



# AO Training Meeting #2

## GETTING READY

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## OUR MISSION

Amazon Outreach exists to mobilize short-term mission teams to assist Brazilian churches in making disciples by sharing the love of Jesus in the Amazon River Basin.

## TRAVEL PREPARATION

- Fill out the AO Application link (parents must also sign waivers for students under 18)
- Parents not traveling with their student under 18 must also complete and notarize the “Minor Release Form”
- Know where to access all the vital documents and manuals for your trip ([www.ManagedMissions.com](http://www.ManagedMissions.com) or [www.AmazonOutreach.org](http://www.AmazonOutreach.org))
- Know your recommended vaccine deadlines and only get **DAILY** Malaria pill option (see “Recommended Vaccine” in MM or AO website)
- Get familiar with Managed Missions

## THREE TOUCH RULE

- Verify that your passport is valid for the duration of the trip, or **get your passport now!**
- This year three people ruined their trips by losing their passports
- To avoid this happening to you, there are only 3 places your passport should ever touch...
  1. YOUR HAND
  2. THE AGENT’S HAND
  3. THE ONE SECURE PLACE YOU STORE IT WHEN NOT IN HAND

## STEP INTO FUNDRAISING

- Remember you are not asking for yourself
- Start with prayer and reach out to whoever comes to mind
- You have to do your part and ask

- Cast a broad net and don't say "No" for people
- People want to help but are busy, so use different methods of follow up
- Personalize your letter and Public Profile
- Use the fundraising template letters in MM (#4 in "Import Team Info" link)
- Be specific about your deadlines
- Know how to fundraise by checks
- Thank before you bank
- Plan to share a story and pic with your supporters when you return

## **SPIRITUAL PREP**

- Recruit five people to pray for you daily during your trip
- As you build your financial support build your prayer support*
- Fast from something you enjoy the week before departure
  - Anticipate challenges

*"You cannot know what prayer is for until you know that life is war"*  
(John Piper)

- Study the gospels

*Recalling the stories of Jesus as you talk to villagers is priceless*

- Refine your testimony to 3 minutes

*The most powerful story you have is yours*

- Learn how to share the gospel

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

- Medical: Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacist,
- Dental: Dentist, Hygienist, Assistants
- Eyeglasses (Readers)
- Vacation Bible School
- Teen Ministry
- Women's Salon: hair, braiding, and fingernail polishing, Meetings
- Hair cutting
- Men's Ministry: Construction, Meetings
- Door to door evangelism

- Leading Devotionals and sharing testimony
- Leading Worship
- Preaching
- Photo Ministry

## **TYPICAL DAY**

Every trip is different and every day can be different. However, there's a general pattern that many trips take.

- 6AM QUIET TIME
- 7AM BREAKFAST
- 8AM TEAM DEVOTIONAL
- 9AM VILLAGE MINISTRY
- 12PM LUNCH
- 2PM VILLAGE MINISTRY
- 5PM SOCCER
- 6PM BOAT
- 6:30PM DINNER
- 7:30PM DEBRIEF (Sometimes Church Service)
- 8:30PM FREE TIME
- 9:30-10PM LIGHTS OUT

## **VISA INFORMATION**

- A visa is required for US citizens to enter Brazil
- U.S. citizens **can apply online for** for \$81 for a 10 year visa through VFS Global
- You can apply now before airfare is purchased by using your passport twice
- We recommend minors (17 & under) spend an extra \$90 for a third party visa company to help with application (Save 20% with AO Discount Link)

- You will need the printed eVisa to board flights or enter the country
- The eVisa info link can be found on our website on the “Resources” tab

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

- You will need...
  - Valid U.S. passport
  - Flight itinerary (can use passport again)
  - Passport type photo (selfie works if cropped)
- Anyone under 18 will also need...
  - **Notarized minor consent form from both parents** (found on MM)
  - Affidavit of Support (found on MM)
  - Color scans of **both parents' IDs**
- Scanned copy of minor’s **original birth certificate**

## AO TRIP CREDITS:

- All funds raised for your trip are non-refundable tax-deductible donations to Amazon Outreach, and not contingent on your participation on the trip
- If the trip is postponed, or you are unable to go, you will have an AO trip credit (minus potential air penalty) good for a minimum of 2 years
- If the AO trip credit is not used or transferred before expiration, the AO credit will become a donation towards AO’s charitable purposes

## AIRLINE TRIP CREDITS

- If an airline ticket is canceled, the original value of the ticket(s) will be deducted from the team member’s AO credit
- The team member will have an airline credit in their name owned by the airline
- Airlines require the credit to be used within one year of the original purchase date (not cancelation or trip date)

- Anticipate airlines will deduct cancellation fees and charge reissue fees which will reduce the original value of the ticket(s)

## NEXT STEPS

- If needed, complete your Managed Missions application
- Pay your deposit to save your spot
- Let your leader know which ministry you would like to lead/participate and start preparation
- Start getting your vaccines (see “Vaccine” document in MM)
- Check your passport to confirm it will be valid **valid for the duration of the trip**  
Download WhatsApp
- Practice Portuguese (MM, Duo Lingo, Google Translate)
- Check MM to know when your first \$1000 deadline
- Check out the “**Important Team Information**” link in MM at [managedmissions.com](http://managedmissions.com)