

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY SUMMARIES

Ministry Captains are veteran leaders to call them for more information

## Children's Ministry Captain

Phyllis Woodward( 214)274-0594 or Priscila Fernandez (817)889- 4063

VBS is typically done in two sessions in the same village from 9 am-12 pm & 2pm-5 pm. You will need at least two lessons and crafts per village

1. Review the VBS handbook on the website under RESOURCES and discuss possible lessons to teach with the team.
2. Plan approximately 5-6 lessons, skits, and crafts for VBS
3. Prepare crafts in advance as much as possible (cutting, sorting, hole punching, etc).
4. Put in Ziplock bags in packs of 25 and label "25" on the bag.
5. Laminate the stories and lessons you bring or keep them in a Ziploc due to the humidity.
6. When packing VBS supplies, pack them in a hard suitcase to prevent wrinkling.
7. Record the # of children served in each village. At the end of the trip, you will need to transfer the data to the Village Tracking document.
8. At the end of the trip, complete an inventory of VBS supplies and leave them organized and neat. Take leftover crafts back home or donate them to the village teacher.

Keep a general record of the number of children at VBS. At the end of the trip, you will need to share this with your lead translator.

## Medical Captain

Dr. Kay Carter at 936-635-0950 or Dr. Kevin Hudson (936) 635-0767

1. A full pharmacy will be provided on the boat, but we welcome donations.
2. For pharmacy donations, see our "Pharmacy Overview", and "Formulary with Dosages" under "Resources" and click "Important Team Information."
3. For Over the Counter donations and quantities, see "Village Supplies Collection List" in the medical section (on our website, under "Resources", then click "Important Trip Info" )
4. Have the pharmacy formulary on your phone, or bring printed copies
5. Locate the triage and emergency kit in the boat pharmacy
6. There will be no labs or diagnostic equipment available, so diagnose and treat as best as you can within the limits of the context
7. There should be a Brazilian doctor to help with situations where you're unsure of a diagnosis
8. Work with the Trip Leader to ensure a good flow for villagers through these four ministries: 1. Triage with kit 2. Doctor Area with formulary available 3. Pharmacy (set up by Pharmacy captain). 4. Eyeglasses
9. Report the number of patients seen each day to the Lead Translator
10. Restock pharmacy totes at the end of each day and leave them full at the end of the trip
11. Take pharmacy inventory at the end of our trip and give it to the Lead Translator
12. Record # of patients treated and any special needs. At the end of the trip, you will need to transfer the data to the Village Tracking document.

## Pharmacy Captain

David Keener 941-779-5635

( Not all teams will have a Medical Captain and a Pharmacy captain. The duties are similar.)

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3. For Over the Counter donations and quantities, see “Village Supplies Collection List” in the medical section.
4. Pharmacy is off-limits for everyone working on the medical team
5. Organized pharmacy donations in the boat pharmacy
6. Set up pharmacy tote system in villages
7. Train others to fill positions
8. Help take inventory at the end of the trip and communicate needs

### **Dental Captain**

Fred Pietsch 214-693-1739

1. Coordinate the dental team (shifts, setting up on-site).
2. Record # of patients and any special needs. At the end of the trip, you will need to transfer the data to the Village Tracking document.

### **Eyeglasses Captain**

Don Holmes 972-259-0395

1. Eyeglasses will be on the boat and should be packed in two suitcases, ready to take to the village.
2. Make sure eye charts and Bibles are in the eyeglass suitcases.
3. Use Bibles as eye charts if no eye charts are available
4. Each day, set up on-site, see patients, give eye tests for reading, and give out glasses and Bibles as needed.
5. Many children only want a pair of glasses, so only see children under 12 accompanied by a parent.
6. Make sure to let the villagers understand these are readers (close-up vision only), and wearing them for long-distance vision harms their eyes.
7. Only give out sunglasses to fishermen or direct them to the afternoon “Men’s Ministry” (first confirm they will be provided in the men’s ministry gift bags)
8. Keep a record of the number of eyeglasses given each day. At the end of the trip, you will need to transfer the data to the Lead Translator.
9. Refill eyeglass containers after each day of ministry
10. Organize the eyeglass closet at the end of the trip and let the Lead Translator know of any empty containers needing to be refilled

### **Evangelism Captain**

Steve Trammell 903 530-2167

1. Please review the Evangelism handbook on our website's “Resource” page and coordinate evangelism training for the team before you leave.
2. Ask the missionary if there are specific visits they would like the team to make
3. Use “Word of Mouth” to make villages aware of the current ministries happening in the village and the afternoon “Men’s and Women’s” ministries
4. If the team has gift bags, let them know the specific items that will be given (fishing line, sunglasses, caps, etc...).
5. Clarify the gift bags are only for those attending the ministry since there will not be enough for the whole village
6. Ideally, break the evangelism team into groups of three Americans, one translator, and one missionary. Also, mix teams with males and females if possible
7. Before each visit, assign each team a role on the visit (Icebreaker, Testimony, and Gospel)
8. If a team is capable, rotate roles with each visit
9. Bring Bibles and preferred evangelism materials
10. Record for the team member doing the Village Tracking, the:

- a. # of Bibles distributed
  - b. # Professions of faith.
11. Inform the missionary of any salvation for follow-up
  12. Inventory evangelical supplies at the end of the trip and list needs for the next trip.

### **Men's Ministry Captain**

Duane Maxwell 214-850-5820

1. Discuss needed topics for village men (marriage, alcoholism, parenting, discipleship) with your team.
2. Review ideas on how/what to teach and coordinate who will teach them (Ice breaker, personal testimonies, gospel presentation (Eball))
3. Record the number of men who participated and their professions of faith. At the end of the trip, you will need to transfer the data to the Village Tracking document.
4. If desired, bring fishing items (lines, hooks, lures) as a gift for each man at the end of the day.

### **Women's Ministry Captain**

Paige Pate 214-244-8111

1. Discuss needed topics for village women (marriage, health, hygiene, parenting) with your team.
2. Review ideas on how/what to teach and coordinate who will teach them.
3. Discuss the craft the women will do and what materials will be needed. Make sure materials are gathered and brought to the Packing Party.
4. If desired, bring items to give as gifts to each lady in the study (pot holders, sewing items, aprons, small soaps, dish towels, wooden spoons, etc.).
5. Record the number of women who attended and their professions of faith. At the end of the trip, you will need to transfer the data to the Village Tracking document.

### **Teen Ministry Captain**

Chad Pratt 479-619-9438

1. See "Teen Ministry Ideas" under "Important Team Information" on our website's "Resources" link [https://s3.amazonaws.com/account-media/30507/uploaded/t/0e17834010\\_1711306742\\_teen-ministry-lesson-plans.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/account-media/30507/uploaded/t/0e17834010_1711306742_teen-ministry-lesson-plans.pdf)

### **Family Photo Captain**

Belle Joyner 469-261-9520

1. Most families do not have printed family photos. This is a blessing that your team could provide to them.
2. We usually take pictures in the morning and print them at lunch unless you have a printer a portable battery that can be printed in the villages.
3. You will need a wireless Bluetooth portable printer with 150-200 sheets  
Here's one option (getting the portable battery is even better) [Amazon.com: Canon SELPHY CP1300 Compact Photo Printer Black + 2X KP-108IN Color Ink & Paper Set 216 Sheets Value Bundle with USB Cable + More Accessories Kit - International Version](https://www.amazon.com/Canon-SELPHY-CP1300-Compact-Photo-Printer-Black-2X-KP-108IN-Color-Ink-Paper-Set-216-Sheets-Value-Bundle-with-USB-Cable-More-Accessories-Kit-International-Version/dp/B078888888)
4. Download the printer app and test the printer before leaving the US
5. Some teams made foam frames.
6. This should only be done in smaller villages. Teams sometimes do this for just a few families. If someone sees you and asks, you can also take photos of them. We don't publicize it.
7. Take only "family photos". If not, it snowballs fast!

## **Historian**

1. Keep a daily log of cool stories shared at the end of each day.
2. Take photos or collect photos to correspond with God stories
3. Make short videos of ministry and boat life.

Please send these to [phyllisw@amazonoutreach.org](mailto:phyllisw@amazonoutreach.org).

## **Hair Cutting Captain**

1. Hair-cutting supplies are unusually in the ministry supply closet on the boat, but it's best to bring your own supplies (scissors, spray bottles, capes, battery-powered clippers)

## **Worship Captain**

Casey Rivers - [casey@bethelbible.com](mailto:casey@bethelbible.com)

1. Coordinate with the Brazilian worship team on the boat for worship during boat devotionals and village worship services.
2. Request an electronic copy of the AO Songbook
3. Feel free to make your playlist
4. Learn a simple worship song in Portuguese from Youtube
5. A guitar, keyboard, and drum are usually on the mission boat, but it is best to bring your own to be certain of having an instrument

## **Fundraising Captain**

1. Coordinate fundraising projects for the team.
2. Valuable fundraising ideas online.

## **Packing Captain for the Packing Party**

Mechiel Lake 214-477-4168

For the latest "Packing Party" details, go to the "Resource" page on our website and click on "Leader" resources and the "Last Minute Details and Emails."

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On the Boat: Making, Storing, and Distributing Men's and Women's Ministry Bags

1. Have the team unpack each checked bag and organize items into different categories (medical, dental, eyeglass, men's, women's, and children's supplies, etc.)
2. Create small men's or women's ministry bags with various items in small plastic bags.
3. Store men's, women's bags, and children's (optional) bags in the team's empty checked bags and label them with duct tape with the number and gender of the ministry bags
4. Select separate designated areas on the boat to store the suitcases/duffles containing the men's and women's/children's ministry bags.
5. Bring ministry bags to be distributed only to those attending men's and women's ministry.
6. Have a game plan for distribution (usually defer to the missionary)
7. Soccer balls should be separated and presented to the village apart from men's and women's ministries. Let the missionary know how many balls are available and where he would like to donate them.