

Work Teams

for

Jamaica Christian Services, Inc.

Plans

Work Team Ideas

10-23-2007

Summer Camps:

In cooperation with **Jamaica Christian Mission.**

Teachers
Nurses
Counselors
Cooks
Dining Room Help
Arts and Crafts
Nursery Helpers
Talent Counselors
Sports
Music

Medical:

Doctors
Nurses
Medical Distribution
Clinics

Retreats:

Teaching
Special Classes
Musical
Medical
Men's
Women's
Singles
Couples

Bible College:

Bible Teachers
Computer Instructors
Christian Education Instructors
Music Instructors (vocal & instrumental)
Computer Correspondence Courses on line

VBS:

Coordinators
Teachers
Helpers

Evangelistic Meetings:

Preachers
Musical

Church Construction:

All phases of construction
in cooperation with **Caribbean Christian Construction** as project supervisors.

Emergency Teams:

All categories:
Hurricane relief
Medical Clinics

Prayer Needs

Personal Prayer Needs

1-9-2004

At JCS

We at the Jamaica Christian Services, Inc. are delighted that you are considering a trip to Jamaica and to be part of the wonderful work of Jamaica Christian Services & Jamaica Bible Seminary Ltd.. We have put together a prayer list for you to use as a guide as you prepare for Kingdom work on the island of Jamaica.

Select prayer partners who are willing to pray for you during your trip to Jamaica.

PRAYER LIST

1. Pray daily about your trip.
2. Pray for safety in traveling.
3. Pray for your love and understanding of a different culture.
4. Pray for your relationship with other team members, if traveling in a group.
5. Pray for safety while working in a foreign country.
6. Pray for effectiveness in all your efforts as you share the love of Christ with the Jamaican people.

We, at the Jamaica Christian Services, will also pray that your trip will be a blessing to you and to the people in Jamaica. To God be the glory.



Jamaican Immigration

Cards and Customs

6-17-2011

Immigration Card:

On the flight to Jamaica you will receive an immigration card. This card must be completed correctly.. The purpose of travel - "Visiting the Jamaica Churches of Christ". Your team leader will supply you with the address of the church where you will be staying. The telephone number is 876-842-2203. (Cassandra's cell) Please put the exact date of the returning flight that you have scheduled.

Immigration and Customs:

It is important to be on your best behavior while in Immigration and Customs. Do not joke or tease about anything. Drugs and weapons should never be mentioned. You are a guest in a different country and culture. Answer questions when asked, otherwise be silent.

Be sure to go through the "Nothing to Declare" line, in the Customs Building.

If asked, you should say, "I am visiting Jamaica Churches of Christ. I have personal effects and a few gifts to be given to children."

Items to take to Jamaica:

A Christ like attitude, Bible, journal and pens (if you want to keep a journal), camera, and extra batteries for your camera, one set of twin sheets and pillowcase, one used bath towel and wash cloth, toothbrush and toiletries, work gloves, and work boots (if needed), hat, and sunglasses, a lightweight rain coat or poncho, insect spray for mosquitos, and Immodium AD or other medication, sunblock SPF 30 minimum, spending money, approx. \$100 for souvenirs, snacks, and extras.

Be sure to take medicine and vitamins you take regularly (take some extra in case of a delay) as these items may not be available in Jamaica.

No fruits, vegetables, fireworks or weapons may be brought into the country, not even a water pistol. Bring a smile.

Flexibility

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Key Word

‘Flexibility’ is a key word for missionaries. Many times on the mission field things do not go as planned. Therefore we must be tolerant and patient. Varying circumstances may arise which change day to day plans or even an entire work project. It would be good to memorize the following:

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4: 11 - 13

Devotions:

Devotions is a time that you will enjoy with your group. Please plan a daily devotion with someone from your group. The Jamaicans will join you in the evening for a time of singing and sharing. This will be a memorable highlight of your trip.

This is a good time to ask questions about life in Jamaica.

Travel Information

What you need to travel

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Passport as of

Jan. 1, 2006

It is now required by the Dept. Of Homeland Security that you apply for a U.S. Passport. An application can be obtained at your local post office, or county clerk's office.(This should be done at least 8 weeks in advance, preferably 12).

Luggage:

You may carry one 50 lbs. piece of checked luggage and one carry-on bag (35 lbs.). Not one pound over or there will be serious baggage fees up to \$60.

Be sure your carry-on luggage is used for all medicines, a change of

clothes, toilet articles, lesson materials, etc., in case your luggage is delayed.

Cardboard boxes are not acceptable during parts of the year, including summer.

All of your luggage should be unlocked therefore carry all valuables in your carry-on.

It is advisable to use suitcases large enough to be compactly packed so that items are not damaged. Overly large suitcases can cause a storage problem on the work site.

Location

Where you'll be staying

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Address:

On the night of arrival and on the night prior to departure we will be staying at:

Hotel Gloriana
1 Sunset Blvd.
Montego Bay, Jamaica
Phone: 876-979-0698

Jamaican cell phone for Cassandra Geringswald will be available for team use: 1-876-842-2203.

You may use personal cell phones if you have international calling. Cassandra's phone will have plenty of minutes for all to use.

We will be staying at the churches where we are working.

Emergency contact church is Mineral Heights Church of Christ at Mineral Heights, phone 1-876-902-0043 or email rsrscott@hotmail.com

Mail often takes 2 -3 weeks from the U.S. to Jamaica, therefore you will not be able to receive mail from home. .

Emergency Numbers

Jamaica Bible Seminary 876-925-2803

DSL Vonage direct to Kingston Campus: 1-614-543-0491

Due to weather conditions, or the time of year the telephone lines in Jamaica may or may not be in service.

Our 2nd campus is in Mandeville at the Mandeville Church of Christ
7 N. Crescent St.
Mandeville, P.O. Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies.

When calling these numbers we ask that you let the phone ring many times.

Thank you.

Finances

Raising Support

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A Worthwhile Trip:

Meals away from the church grounds are at your expense. We provide three meals per day as a part of your daily cost.

TRIP COSTS:

Ministry teams expect **\$950** per person which includes air fare from Orlando, FL (MCO) or Atlanta, GA, housing, meals, and transportation in Jamaica. Prices subject to change with fuel surcharges and other cities of departure. Plan \$600 plus airfare per person from other locations.. **2nd week** of extended mission trip can be **\$125-\$200** depending on where we are going to be.

This also includes hotel expense for the day of arrival and departure.

Travel, Health & Life Insurance is included to you as a short term missionary up to age 50, a surcharge will be added for over 50 yrs., as the cost doubles for 50 to 70 years. Sightseeing and souvenir shopping are extra.



Clothes to bring

Clothes

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Church Services:

Please bring 1 set of dressy clothes & shoes for special occasions.

Men - Suit, dress shirt & tie, long pants for church.

Young men - Dress shirt & long pants.

Women.....Modest dress, blouses, (no mid drifts, no spaghetti straps) skirts and dresses.

In respect to the Jamaican cultural customs married women should wear a hat or scarf, when attending country churches. (not necessary in tourist areas or for young women).

Work teams:

Men - Jeans, cool slacks, sport shirts
Sports - Knee length shorts & t-shirts,
Christian sport shirt

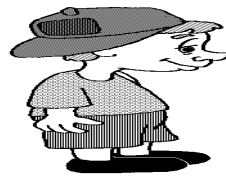
Women - Slacks, skirts & blouses, jeans, knee length shorts for sports, modest comfortable clothing. One piece swim suits.

Retreats:

Men - Jeans, cool slacks, sport shirts

Women - Modest dress, jeans, blouses, skirts, or capri's.

Bring an air mattress and pump. Bring sheets to fit your air mattress and a couple of towels and wash cloths. Laundry will be done by team members so pack for 4-5 days.



For teams traveling in the early spring or late fall, you may want to bring a light jacket or sweater and light blanket, especially at night in the mountainous areas of Top Hill and Mandeville.

When entering the island as a group, it is necessary to wear your Jamaica Christian Services T-shirts to get through Customs quickly. These will be provided for you by JCS. I need T-shirt Size with Application for Team Logo T-Shirts.

NEED T-SHIRT SIZE WITH APPLICATION FOR TEAM LOGO T-SHIRTS

APPLICATIONS

Fund Raising

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8 MONTH NOTICE:

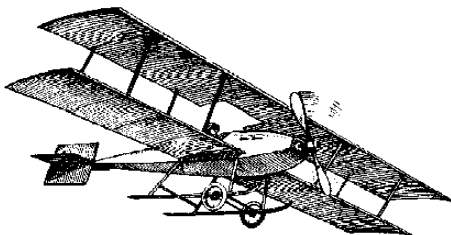
Completed application and an eight month notice must be given with a non-refundable \$25 deposit and \$100 ticket reserve fee by Dec. 31 of the year prior to the trip. The first 50% is due by Mar. 1st. and the remaining 50% is due by June 1st.

These steps are essential to ensure you and your group the dates and times that are best for you and gives us a chance to plan the team projects and needs. Once tickets are purchased they are non-refundable, non-transferable, but can be used for future travel within a year with penalty.

Fund Raising:

In addition to personal resources, you may elect to help finance your trip through fund-raising contacts with Christian friends, Bible School Classes, Church Missions Ministries, etc. This method of paying for your trip places you in the 'real world' of missionaries as you experience both joys and challenges of 'raising support'. It also allows others, who cannot go to the mission field, an opportunity to participate by sending another person in their place.

Jamaica Christian Services, Inc. is recognized by the U.S. Government as a 501 (c) (3) which means that your trip can be tax deductible.



Checks:

Make checks payable to Jamaica Christian Services, Inc. .

Send to:

M/M Richard J. Geringswald
Jamaica Bible Seminary
5709 La Serena Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33809-4262

Phone 863-859-2984
or 863-967-0049

Applications:

There are two forms included that must be filled out by each individual coming to Jamaica. One is an individual application and health form. The other is a permission and release form. This should be signed by someone in your family or your minister. These are very important!

VBS Dates: Each year we go the 3rd or 4th week of June, the 4th week of July and the 1st week



of August, due to their school and camp schedules.

Health

Important Tips

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Inoculations:

No special inoculations are required by the Department of Health for traveling to Jamaica. Work teams should be current with their tetanus shots. We ask that you be updated before departure. Please check with your primary care physician to be sure that you have all the necessary inoculations that they feel is necessary for your health.

Medical Attention:

We will have an emergency medical kit at the mission or church for minor injuries or problems. For more serious concerns there are medical facilities and doctors available. Please bring your medical cards and information with you.

Special Health Concerns:

If you have a health condition which we should know about, please be sure to list that

information on your application. Note if special diet is needed, such as diabetic.

Water:

The water is safe to drink at the mission. In areas that it is not safe we will take portable water with us. Sometimes our bodies react to a change in drinking water. It is best to have Immodium available if this should occur.

Application for Jamaica Christian Services, Inc. Work Trip
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Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Home Church _____

Beneficiary for Insurance purposes: _____

Email (please print clearly): _____

Passport Number: _____

Birthdate: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Please list any special skills or abilities you have such as: teaching, preaching, music, drama, cooking, construction (specify), medical (specify) or any other.

Health Information

List any medications or foods to which you are allergic _____

List medications taken on a regular basis _____

List any health problems _____

Blood type: _____

Name and address and phone number(s) of someone to be contacted in the event of an emergency. _____

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN WITH DEPOSIT!!!

Specify Weeks Available: June 3rd week () June 4th week ()
July 4th week () August 1st week () (12)

PERMISSION FORM

Permission and Release Information

10-23-07

Recommended by:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Home Church _____

Signature _____

Minister

Signature

Date

PERMISSION AND RELEASE INFORMATION:

"I _____, certify that I am willing, prepared, and physically fit to travel and to participate in a work project with Jamaica Christian Services. I agree to abide by the rules and follow all instructions as noted throughout this pamphlet.

My trip sponsors, or someone from Jamaica Christian Services has my permission to take me to a doctor or hospital for medical treatment, hospitalization, or for emergency surgery should the need arise.

If it is necessary for me to return home early (due to personal, medical or disciplinary reasons) I will assume total responsibility for any additional costs.

Signature

Date

Please send this application with 50% of total trip expense as soon as possible (at least three months in advance). Upon receipt of your application and deposit you will receive more detailed information regarding your mission trip to Jamaica. If you have any questions Call Richard or Cassandra Geringswald: hm. 863-859-2984 or wk. 863-967-0049.

Send funds to:

Jamaica Christian Services, Inc.

c/o Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Geringswald

5709 La Serena Ave.

Lakeland, FL 33809

Thank you. We look forward to working with you and your group.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian if under 18 years of age.

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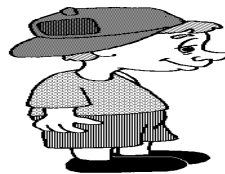
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Rules!!!

Rules, Rules, Rules

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Rules:

Use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs are prohibited on the entire trip.

Leave your valuables at home. (jewelry, etc.) Earrings for men are not part of the Jamaican Christian culture.

Please do not bring clothing with suggestive phrases/pictures or that have beer or tobacco ads.

No radios or tape players. (We will have a tape player for the group's enjoyment and you may bring Christian tapes/CDs.)

Do not bring weapons or hunting knife/switchblade. Pocket knives are OK, but must be put in your check-in luggage.

Do not check in luggage for a stranger or carry a stranger's items/luggage in any airport or onto a plane.

Keep a close eye on your carry-on luggage at all times.

Do not make change for strangers at any airport.

When filling out a custom form on the way back to the U.S., do not say you have been on a farm.

Be wary of taxi cab drivers. They may end up to be kidnappers and robbers in disguise. Use reputable main name companies like Juta, etc.

Always notify the group leader when you are going away from the main group and never go by yourself.

Photography: Always ask permission when taking pictures of individuals. Some may not want to be photographed. Use discretion when taking pictures in a populated area.

Public displays of affection are not permitted for married or single people.

Fellowship between sexes is limited to public rooms/places.

Exemplary Christian conduct is expected.

Extra tid bits:

You should be prepared to pay \$1.00 U.S. per suitcase or duffel you are carrying as a tip to the skycaps when you get to Jamaica. Don't be stingy!

Do not bring expensive jewelry.

If you bring a treat for children bring hard candy or crayons, coloring books, little toys, pencils or small inexpensive items that would catch the eye of a child.

The J.C.S. Management team has the right to ask anyone to leave if their conduct is not in accordance with Christian principle.