

Short-term mission with Crosslinks

Why go with Crosslinks?

Find out more about our heart for mission and the short-term placements we offer.

Safeguarding

How we make sure that you, your hosts and those you serve are kept safe during your placement.

Money matters

All the costs involved in your placement.

What's the process?

From application to placement.



Why go with Crosslinks?

Bible-based ministries

At Crosslinks, we help people take God's word to God's world. This work began in 1922 by people who were convinced that the good news of Jesus is our world's greatest need. We're still convinced of this, and today our remit is not defined by geography, but simply by wherever Bible-based ministries are needed.

Since 1922, we've helped churches across the UK and Ireland send thousands of individuals to many countries around the world which lack faithful teachers and leaders of their churches and theological colleges. Today, around 100 mission partners serve in 30 countries across five continents. They are involved in theological education of local church leaders, church-planting and church-strengthening and frontline evangelism.

A range of placements

Our short-term programme operates by arranging voluntary placements for individuals, couples and teams from anywhere between two weeks to three years. We send gap year teams, church teams, and language year abroad students. In each placement, volunteers are sent to work alongside our long-term mission partners in their various ministries all over the world.

The best way to start is to get in touch with us.



One of our gap year teams to Cape Town, South Africa.

We'd love to hear about your interests, experience and gifts, and how you are willing to serve. We'll reach out to our mission partners to find out their current needs and volunteering opportunities. If we can find a match, we'll help you to organise the placement, and along with your church, send you to serve alongside one of our long-term mission or project partners, or with a local church.



One of our gap year teams to Cape Town, South Africa.

Beneficial short-term mission

We are committed to safe, sustainable and conscious short-term mission. In consultation with local gospel workers, we send volunteers who will support, encourage and serve local ministries, not hinder them. We seek to partner with churches in the UK and Ireland and send volunteers who will strengthen church partnerships and encourage the church back home.

We seek to encourage and challenge volunteers in their faith, giving them an opportunity to experience mission work and to serve God's global church, with the hopes of raising up further generations of mission-minded Christians.



Trainee youth and children's workers
in Nairobi, Kenya

Safeguarding

Crosslinks takes safeguarding very seriously. We want to ensure that you, your hosts and those you serve are properly protected. Our safeguarding procedure includes DBS checks as well as thorough local risk assessments and specialist travel insurance throughout your placement.

Who

We only send or receive individuals who have been adequately screened, trained and pose no known risk to children or vulnerable people.

Where

We only send short-termers to our known and trusted mission partners or partner projects.

What

We primarily engage in word-based ministries rather than making local communities dependent on material benefits which only western missionaries can bring.

How

We work by joining in with existing partnerships and ministries that encourage (rather than displace) local gospel workers.



One of our gap year teams to Johannesburg, South Africa, saying goodbye to their friends at Johannesburg Bible College and Hope Church Auckland Park.

Money matters

Raising support

Crosslinks advises all short-termers to approach their Christian friends and their local church to support them in prayer and financially. We can offer advice on how to go about that conversation. The costs below help to demonstrate why this isn't a holiday: you're going on mission with all that this entails. It's important for your church to support you on this journey.



Harry (left) served in Santiago, Chile on his language year abroad with one of our project partner churches.

Pre-departure costs (per person)

DBS check

Children's worker £8.50

Non-children's worker £30

Health clearance £55

Travel insurance (per month) £51

Orientation (2-3 residential) £250

Crosslinks administration fee* (individual/couple)

0-3 months £331 / £496

3+ months (per month) £110 / £165

**This fee covers the processing of your placement by Crosslinks.*



Sarah (second from left) served with different mission partners in Thailand, teaching English to university students and helping vulnerable children.

The Process

This is the typical process which short-term mission placements follow.

You

1. Get in touch to talk to us about your availability, gifts and preferences
2. Fill in the short-term enquiry form at **crosslinks.org/enquiry**

You

8. Sign and return the forms
9. Pay your deposit

You

11. Attend orientation
12. Have a Zoom call with your host
13. Depart for your placement!

We

3. Review your application
4. Follow up references
5. Contact our mission partners to see if they have need of and capacity to host a volunteer.
6. Invite you to interview
7. Make you a conditional offer, including further details and forms for you to sign.

We

10. Arrange your health check and DBS checks.

We

During your placement, Crosslinks will be on hand to provide emergency assistance and pastoral care. We will also debrief you on your return.

Visit **crosslinks.org/short-term** for more details.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

