

Ministry Opportunities

This document outlines the various ministry opportunities and responsibilities for captains leading each area during the mission trip. Each listed contact is a veteran leader available to provide additional guidance and information.

Children's Ministry Captain

Contact: Phyllis Woodward, 214-274-0594, phyllisw@amazonoutreach.org or Priscila Fernandez, 817-889-4063, priscilaf@amazonoutreach.org

YouTube: [VBS Training](#)

Responsibilities: Review the VBS Materials on our website, [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#).

1. Conduct Vacation Bible School (VBS) sessions, typically in two shifts: 9 am to 12 pm & 2 pm to 5 pm.
2. Plan approximately 5-6 lessons, skits, and crafts.
3. Prepare and organize crafts in advance.
4. Use Ziplock bags for packaging and label them clearly.
5. Laminate stories and lessons due to humidity concerns.
6. Use hard suitcases for packing VBS supplies to prevent wrinkling.
7. Keep track of the number of children served in each village.
8. At the end of the trip, complete an inventory of VBS supplies and leave them neatly organized. Take leftover crafts back home or donate them to the village teacher.

Medical Captain

Contact: Dr. Kevin Hudson, 936-635-0767, khudson05@gmail.com

Tropical Disease Manual:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/account-media/30507/uploaded/t/0e19681748_1746218213_tropical-diseases.pdf

Responsibilities:

1. Review the Medical Ministry information on our website, [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#).
2. A full pharmacy will be provided on the boat, but we welcome donations.
3. Refer to the Pharmacy Overview and Formulary for standard prescriptions.
4. Carry the pharmacy formulary and Tropical Disease Manual.
5. Locate and use the triage and emergency kit.
6. Work within the limits of available resources (no labs or diagnostic equipment).
7. Collaborate with a Brazilian doctor for uncertain diagnoses.
8. Ensure a smooth flow through triage, the doctor's area, and the pharmacy.
9. Keep patient records and restock pharmacy totes daily.
10. Take a pharmacy inventory at the end of the trip.

Pharmacy Captain

Contact: David Keener, 941-779-5635, tccpharmacist@yahoo.com

Responsibilities:

1. Review the Medical Ministry information on our website, [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#).
2. Organize pharmacy donations and train others to fill positions.
3. Inventory and share information with the Lead Translator.
4. The pharmacy is off-limits except for everyone working on the medical team

Dental Captain

Contact: Fred Pietsch, 214-693-1739, cfpietsch@aol.com

Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate the dental team, and set up shifts and on-site

Eyeglasses Captain

Contact: Don Holmes, 972-259-0395, holmesd6@gmail.com

YouTube: [Eyeglass Ministry Training](#)

Responsibilities:

1. **Prepare:** Pack eyeglasses, eye charts, and Bibles into two suitcases on the boat.
1. **Improvise:** If eye charts are missing, utilize Bibles for vision testing.
1. **Execute:** Perform on-site reading tests daily, providing glasses, Bibles, and prayer to patients.
1. **Manage:** Many children only want a pair of glasses, so only children under 12 and they need to be accompanied by a parent
1. **Instruct:** Advise patients that these "readers" are for close-up work only and should not be worn for distance.
1. **Filter:** Reserve sunglasses for fishermen unless they are available through the Men's Ministry.
1. **Track:** Record daily distribution totals to report to the Lead Translator.
1. **Reset:** Refill supplies each evening and organize the eyeglass closet at the end of the mission.

Evangelism Captain

Contact: Steve Trammell, 903-530-2167, steve@amazonoutreach.org

YouTube: [Eball: Best Evangelism Tool](#)

Responsibilities:

1. Review the Evangelism information on our website, [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#).

2. Coordinate visits and assign team roles.
3. Distribute Bibles and record professions of faith.

Men's Ministry Captain

Contact: Duane Maxwell, 214-850-5820, drmexpets@sbcglobal.net

Responsibilities:

1. Discuss and teach topics relevant to village men (marriage, alcoholism, parenting, discipleship) with your team
1. Review the Evangelism information on our website, [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#).
1. Review ideas on how/what to teach and coordinate who will teach them (Ice breaker, personal testimonies, gospel presentation)
1. If desired, bring fishing items (lines, hooks, lures) as a gift for each man at the end of the day
1. Record participation and professions of faith.

Women's Ministry Captain

Contact: Autumn Ross, 972-267-1111, fall4autumn@mac.com

YouTube: [Women's Ministry Pt 1](#) [Women's Ministry Training Part 2](#)

Responsibilities: Review the Women's Ministry information under Handbooks and Ministry Resources on our website. [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#).

1. Coordinate with the team on the materials needed, who will be teaching, and what will be taught.
2. Organize crafts and potential gifts for participants.
3. Record attendance and professions of faith.

Teen Ministry Captain

Contact: Chad Pratt (479-619-9438), chad@amazonoutreach.org

Responsibilities:

1. Refer to Teen Ministry resources under Handbooks and Ministry Resources on our website, [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#) for guidance.

Family Photo Captain

Contact: Belle Joyner, 469-261-9520, bellej@amazonoutreach.org

YouTube: [Photo Ministry Training](#)

Responsibilities:

1. Provide printed family photos using a portable printer.
2. Providing printed family photos is a unique and deeply meaningful blessing for villagers who often have no physical copies of their family memories.
3. Capture photos during the morning sessions and use the lunch break to print them for distribution in the afternoon.
4. The "Family Photo" Rule: * Strictly limit photos to family portraits only. If you begin taking individual or "fun" shots, the demand will quickly exceed your time and supplies.
 - a. * Do not publicize this service. It is best handled quietly for a few families.
 - b. If other villagers notice and request a photo, you may accommodate them as time and paper allow, but avoid drawing a crowd.
5. Equipment Requirements: * Supplies: Bring a portable photo printer and approximately 150–200 sheets of photo paper.
6. Preparation: Download the required printer app and run a full hardware test before departing the U.S. to ensure everything is functional.
7. Printer Example: There are several reliable options available online, such as the [Kodak Dock Plus Instant Photo Printer](#).

Historian

Contact: Phyllis Woodward, 214-274-0594, phyllisw@amazououtreach.org

Responsibilities:

1. Keep a daily log of stories and create corresponding media.

Hair Cutting Captain

Contact: Sarah Nelson 214-577-8730, sarahn@amazonoutreach.org

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1. Bring personal hair-cutting supplies and utilize those available on the boat.
2. Hair-cutting supplies are usually in the ministry supply closet on the boat, but it's best to bring your supplies (scissors, spray bottles, capes, battery-powered clippers)

Worship Captain

Contact: Casey Rivers, casey@bethelbible.com

Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate worship activities with the Brazilian team and prepare song materials.
1. The Songbook is under Handbooks and Ministry Resources on our website, [Resources | Amazon Outreach](#)
1. Feel free to make your own playlist
1. Learn a simple worship song in Portuguese.

Prayer/Devotional Captain

Contact: Chad Pratt, 479-619-9438, chad@amazonoutreach.org

Responsibilities:

1. Lead prayer and devotional activities before and during the trip.
1. Prepare a Prayer Calendar and/or 40 Days of Prayer to send to the team and support group
1. Select team members, before or during the trip, to lead a short devotional each morning on the boat
1. Encourage team members to prepare their personal testimony. [The 3 Minute Testimony and the 15 Second Testimony](#)
1. Select team members to present their testimonies at village services and men's and women's ministries.
1. Lead prayer times on the boat

Fundraising Captain

Contact: Belle Joyner, 469-261-9520, bellej@amazonoutreach.org

YouTube: [Fundraising Training](#)

Responsibilities:

1. Organize and coordinate fundraising projects for the team.

Packing Captain for the Packing Party

Contact: Sarah Nelson, 214-577-8730, sarahn@amazonoutreach.org

YouTube: [Village Supply Collection](#)

Responsibilities:

1. Organize the Packing Party a week from departure. Review [How To Have A Successful Packing Party](#)
2. Oversee the organization of ministry bags on the boat. (You will have brought the supplies in the suitcases you brought.)
3. Ensure smooth unpacking, organizing, and storage of ministry bags on the boat.
4. Organize the distribution of bags with the lead translator.