

MEND Group Missionary Debriefing and Enrichment Information

Dates: October 19-23, 2026

Registration and Deposit Deadline: September 21, 2026.

Program: M.E.N.D. consists of seven facilitated modules focusing on a missionary's most recent term on the field. There is also time for rest, recreation, fun, and fellowship.

Conducted By: Chris and Nancy Luppino, Director of Missionary Care
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Location: Elisha's Harbor Christian Retreat Center
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Arrival: Between 3:00 and 4:00 pm on Monday, October 19, 2026.

Departure: 11:00 am on Friday, October 23, 2026.

Participants: M.E.N.D. can accommodate 6 participants (a combination of couples and singles). We are not able to accommodate children or teens.

Accommodations: Participants will choose accommodations from the **suites** and **only if needed**, the **Carriage House Apartment** on the Elijah's Harbor website.

For the **suites**, visit the Elijah's Harbor website and click on "Accommodations," and then select "Suites." Scroll down through the suite choices.

For the **Carriage House Apartment**, on the Elijah's Harbor website, click on "Accommodations" and drop down to "Homes." Scroll down to "Carriage House Apartment."

Contact Elijah's Harbor to inquire about suite availability and the discount offered to missionaries.

Meals: There will be eleven meals served, beginning with supper on Monday and ending with breakfast on Friday.

Cost: The cost is for the chosen suite or the Carriage House apartment for four nights, a cleaning fee (\$15.00-\$25.00, depending upon the suite), and a meal charge of \$181.00 per person.

Financial Assistance: A 50% scholarship is available, provided those requesting assistance do so from their sending church before requesting a scholarship from M.E.N.D. We are glad to speak to your sending church/pastor with you.

Additional Notes:

1. Participants are requested to attend the complete Missionary Enrichment and Debriefing.
2. We do not schedule anything for Wednesday evening, allowing for those who desire to do so, to attend a local church.
3. M.E.N.D. is not about fields, sending churches, or sending agencies. Participants will not be asked about them.
4. We work diligently to maintain the confidentiality of those participating in M.E.N.D. We will not share the identity of participants with anyone. Furthermore, participants are welcome to adopt a pseudonym to use during M.E.N.D.
5. No individuals, couples, or entities benefit financially from M.E.N.D. other than whoever provides the accommodations and meals.
6. We recognize the importance of mission philosophy. However, mission philosophy discussion or debate is not part of M.E.N.D.
7. The doctrinal statement of Chris and Nancy Luppino is available on request. Our doctrine would reflect that of Independent Baptists. However, the purpose of M.E.N.D. is not to debate or discuss doctrine.
8. The goal of M.E.N.D. is to help missionaries develop resilience and to have a long-term ministry on the field.
9. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis (including deposit).

10. Dietary restrictions should be discussed directly with Elijah's Harbor before a registration is made, and the deposit is paid, to ensure they can be accommodated.
11. The Elijah's Harbor suites are located in a lovely mansion. They ask that people remove their shoes when they enter the mansion. You may want to bring a pair of slippers/house shoes with you.
12. There is no dress code for Elijah's Harbor other than asking for modesty. It can be cold in the mountains of East Tennessee. You will likely want to have a sweatshirt or sweater with you.

Questions: Please get in touch with Chris Luppino with any questions or to request additional information.

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