



FIRM Mission Group Registration Form

Welcome to FIRM! We look forward to a joyful collaboration as we minister together to refugee families while you are with us. To more easily facilitate your group's participation and to enrich your mission experience we ask that you complete this form and return it as soon as possible.

Contact Information

Church/Group Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Main Contact Person Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Participation Information

Number of Participants Adults _____ Youth _____ (a donation of \$7 per person per day is requested)

Brief description of your group (ages, special gifts, special needs, etc.):

We will be staying at _____

Arrival Date & Time: _____ Departure Date & Time: _____

We will be available to begin our volunteer work at FIRM on _____ (date) _____ (time).

Planned Festival Activities & Snacks Include:

To enrich your mission experience FIRM offers a variety of special opportunities to: interact with the refugee community; learn more about FIRM; and explore how the Bible and Christian theology relates to the refugee experience, and how refugee churches have embraced them within their own cultural context. These can usually be worked around your schedule if advance notification is given. *Please check any activity about which you would like to receive further information.*

_____ Southeast Asian Interactive Lunch: Join members of the refugee community and FIRM staff (as available) on-site at FIRM for a delicious Southeast Asian meal. This is a loosely structured opportunity to mingle and interact with community members. We usually end with music and a simple Lao dance lesson! The fee for lunch is \$7 a person.

_____ Christianity & the Refugee Experience in Cultural Context: Explore the historic and currently evolving intersection between the Bible, Christian theology and the refugee experience. Hear how Christ has impacted the lives of Southeast Asian and other refugees in reflections offered by FIRM staff members. Learn how refugee churches “walk the walk” in their unique cultural contexts.

_____ FIRM: Share in the FIRM experience! Learn how we grew by responding to community needs with culturally relevant programs while remaining true to our Christian calling as a faith based non-profit and working within the government guidelines required by federal and state grants. Explore the unique joys and challenges of developing an organization with a multicultural staff as it grows and develops new models for cross-cultural ministry.

_____ Craft Closet: Take the opportunity to examine and purchase beautiful crafts from refugee cultural groups. By purchasing something to remember your trip by or to bring home as a gift you will be supporting both FIRM and ethnic craftspeople.

_____ Volunteer to help tutor Southeast Asian refugees as part of an adult education English and Citizenship Class, weekday mornings 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (one or more days, limited number of spots available each day).

_____ Volunteer to assist FIRM with other tasks, such as cleaning, maintenance, and so on as needed. Times can be scheduled around your group's schedule.

A basic introduction to FIRM and important cultural training will be given each group soon after their arrival.

Please add other experiences of potential interest to your group with which FIRM might be able to assist:

Please return this registration form as soon as possible to the FIRM office:
FIRM Family Festival, 1940 N. Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93703