

Things You Want To Know



Amazon Outreach

LEADER HANDBOOK

Until All Have Heard





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WHO ARE WE AND HOW DO WE FIT IN

Amazon Outreach partners with churches on the Amazon River that are currently involved in evangelizing the people in the Amazon River basin. The pastors and missionaries proceed us, follow us, and have a good knowledge of the people and the culture. We are dealing with three cultures in our ministry: the American culture, the Brazilian culture, and the Village culture. We do not want to change their cultures but to work in harmony. The Brazilian churches we partner with have developed their mission strategies to reach the remote villages of the Amazon, and our most important job is to help build relationships with these villagers and break down barriers so we can open doors for the gospel. We must remember, first and foremost, that we are in Brazil to serve God and the Brazilian leaders.



TRIP COSTS



▶ What is the cost

Your trip price will vary based on airfare. The base price is 1770 + airfare. This covers airfare, food, lodging, transportation, medical/life travel insurance, and laundry. It does not cover personal items such as passports, visas, vaccines, airport meals, or tips.

▶ Let them know up front

All of the estimated trip costs. Use the document POTENTIAL TRIP EXPENSES found in MM under RESOURCES/IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION.

▶ Don't forget

Make the information available to trip members who join the trip after the Information Meeting.

▶ Can we use credit cards

American \$ dollars and credit cards are accepted at the souvenir places we visit; at the airports and at hotels, credit cards are accepted, but many times, American \$ dollars will not be. Before you leave, make sure you call your cc company to let them know you will be traveling internationally.”

HELPFUL HINTS



- If possible, get to know each team member before the trip.
- Plan meaningful devotional and worship times.
- Choose Ministry Captains



- Go over all rules, expectations, and essential items with your team before the trip.
- Every effort should be made to have a medical doctor, nurse, and dentist on your team.



- If a disagreement arises, handle it immediately. Take all concerns, go to a private area, and discuss the problem. Don't assume it will go away. You can't afford to let this affect the mission of the trip.

KEEP THE BOAT AFLOAT



- There are two main ministry closets. The left closet on the main floor is for VBS. The right closet is for Eyeglasses, Evangelism, and Men/ Women's Ministry.



- Inventory/Clean-up is a must on every trip.
- Keep closets clean and organized.
- If you have leftover crafts, you can give them to a village school teacher or local missionary.



- Pharmacy – The medical team can help get the right amount of meds back on the shelves and appropriately arranged for the next trip.

THINGS TO REMEMBER



- If you have been on a trip before, your next trip will be different than the last one.
- The ministries are the key to opening doors for the gospel message.
- Most of the time your plans change when you arrive at the village.
- Our job is to follow the lead of the Brazilian leaders and not to go with our planned agenda.



- Brazilians are incredibly relational people and would prefer a casual conversation to a “planned program”. Talk to the people and let them respond! Getting to know them is one of the best parts of this ministry.
- Brazilians rarely consider time important. Remember, we are not there to change their culture but to serve them. Be flexible! Look for where God is working and go there! Expect the unexpected!



PRAYER AND FLEXIBILITY

In EVERY contact with trip members (meetings, emails, telephone calls, etc.), remind them the 2 KEY components of a trip are PRAYER and FLEXIBILITY. Keep FLEXIBILITY at the forefront of your trip members' minds for the months leading up to the trip. The flexibility required for these mission trips is one of the hardest areas for many Americans. Americans are accustomed to and geared toward schedules and deadlines and being on time and agendas. Brazilian culture is the EXACT OPPOSITE of our American culture. The enemy is WELL aware of this fact and will USE this to weaken your team. You can disempower him in this area by reminding your team about these differences and begin praying diligently about following the Holy Spirit's lead.





SO MANY THINGS TO PRAY FOR

PRAYER:

- Provide your team with **SPECIFIC** things to pray for. (different aspects of the trip)?
- You can use the **40 DAYS OF PRAYER GUIDE** in MM under **RESOURCES/IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION**.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION REGARDING FLEXIBILITY:

- “Brazilian time” - encourage them to leave their watches at home;
- Airport delays – God’s timing for this trip might include a 10-hour delay in airports, a rerouting of the plane, etc.
- Which ministry team will they serve on - remind them this is **GOD’S** trip, and He may want to use them on a ministry team where they don’t feel “comfortable.”
- Lost luggage – God knows what every trip member needs and He will provide it even if their luggage and/or carry-on bags don’t make it to Manaus when they do.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE



- “What does spiritual warfare have to do with trip administration?” The administrative piece of the trip is an area where the enemy frequently attacks. For many trip members, the warfare will begin the moment they decide to go on the trip and will continue throughout the trip preparation time.
- Consider making “Spiritual Warfare” a topic of discussion at an early trip meeting. You’re not trying to scare the trip members, but simply making them aware of some of the enemy’s “proven” antics will help them to recognize these attacks when they occur.
- Don’t think that you are not susceptible to the enemy’s attacks. Essentially, you are part of the leadership, and what better way to get to the team than to attack its leadership? Be cautious not to over-emphasize or under-emphasize spiritual warfare. The Bible instructs us in Ephesians 6 to, “Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” We are to rely on God’s power, not our own.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS



▶ Do you have email templates

You will find email templates in your Managed Missions account. There will be templates for inviting a team member as well as several email templates for getting your team prepared for ministry along the Amazon

▶ What if I forget something

You will have detailed Leader Information available to you in your Managed Missions account under RESOURCES.

▶ Are there safety rules

Detailed safety measures are in Managed Missions under RESOURCES/ EMERGENCY LEADER PROTOCOLS. Printing these so they can be read on the plane is a good idea. A few others are on page 12 of this handbook

▶ Always remember

The Boat Captain is always in charge. Not the trip leader, the Amazon Outreach employee, or a volunteer. The Captain is the final word on the boat.

KEEPING YOU SAFE

- Never swim, dive, or go out in a speed boat or canoe without the permission of the Captain.
- Never remove tables, chairs, or any boating equipment without the permission of the Captain.
- There is no running on the boat decks. These decks can be incredibly slick.
- Please be very careful not to get water on the decks and please clean up any spills.
- Be extremely careful with bug repellent, sunblock, and other sprays. They make the deck very slick.
- If someone is hurt or sick to a point where the Captain or a medical doctor says they need to be evacuated, the Captain will call “Wings of Help” for a plane.
- Never sit on the railing while the boat is underway.
- Never shower on the back “Shower Porch” alone while the boat is underway.
- The following areas are completely off-limits to everyone except those listed.
 - Engine Room and any area in the Hold – Crew only
 - Pharmacy and Surgery Room – Approved medical personnel only
 - Supply Room on Second Deck – Crew and Trip Leader Only
 - Pilot House – Do not enter this room and do not block the vision of the Pilot.
 - Kitchen - Kitchen Crew only. If you need something out of the Kitchen, please ask.



WHERE DO I FIND THE ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS

The answers to most questions can be found on the website, in your Managed Missions account under RESOURCES, or in the Mission Handbook. The AO staff will gladly assist you with any questions you may have.

TEAM TRAINING WILL...

- Provide detailed information
- Provide you with “best practices”
- Include both you and your team

WHEN IS TEAM TRAINING

Team training will be available in the Spring and Fall .

