

WORLD GOSPEL MISSION INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

Honduras Work/Ministry Team

February 9-21, 2012

We want to challenge you with an opportunity of ministry in Honduras. The Lord has rich experiences in store for you, as well as people He wants you to touch with His love! Please read the information in this bulletin to prepare for your trip.

HONDURAS AT A GLANCE:

- The population of Honduras is almost 7.2 million. It is approximately the size of the state of Ohio.
- About 64 percent of the population is Roman Catholic, with the Protestant population estimated conservatively at 36 percent.
- The climate of Honduras is characterized by a dry season January through April and a rainy season May through December. Honduras has a subtropical climate in the lowlands with a temperate climate in the mountains.
- WGM entered Honduras in the mid 1940's.
- WGM's main ministries in Honduras include church planting, evangelism, community development, leadership training, education, medical, and children's/youth work.
- Currently, WGM missionaries are located in Tegucigalpa, Catacamas, Choluteca, La Esperanza, and on the island of Roatan.

DOCUMENTS:

- A passport is required for Honduras. The passport application should be filed as soon as possible at your local post office or courthouse. Verify that your passport is valid six months past your return date. A visa will be issued upon your arrival in Honduras, which is a yellow paper stapled into your passport. A copy of your passport must be on file in our office—please send as soon as possible.
- Enclosed are an Application, Field Travel Agreement, and Background Check consent. Please read, sign, and return to your team leader or to the WGM office.

COST:

The **estimated** price for this trip is \$2,100 per person which includes airfare, food, lodging, and travel in Honduras, and insurance. The final budget will be determined when tickets are purchased. A tax-deductible receipt will be issued by WGM for any contributions provided for your trip. Cancellation after ticketing will require you to pay for the ticket and any penalties from the airline. Full payment should be in our hands one month prior to departure.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- It is strongly recommended that you get an up-to-date Tetanus inoculation. Hepatitis A and B are also recommended if you are traveling to do medical ministry. These should be completed a month prior to travel and recorded in a letter from the medical person who gave them, or in an International Certificate of Vaccination booklet, and the letter or booklet carried with you.
- You may be in a malaria-infected area in Honduras. It is recommended that you take a preventative medicine for your own protection. Your doctor can prescribe this for you.

CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS:

- For current weather conditions, you may view several websites, such as www.weather.com.
- Climate: night temperatures in the 70's; day temperatures around 80-85.
- Be careful not to over pack with clothing since the baggage allowance is 50 pounds. (Laundry facilities are available)
- You may wish to take clothes that can be left on the field.
- Men:

- ✎ For casual wear: two pair of slacks, two dress shirts, two sport shirts
- ✎ For work: two pair of pants (these may be jeans) and three shirts
- ✎ Footwear: one pair of dress shoes, one for work, and a casual pair

Women:

- ✎ For casual wear: two pair of pants, two skirts/dresses, one nice dress for church
- ✎ For work: two pair of pants (jeans or capris) and three shirts
- ✎ Footwear: one pair of dress shoes, one for work, and a casual pair

Reminders:

- ✎ All dresses/skirts, shirts, and pants should be modestly cut
- ✎ Tight-fitting clothes are not acceptable attire for any part of the trip
- ✎ **No** shirts or pants should be worn which allow midriff – stomach or back – to show

*Shorts may be worn in sports settings, but you should always check with your missionary hosts first.

*Women are allowed to wear small earrings, but no other visible piercings. Men are not allowed any visible piercings. All tattoos must be completely covered at all times.

RULES:

No smoking, and no use of any tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or addictive drugs are permitted.

Please don't bring playing cards (face cards); cross culturally these are considered gambling tools, and can hinder your ministry among the people of Honduras.

PROJECT:

You will work with WGM missionaries, Larry and Angie Overholt, in Choluteca.

CHECKLIST:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Any medication you need | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterless skin sanitizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible, pen, paper |

MONEY:

It is suggested that you carry at least \$100 in cash for purchasing souvenirs and personal items. Any purchases above \$400 are subject to U.S. Customs duty.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Leave credit cards at home with the exception of one. You may want to notify your credit card company of your overseas travels if you plan to use your card during this trip. Calling cards are not accepted, but there are Vonage phones and internet available at a minimal cost if you need to contact people back home.
- Ladies should carry a purse with a clasp and men should carry their wallet in a front pocket or under their clothing for safety against theft.
- If you have more than one bag, you will pay for each additional one. Place a change of clothes, medication, and toiletries in your carry-on in case your luggage is detained.

INSURANCE:

Included in the cost is an insurance coverage which goes into effect after your primary insurance has been billed. Brotherhood Mutual covers accidental injury, sickness, accidental death, dismemberment, emergency medical evacuation, plus foreign travel assistance such as foreign legal access, emergency family travel arrangement assistance, and political evacuation. Please note that these are only covered under ministry-related accidents.

ADDRESS:

If you need to be reached quickly in case of emergency, the World Gospel Mission home office should be contacted at:

*3783 State Road 18 East (PO Box 948)
Marion, IN 46952
(765) 664-7331*

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION:

Just as preparing for the logistical details of this trip is important, you should also prepare your heart to be spiritually ready! No matter what the project is, you are going as Christ's ambassador to make a difference in the lives of others. The impact you make will go far beyond the project you work on.

- Start by praying that God would prepare the hearts of the people you'll have opportunity to touch with His love.
- Ask at least two people to commit to praying for you during your preparation for the trip and while you are there. Keep them up to date as to your needs before you go.
- Read Romans 10:8-15.

The Final Bulletin will be sent prior to departure. This will include your flight schedules, airline tickets, and other final information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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