For twenty years, SYI has been teaching us to ask critical questions and to examine our faith and faith practices. In recent years, books like *When Helping Hurts* and *Toxic Charities* have caused many to begin asking questions about international aid and traditional mission practices.

While doing traditional service work through the Outreach Foundation, an organization dedicated to “building the capacity of church partners,” we will be building relationships with pastors in ministry, providing support and encouragement, and asking critical questions about ways in which churches in America can better partner with our international brothers and sisters.

**Expectations:**

1. Prepare yourself through prayer and reflection
2. Trip is open to all SYI alumni + 1 guest (over the age of 18)
3. Commit to reading *Toxic Charities* and other material, and to participating in online forums before traveling
4. Learn some basic language phrases
5. Participate fully in trip events: January 2-9, 2016
6. Debrief through discussion forums after the trip

**Finances:**

The approximate cost of $1,600 per person includes airfare, visa fees, food, housing and all in-country transportation. Participants are responsible for paying passport fees, any additional luggage charges, and immunizations and are encouraged to seek additional financial and prayer support from their home churches, families and friends.

**Application:**

Go to [www.WorldMissionInitiative.org](http://www.WorldMissionInitiative.org) to complete an application. A $100 deposit is required to secure your participation. The application deadline is June 12, 2015.

**Questions?**

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