almost nothing that they originally expected takes place. Although you are traveling to London, it is still a mission field and many things are uncertain. The weather changes, evangelism plans change, busses sometimes don't run on schedule, meetings go longer than anticipated or end abruptly. ***There will be surprises!***

If each of us will commit to focusing on what God has in store for us this summer, there are however, a few things that we can expect and can be sure will happen. These are what our team believes are God's expectations for this summer:

- 1) God will be glorified. In your thoughts, words, actions, and even in your motivations.
- 2) The Gospel will be shared / distributed to people who have NEVER had the chance to hear or read it before.
- 3) Lives will be changed.
 - a. The lost will hear about Jesus, many for the first time and they will never be the same again.

- b. Each of you will experience something new of God's work in and around you and never be the same again.

Please take some time to examine your expectations; know what they are and why you have them. A few questions that may help you to examine your own expectations follow.

1. What do you expect this summer's mission trip to be like?
2. Do you tend to form a solid opinion of a person or place based on what you've heard and/or your first impressions, or do you wait to make final judgment until you have some in depth experience with that person, situation, or place?
3. Do you feel that it is important to always stick to the 'published schedule' or are you flexible enough to go with the flow when the unexpected or unpredictable happens?
4. How do you react when faced with unmet expectations? Do you react with anger, criticism, and gossip, or is your disappointment more likely to manifest itself in the form of resolve to make the best of the new reality?

Now, take your answers to the above questions and give them over to God and ask Him to place in your heart His expectations. Now, you are more ready to enjoy your time with Him as He works in and through you to reach some of the most un-reached people in the world. ***More than anything else ask the Lord to give you a thankful heart for being able to be used by Him to be involved in His work; to be involved in something much bigger than we know and something with eternal significance.***

What to Bring: Packing for London Bridges



Here are a few reminders about what you will need on your trip. Below you will find a fairly complete list of the items that we consider essential. Please do your best to pack your things accordingly.

The following items are ALL essential:

- ❖ **Bible** & Notebook of information distributed here for the trip.
- ❖ **Good walking shoes**
- ❖ **Waterproof** (it has been known to rain in London). An umbrella and/or raincoat will be needed.
- ❖ **Backpack** (This is for your personal use and will not necessarily be used for the project)
- ❖ ***Evangelism appropriate clothes***: Although we don't have to look like 1950's missionaries, we do want to be conservative. Many Muslim women are covered from head to toe. We just ask that you dress conservatively.
 - Women: pants are fine; just nothing too tight and nothing sleeveless. Skirts work as well – the longer the better!
 - Tops must be loose and cover your hips and shoulders.
 - Both sexes should keep in mind that we do want to look nice and respectable when doing evangelism and distribution.



- No shorts during Outreach/Ministry Time.
- ❖ Things that make you warm but can be removed! Sweaters/sweatshirts and raincoat/jacket. The temperatures in June/July/August in London can be around 55f at night and as high as 95f during the day, so be prepared. **Layers are the key to success!**
- ❖ **A sense of humor**
- ❖ **A heart willing to learn and to serve**

Spiritual Preparation

As you prepare to come to London for part of the summer you are probably in the process of deciding what to pack, getting your airline tickets, passport, and travel insurance squared away. Yet your trip this summer is so much more than a vacation; you are coming for a summer of ministry, outreach, Scripture distribution, and evangelism. It is vital that you are not only physically prepared but spiritually prepared as well.

Receptivity seems to be in direct proportion to prayer. Before your trip, it would be good to arrange for people to be praying daily for you, the other project participants and those who will be receiving the gifts.

We recommend that you complete “Sharing Christ with Muslims,” the “British Museum Bible Study” and the “Transferable Concepts” that are located on the hopeforthedesert.org web site.



Heart Preparation



It is essential that participants be willing to help wherever needed. Availability, flexibility and team unity are crucial. We have our plan, but the Lord may have a different plan. As a result, last minute changes will occur. It is essential to respond with love (including patience), maturity of character, and team unity.

Memory Verse

Remember also that you will be working and ministering with people from around the world who have different backgrounds and experiences. We are asking all our participants to memorize and study Col. 3:12-17 as spiritual preparation for team unity and effectiveness while on this project.



Colossians 3:12-17

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Team Principles

- **Team unity** is essential. None of us is as good as all of us.
“Be of one mind, united in thought and purpose (Col. 1:10).”
“Do everything without complaining or arguing (Phil. 2:14).”
- **Be available** to God and go with an open heart. Avoid having your own ministry agenda.
- **Spend personal time with God** and pray continually for the team and the people we are reaching.
- **Be willing to give up personal rights** rather than hinder the gospel, for the benefit of team unity and the people we are reaching. Paul modeled giving up personal freedom to show love toward others. He willingly gave them up because of his relationship with Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 9:12). “Don’t think only of your own good. Think of other Christians and what is best for them (1 Cor. 12).”
- **Find common ground** with team members and people we meet in other cultures (1 Cor. 9:22).
- **Unity in diversity.** We are all one body with many parts and we all need each other.
The Holy Spirit gives special abilities to each one of us. 1 Cor. 12.
- **Love one another.** If we don't have selfless love we have nothing. “There are three things that will endure—faith, hope and love—and the greatest of these is love (1 Cor. 13).”
- **Forgiveness.** There may be irritations with other team members but give grace and keep short accounts with one another and with God (Col. 3:13, 1 John 1:9).

Spiritual Groundwork

In order to assure that you are Spiritually Prepared there are a few steps that will help:

- 1) **Be in Prayer.** Continually ask God what it that He has in store for you this summer and that He would help to prepare you for that.
- 2) **Know the Word.** More than any other tool, the Word of God is vital to your witness this summer.

- a. Memorize it. Know it as well as you possibly can. It is sad to say, but sometimes the Muslims that we are witnessing to seem to know our Bible better than we do!
 - b. Complete the British Museum Bible Study below. It will help on our British Museum/British Library tour.
- 3) **Be prepared to share your personal story, your testimony.** You may not get to share your whole story, but to be able to say to a Saudi Arab who has no concept of what it means to have a relationship with God, that you have a personal, intimate relationship with the God of the universe will be shocking to him/her. (Especially if you are able to share a story from your own life to demonstrate how God has worked.)
- 4) **Watch “The Five Principles” videos** by Henri Aoun (hope for the desert website) and **“Seeking Allah Finding Jesus”** videos by Nabeel Qureshi (Rightnow Media). This will help you to know which spiritual/theological issues will be at the forefront of Arab minds. These are online on RightNow Media and at www.hopeforthedesert.org

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The Opportunity

Each summer thousands of Gulf Arabs come to London for vacation. Most of them have never had a single opportunity to hear the truth about Jesus. London Bridges is an innovative way to share the Gospel with those who may have never heard. While it is illegal to evangelize or distribute Bibles in the home countries of most of these Arabs, summertime in London provides the opportunity to share Jesus with them. Many will be exposed to the Gospel for the very first time. Some will view the Jesus films and read the New Testaments while in the UK. Hopefully, others will find ways to take the materials back to the Arabian Peninsula and share them with family members where it is both difficult and dangerous to evangelize. London Bridges is a joint project involving multiple ministries of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ), the Southern Baptist International Mission Board and Western Avenue Baptist Church located in Statesville, NC. The project is designed to train volunteers from all over the world to mass-distribute Arabic New Testaments, Jesus films, and other materials and to share the gospel verbally when appropriate.

The Work

The work is done in small teams focusing on seed sowing through distribution and building personal relationships when the opportunity arises. While the primary task is distribution, there will also be many opportunities to share the Gospel. Daily work begins after lunch with training, worship, prayer, and sharing. There will be opportunities for doing relational work in the parks, prayer walking, and concentrated prayer focusing on the Arab countries. Evenings will be spent on the streets where Arabs gather distributing packets containing Arabic New Testaments and Arabic Jesus Films on DVDs. London Bridges participants will distribute the New Testament in Arabic (and other languages), the Jesus Film and Magdalena Film in Arabic and other languages as well as other materials to enhance the sharing of the gospel.

(Sample) Schedule of Activities

There will be an evening orientation the day you arrive. Worship and sharing sessions are scheduled for most days followed by evening ministry. The exceptions are noted below. This is a sample schedule and is subject to change.

First day (Sunday)

Welcome & Orientation will take place at 4:00 pm on the first Sunday of the cycle. You will be instructed on where the meeting will be and how to get there.

Daily Schedule (Applies to all days except as noted below)

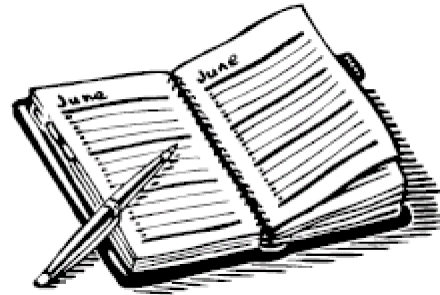
Morning on your own

1:00 pm Training Session

(Teaching/ Prayer / Worship)

4:30 pm Ministry Time

9:30 pm Return Home



EXCEPTIONS:

British Museum / British Library Tours (Day to be announced)

9:30 am Depart for Tours of British Museum / British Library

3:30 pm Return Home

5:30 pm – 10:00 pm Ministry Time (TBD)

Day 7 (Saturday) for 12 day cycles

9:30-2:30 pm Market Distribution or

4:30-9:30 pm Street Distribution

Day 7 (Saturday) for 7 day

9:30-2:30 pm Market Distribution or

1:00 pm Lunch as group;
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Day 8 (Sunday) for 12 day cycle

Free Day

Church

Day 11 (Wednesday) for 12 day cycles

9:30 am Debrief

1:00 pm Lunch as a group

Afternoon & Evening Free

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British Museum Tour preparatory Bible Study

In order to get the maximum benefit from our tour of the British museum we have prepared the following study. We recommend you answer the questions on a separate page of paper and bring the answers with you.

Genesis 14:8

1. *What were the names of the five cities mentioned by Abraham and in what order are they listed in this passage?*
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
2. *In what century were the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed (see Bible Dictionary or other resources)?*
3. *How many years after this was the Book of Genesis given to Moses (see Bible Dictionary or other resources)?*
4. *Would the existence of these cities have been common knowledge on Egypt at the time of Moses?*

II Kings 9-10

1. *Who was Jehu?*
2. *Why did Elisha tell him to destroy the entire family of Ahab?*

II Kings 17:1 - 18:12

1. *Who was Shalmanezzer the 3rd?*
2. *What did Shalmanezzer do to Samaria?*
3. *Why did God allow Samaria to be destroyed?*

II Kings 18:13 - 19:37

1. *How did Hezekiah respond to Senacharib?*
2. *What cities in Judah fell to Senacharib?*
3. *In what conquered city was the Assyrian king when Hezekiah sent a letter offering to pay tribute?*
4. *How important was Lachish (see Bible Dictionary or other resources)?*
5. *What tribute did Hezekiah pay to Senacharib to gain favor?*
6. *Did Jerusalem fall?*
7. *What happened to the Assyrian Army?*
8. *What can we learn from this story?*

Daniel 5

1. *Who was Balshazzar?*
2. *What happened at Balshazzar's feast?*
3. *What was Daniel asked to do?*
4. *Daniel was rewarded by being given what position (5:16)?*

If you would like to additional study review the following scriptures:

Gen 24:10 – Where Abrahams servant set out for.

Exodus 3:15 – Who God told Moses to say sent him

Deuteronomy 22:22-30 – The laws relating to rape

Joshua 2:15-20, 6:20 - Story of Jericho

1st Chronicles 5:26 and 2nd Kings 15:19-20 – Who King Pul was

1st Kings 22 - The battle at Ramoth-gilead
