



March 26, 2020

To: 2020 Nehemiah Teams Applicant and/or Donor

RE: Donated Funds Guidance for Applicant and Donor

Dear Nehemiah Teams Applicant:

As you have likely heard, in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of the health and safety of all involved, the IMB announced it has postponed volunteer trips through June 30, 2020. As a result, for the first time since 2004 we will not be sending participants through Nehemiah Teams during the summer of 2020. Even though we are not sending teams out in the next few weeks, we praise the Lord for all he has done and all he is doing now, even the things we don't yet understand. We want you to know that we actively continue to work and minister in faith as we pray, listen, and prepare for the coming ministry opportunities.

Our staff and board are working now to create ministry materials for participants and churches that may be used to engage and mobilize other believers. We are developing new mobilization plans to grow our network of partners. We are working to encourage applicants and ministry partners to be creative in their local outreach and service during this unprecedented time. And we are seeking the Lord for clarity as we lead others toward living a World Christian lifestyle.

As an applicant or as a donor, you likely have questions about the funds that were donated as support on your behalf or by you personally. The remainder of this letter attempts to outline the best opportunities and options related to these funds for ministry purposes.

NEHEMIAH TEAMS, Inc.

Nehemiah Teams, Inc., (NT Inc) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under IRS guidelines, and any donation made on behalf of a Nehemiah Teams applicant via check or online donation to NTinc may tax-deductible. Each donor should consider such with the advice of their accountant/tax preparer. Additionally, because applicants will not be participating in Nehemiah Teams this summer, we cannot distribute funds directly to the applicant. With these facts in mind, we believe there are three best options for the treatment of donated funds, listed in order, for each donor's consideration.

DONATION UTILIZED STRATEGICALLY

First, we unashamedly encourage each donor to allow your donations to remain with Nehemiah Teams, Inc., to be utilized in the furtherance of the ministry and the gospel. For those who choose this option, you may be assured that your donations will be utilized under the direction of our board of directors to strategically operate our ministry as we work to lead others to open doors and plant churches among the unreached and hard to reach, lead others to grow in their walk with the Lord, lead others to become World Christians, and lead others to deal with a mission calling.

DONATION RETURNED TO ORIGINAL DONOR

However, we understand some donors may still request funds to be returned. In this scenario, the donor should contact Robin Angel at jr93angel@outlook.com and copy Chris Townson at ctownson@nehemiahteam.com. Chris may also be reached via phone at 615.464.3303 with any questions.

DONATION TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER NONPROFIT

As a third option, there could be a scenario where an applicant has been assigned to a different mission opportunity through another nonprofit organization and the applicant desires funds to be transferred directly to that organization. In this scenario, the applicant should have authorized personnel from the assigning organization to contact Robin Angel at jr93angel@outlook.com and copy Chris Townson at ctownson@nehemiahteam.com. Chris may also be reached via phone at 615.464.3303 with any questions.

We thank the Lord for your willingness to go and/or give. We are blessed by your commitment to our Lord as we work together to lead young people to finish the Great Commission in this generation.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris E. Townson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" being the most prominent.

Chris Townson
VP & Executive Director
615.464.3303