

WHAT TO BRING ON THE MISSIONS TRIP: EL SALVADOR 2017

- **Climate:** The temperature varies little, upper 60's to about 70 at night and mid-80's to mid-90's at the extreme part of the day.
- **Dress:** The culture of Central America is more conservative than that in many churches in North America. Shorts are generally not accepted except as athletic attire, at the beach, or as pajamas. Earrings, piercings, and extreme hairstyles on men are not acceptable in Central America. Men do not wear their hair to their shoulders. **DO NOT BRING EXPENSIVE OR SENTIMENTAL JEWELRY OR EXPENSIVE WATCHES.**
- **DO NOT BRING** cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, anything unbecoming of a Christian.
- **ALL STUDENTS:** **NO "electronic** narcotics" are allowed – cell phones, MP3 players, games, etc. You can bring a camera whether electric or disposable. **You will not use the phones of the adult sponsors as well.** Parents will have the phone numbers of the adults in case of emergency. So you may want to bring a book or something to do for long rides if you get bored easy (bus, plane, etc)

What you MUST bring:

- **A heart ready to serve** and be used by the Lord. Ministry will begin within hours of your arrival in El Salvador - pray
- **YOUR BIBLE**
- A valid passport: **STUDENTS, TURN IN TO MR. MITCHELL'S OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**
- A lightly packed suitcase you can carry. Extra large suitcases may take up too much space on the bus. **(YOU have a 50 lb limit with the airline – go to American Airlines site for more information)**

Clothing:

- MEN ON A MINISTRY DAY:** Wear slacks or blue jeans, and ministry T-shirts. No piercings.
- LADIES ON A MINISTRY DAY:** Wear skirts below the knee length and ministry T-shirts. **Bike shorts are recommended under the ladies' skirts for modesty during the active mimes and dramas.** Do not bring dresses since they will be too hot with T-shirts over them. No skorts or capris for ministry. No piercings other than earrings.
- You will only need a couple of your own outfits for travel, free day, and for training day. The other days will be in ministry shirts that they wash each day. No laundry facilities available except for the ministry T-shirts. Slacks, jeans and modest shorts may be worn at camp or on your free day.
- Tennis shoes for ministry and for walking. Sandals are cooler, but they become quite uncomfortable on long walks in gravel or on rough terrain and are unsafe for ministry – should only be worn on campus. You'll be doing lots of jumping around!
- Modest swimsuit (one-piece or modest tankini with shorts for ladies; no bikinis for guys). A cover-up to/from the lake or beach is necessary for guys and girls.

Miscellaneous:

- A water bottle/jug/mug with a lid.** Clean drinking water is available, but we ask everyone to have his/her own bottle full when we leave base. Refills during the day are available from the 5 gallon containers on the bus; water coolers in rooms. Make sure your name is on it.
- BUG SPRAY with DEET
- Travel size personal toiletry items: include all small size sanitizer, wet wipes, soap, shampoo, pocket size toilet paper, etc;
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Two towels/wash-cloths.
- Pillow for sleeping. Fitted sheet for bed is optional

Items we bring for the outreach that we will give to King's Castle when we arrive and after we unpack:

- 1 small container of powdered Gatorade per person (to make 2 ½ gal. for the team to use). Bring on your suitcase
- Bring several bags of hard candy for giving out to children. (Hard candy, not candy that can melt)
- **TOYS ARE NEEDED – SMALL TOYS:** (need to be packed in your suitcase also; many of these can be purchased at the Dollar Store)

For Girls: Small stuffed animals, Beanie baby toys, small bottles of bubbles, crayons & coloring books, jump ropes, balloons

For Boys: Soccer balls (deflated) match-box sized cars/trucks/planes/boats, yo-yo's, tops, tennis balls, basketballs, Nerf balls, toy instruments, McDonalds style toys that are not scary monsters, etc.

Items for spectacle evangelism to play with the children before programs: Face paint, Neon light sticks, bells, whistles, jump-ropes (for individuals and group jumps), all kinds of balls, large ropes for tug-or-war, Frisbees, etc., Velcro dart boards, Nerf basketball hoops, plastic baseball bats & plastic balls —just about any outdoor game you could play with children at a school carnival. Unlimited need.

□ Cash for: (should have smaller bills the entire time - \$1's, \$5's and \$10's)

- **MUST HAVE:** food in the airport April 6; McDonalds April 12 on the way home
- **OPTIONAL:** souvenirs at the market on the free day (as your budget allows)
- **OPTIONAL:** snacks and sodas during the week at snack shack. (Nothing larger than a \$20 bill is accepted in stores there)
- **VERY IMPORTANT - OFFERING:** The last night, King's Castle will take an offering for their workers that help us all week. This is a great way to give back. Pray about what you can do, place it in an envelope marked "offering" and give it to your student to hold onto until the last night. (Checks payable to Don Triplett)

Suggested items:

- NOT WISE TO BRING EXPENSIVE OR SENTIMENTAL JEWELRY OR EXPENSIVE WATCHES
- small battery operated fan
- Earplugs to block rooster noises and snorers.
- A fanny pack instead of a purse for the ladies helps keep your belongings visible and safe