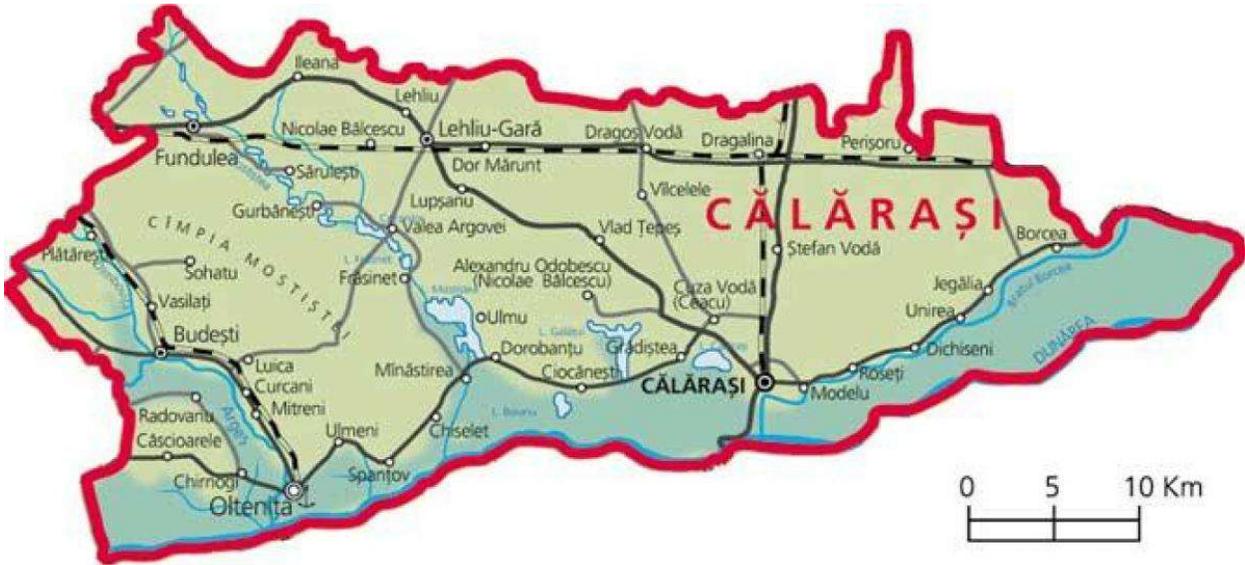


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# Romania 2020



## Contact Details

<b>Applicant's Full Name</b>	
<b>D.O.B</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Home Telephone</b>	
<b>Mobile Number</b>	
<b>E-mail address</b>	

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**A missions trip is not a holiday or a humanitarian trip. It is part of Jesus's great commission to us in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. It is true that there are aspects of missions work which are clearly humanitarian and a sense of 'holiday' might be felt at some points due to visiting another country and experiencing a different culture. (There might even be an opportunity for icecream!) However, it is important to understand what the purpose of short-term missions is.**

**Each short-term missions team will look different and do different things but the overriding purpose will be to support and partner with a long term project/ministry which is already established. Our trips to Romania are to support the work of Outstretched Hands of Romania, a ministry based in Calarasi, Southern Romania which Skylark church has built a relationship with over the last seven years.**

*Please complete the questionnaire below before filling in the application form. This will help us know how to support you and where you are at in your spiritual journey. If you are answering 'no' to a number of these questions you might want to discuss these with your life group leader or a trusted Christian friend. It may be that you do not understand the questions or that you are just not yet quite ready to be part of a short-term missions team.*

Have you given your life to Christ/become a Christian? **yes / no**

Would you say that you are actively following Christ and seeking to put Him first in your life? **yes / no**

Have you been baptised in water? **yes / no**

Have you been baptised with the Holy Spirit? **yes / no**

Have you ever been discipled? **yes / no**

Are you currently actively involved in church life? **yes / no**

If yes, which church? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to pray with people and for people? **yes / no**

Are you willing to work as part of a team? **yes / no**

Are you willing to share your faith with others? **yes / no**

Are you willing to step out of your comfort zone and try something new? E.g. share a testimony, get involved with children's work, etc. **yes / no**

Are you willing to prioritise the two training days, keeping the whole day on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019** and **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020** free in order to attend?  
**yes / no**

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### **Church Reference**

Please give details of a person within your Church who **we** will contact to provide a reference for you e.g. a life group leader, Youth Leader, Ministry Leader etc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

NB: We expect your referee to be someone who has known you for a minimum of one year (but we will consider an alternative person in exceptional circumstances)

### **Mission Team Details**

The date of the trip will be **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 16th April 2020**

As part of the team you will be asked to lead or assist in one of the following areas, although as a team it is likely that we will all be involved in these areas to some extent. Please indicate the areas you would potentially like to take a lead or assist in.

- Prayer & Worship
- Bible Teaching
- Youth work and/or children's work (It is likely that these will overlap at some point)
- Creative Ministries (e.g. drama, dance, arts and crafts, etc.)
- Practical Ministry (e.g. healthcare, construction, agriculture, etc.)
- Administration
- Team welfare

**You will need to prioritise the attendance of the two training days:** the first being booked for **Saturday 9th Nov 2019** and the second training day being on **Saturday 1st February 2020. Both training days are a requirement of all team members so please put them in your diary straight away! These will take place at Skylark Church.** You will also be invited to attend some extra team meetings at another time agreed by team members to plan for any ministry areas that you will be involved with. Although it is an extra time commitment, it is really beneficial in preparing us as a team and as individuals. We will endeavour to make these as manageable as possible as far as time commitment is concerned. It is also important that we spend time getting to know one another as a team.

In addition to this application form you will be asked to complete a **confidential** medical questionnaire declaring any medical conditions and current medication that you are taking.

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**It is essential that your passport has at least 6 months from the date of mission before it expires. Please indicate the date that your passport expires below**

**Passport expiry date** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under the age of 18, and not travelling with a parent or guardian, your parent or legal guardian will be required to complete a form in addition to this giving his/her consent for you to be a part of this team.

**Finance (please read this carefully before completing the application form)**

The estimated cost of this trip is approximately £600/£650 per person. This includes training, flight and other transport, food, accommodation, training days and other expenses, which will be given in detail on acceptance to the team. However, cost may vary depending on flight prices at the time of booking.

Depending on the size of the team, it may be necessary for us to book a coach company to transport us to and from the airport. The estimated cost of a return journey via coach to the airport is approx £45 per adult and £30 per child. (This has also been factored into the above estimated cost of the trip) This may vary depending on the company we use and how large the team is.

You may NOT make your own arrangements to get to the airport (except in circumstances, agreed by the team leader) as the team travels together and anybody withdrawing from pre-arranged transport will also affect the price for other team members.

Once your reference has been received, you will receive an email to let you know if you have a place on the team, then you will be able to book your flight.

**It is your responsibility to book your flight. Once you have been accepted onto the team, you will be sent an email with the BA flight number, date and time so that we are all booked onto the same flight.** Please book your flight as soon as possible to guarantee availability and price.

It is highly recommended that you begin fund raising straight away for both your personal expenses and towards the team projects as soon as possible.

Please indicate how you intend to finance this trip

Personal finance    Raise funds through sponsored event    Other

**Travel Insurance**

It is strongly advisable to purchase travel insurance. If you choose not to arrange travel insurance you will be responsible for any additional costs that you face as a result of any cancellation.

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Those under 18 years of age travelling without a parent or guardian will be required to show proof of travel insurance before leaving the UK.

### **Refunds**

Please take note that deposit money is non-refundable unless you cancel your participation on the trip before the first training day.

Please note that as a church (Skylark Church) we reserve the right to remove you from the team if we feel that your conduct or behaviour puts the team at risk or is morally and spiritually questionable. This includes failure to attend both or either of the required training days.

### **Release of liability**

You will also be asked to sign a Skylark Church release of liability form as whilst we will endeavour to ensure a safe trip as much as we possibly can, you join this trip at your own risk

### **Child Protection**

**As a church we take the welfare of children in our care very seriously, this includes children both in Skylark Church and those which we may be involved in caring for in other situations such as a mission trip abroad. It is absolutely vital that you have had an up to date DBS check. If you have not had one of these checks recently, please inform Lesley Kemp so that the process can be started ASAP. Please do not leave this until a few weeks before the trip as it requires document checks and paperwork to be processed. The DBS check must be done through Skylark, not through another organisation such as your workplace or if you are a member of another church.**

***All team members must provide proof of an up to date DBS check administered by Skylark Church.***

### **Declaration**

By signing this form, you are confirming that the information provided in this form is completely accurate and that you will comply with the conditions for team participation as directed by Skylark Church.

As part of a team, it is extremely important that information about team activities and team members should be handled with due care and attention when dealing with any social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook. All information about the team which is made public on any of these sites must first have the approval of the team leader who will in turn be accountable to the Skylark leadership team.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parental consent form (for those under 18 years of age)**

**Applicants Details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardians Details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mob Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ confirm that I give my consent for  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of the Romania Mission Team 2020

I give my consent for them to travel abroad with the team and be housed, alongside at least one other team member in local accommodation including host homes or a hotel.

I understand that I and my son/daughter are responsible for financing this trip.

I further consent that in the case of an emergency, the team leader or team nurse is able to agree to any medical treatment needed by my son/daughter.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_