

Things You Need To Know



Amazon Outreach

LEADER HANDBOOK

Until All Have Heard





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WHO ARE WE & HOW DO WE FIT IN?

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- Partnership: We partner with local churches, pastors, and missionaries along the Amazon River who understand the local cultures and communities.
 - Cultural Harmony: We respect and navigate three distinct cultures (American, Brazilian, and local village)—working in harmony rather than imposing change.
 - Our Mission: We support the outreach strategies of Brazilian churches by building relationships and removing barriers to open doors to share the Gospel.

Primary Purpose: Above all, we serve in Brazil to glorify God and support local pastors and churches.



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TRIP COSTS



What Is The Cost?

Your trip price will vary based on airfare. The base price is \$1850 + airfare. This covers food, lodging, transportation, medical/life travel insurance, and laundry. It does not cover personal items such as passports, visas, vaccines, airport meals, or tips.

Share Costs Early

Provide all estimated trip costs up front. Use the document 'POTENTIAL TRIP EXPENSES' found in MM under RESOURCES / IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION.

Important Reminder

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

Cash & Credit Cards

US dollars and credit cards are accepted at the souvenir shops we visit. Credit cards are accepted at airports and hotels, but US dollars are often not. Before you leave, be sure to notify your bank of your international travel plans.

HELPFUL HINTS



Team Preparation:

- Connect with each team member prior to departure.
- Plan meaningful devotional and worship times.
- Appoint designated Ministry Captains.



Expectations & Staffing:

- Review all rules, expectations, and packing lists pre-trip.
- Make every effort to recruit a medical doctor, nurse, or dentist for your team.



Conflict Resolution:

- Address disagreements immediately and in private.
- Do not assume conflicts will resolve themselves.
- Protect the mission by maintaining team unity.

KEEP THE BOAT AFLOAT



Main Floor Storage:

- Left Closet: VBS Supplies
- Right Closet: Eyeglasses, Evangelism & Men/Women's Ministry



Inventory & Clean-Up:

- Inventory and clean-up are mandatory for every trip.
- Keep all storage closets organized.
- Donate leftover craft supplies to local village teachers or missionaries.



Pharmacy Restocking:

- Restock medication quantities and organize shelves for the next team.
- Log and submit a list of supplies running low.

THINGS TO REMEMBER



- Expect Every Trip to Be Unique: No two trips are identical—embrace new dynamics.
- Follow Local Leadership: Support local Brazilian leaders rather than driving personal agendas.
- Stay Flexible: Village schedules and ministry plans frequently shift upon arrival.
- Focus on Outreach: Specialized ministries are designed to open doors for sharing the Gospel.
Prioritize Relationships: Brazilian culture values personal connection over rigid programming. Take time to listen, talk, and build relationships.
- Serve, Don't Change: We are here to serve local communities, not alter their culture.
- Expect the Unexpected: Remain flexible and attentive to where God is actively working.





PRAYER AND FLEXIBILITY

Two Non-Negotiables: Prayer & Flexibility. Continually emphasize these two priorities to your team in every meeting, email, and phone call.

- The Challenge: Americans thrive on schedules and deadlines, but Brazilian culture functions very differently.
- The Strategy: Cultural friction is a prime target for the enemy to weaken your team. Neutralize this risk by keeping flexibility top of mind and anchoring your preparation in diligent prayer and reliance on the Holy Spirit.



SO MANY THINGS TO PRAY FOR



PRAYER

- Prayer Focus: Provide team members with targeted prayer topics for each phase of the trip.
- Resource: Utilize the 40 Days of Prayer Guide (available in Managed Missions under Resources > Important Team Information).

FLEXIBILITY: TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- "Brazilian Time": Focus on relationships over rigid schedules and set realistic pace expectations.
- Airport Delays: Prepare for unexpected flight changes or long layovers; trust God's timing through delays.
- Ministry Assignments: Encourage flexibility if assigned to teams outside personal comfort zones.
- Lost Luggage: Remind the team that God knows their needs and will provide, even if luggage or carry-on bags don't arrive in Manaus on time.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE



Spiritual Warfare

- Recognize the Resistance: Administrative details and early prep are often primary targets. Address this early to help team members disarm standard tactics without generating fear.
- Protect Leadership: Leaders are primary targets—disrupting leadership is a key strategy to weaken a team.
- Stand Firm in Faith: Maintain a balanced biblical perspective. Rely on God's power and put on the full armor of God to stand firm (Ephesians 6).



ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS



▶ Do you have email templates?

Pre-written email templates (for team invitations and trip preparation) are available in your Managed Missions account.

▶ What if I forget something?

Detailed Leader Information and trip guidelines are located under Managed Missions > Resources.

▶ Are there safety rules?

Review safety measures under Managed Missions > Resources > Emergency Leader Protocols (we recommend printing a copy to read during travel). Additional guidelines are on Page 12.

▶ Who is in charge?

The Boat Captain is always in charge. Neither the trip leader, staff, nor volunteers override the Captain's authority while on the vessel.

KEEPING YOU SAFE

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Water & Vessel Safety

- Do not swim, dive, or board speedboats/canoes without the Captain's explicit permission.
- Never sit on boat railings or shower alone on the back "Shower Porch" while underway.
- Do not move tables, chairs, or boat equipment without permission.

Deck Safety

- No running on decks—surfaces become extremely slick when wet.
- Keep decks dry: clean up water spills immediately.
- Apply bug repellent, sunblock, and sprays carefully, as overspray makes decks dangerous.

Emergency Evacuation

- If injury or illness requires medical evacuation, the Captain will contact "Wings of Help" to dispatch an aircraft.

Restricted Areas (Authorized Personnel Only)

- Engine Room & Hold: Crew Only
- Pharmacy & Surgery Room: Approved Medical Personnel Only
- Second Deck Supply Room: Crew & Trip Leader Only
- Pilot House: Off-limits (do not block the Pilot's view)
- Kitchen: Kitchen Crew Only (please ask if you need an item)

WHERE DO I FIND THE ANSWERS TO MY QUESTIONS?

Most answers are available on our website under Resources. The Amazon Outreach staff is always happy to assist you.

WHEN IS TEAM TRAINING?

Sessions are offered every Spring and Fall.

TEAM TRAINING WILL:

- Provide detailed information
- Share proven best practices
- Equip both trip leaders and team members

