

Office of the President

Greetings,

As we've all watched the COVID-19 pandemic sweep across the world in unprecedented ways, our organization has kept a close eye on nearly minute-by-minute developments as it relates to our summer programs. With various teams planning to depart in May, June, and July, we have come to a few conclusions regarding those programs.

We recognize that the reality of many of our summer programs happening is going to be "up in the air" for quite some time, especially those with earlier departures. Our leadership teams overseas that have been planning to host summer programs continue to have conversations with the schools and sponsors. While optimism for these programs has been high, the reality is beginning to set in. Given these ever-changing dynamics, we have made a couple of decisions regarding those who have committed to participate in these programs.

1. There is a possibility that a handful of programs will still take place. We don't yet know which countries or what the teaching needs will be. We are aware that many participants who have committed are willing to wait in the midst of this uncertainty. For those willing to wait to see what unfolds, we are grateful and we will keep you updated on a regular basis.
2. For many of our summer participants, a better option is to simply postpone their trip to the summer of 2021. We welcome you to simply defer your commitment to next summer. Our team of Candidate Advisors will continue to work with you throughout the next year and prepare you for an amazing summer of service next year. Any funds that have been raised so far can be used in any program for the next two years.
3. Lastly, we recognize that neither going this summer nor deferring to a future summer will work for some people. In those instances, we are able to refund any funds that have been raised on your behalf. Simply ask your donors to email finance@elic.org to start the refund process.

I am truly grateful to you, as you have trusted us and committed to go with us this summer. I regret that the global circumstances have put us in this position. Please know that we care for you deeply and your Candidate Advisor is available to discuss your options with you. We believe the future is bright, and we look forward to serving our global partners with their English education needs in the near future. We are praying with you as you prayerfully consider your options for this summer and the summer of 2021.

Blessings to you,



Tim Davis
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