

Village Supplies Collection Guide

Welcome to the Village Supplies Collection Guide. This document is designed to help teams gather and organize supplies for their mission trips to Brazil. Please review the information carefully and consider the logistics before proceeding.

Review the video: <https://youtu.be/TM2GqBh8HbY?si=I6-QuwXHvh07KRA8>

General Info

- **Transport:** Supplies (except the food pack option) will be carried in the team's checked bags.
- **Bag Fees:** Ensure your team is aware of luggage fees before deciding on the volume of supplies.
- **Tracking:** Use tools like [SignUpGenius](#) or a shared spreadsheet to monitor collection progress.
- **Supply Concerns:** Utilize whatever supplies your team brings. If supplies are insufficient, prioritize distribution by age or use them as prizes (e.g., answering questions, most kids, oldest, etc.).
- **Donation:** Consult with your lead translator on donating leftover supplies.
- **Preparation:** Aim for 40 women's and 30 men's bags per village. Most teams visit four villages per trip.
- **VBS Materials:** Plan for 80 kids per village, with two crafts per day.
- **Post-Trip:** Organize ministry closets after your trip.
- **Team Lists:** Leaders can create their collection lists; below are some common items...

Village Supplies

1. **Soccer Balls:** 12-15 regular-sized five balls with pumps and needles.
2. **eBalls:** 2-3 for missionaries and pastors (optional). eBall Information

Women's Gift Bags

- Hats
- Sunglasses (Unisex polarized preferred).
<https://www.miamiwholesalesunglasses.com>
- Canvas Tote Bags
- Dish Towels or Hot Pads
- Toiletries
- Nail Polish, clippers, files, cotton

Men's Gift Bags

- Fishing Line (40 lb. monofilament, 5000 yards)
- Small to Medium Fishing Hooks (no lures)
- Fishing Line Leaders
- Sunglasses (Unisex polarized preferred)
<https://www.miamiwholesalesunglasses.com>
- Caps
- Flashlights and Batteries
- Small Pocket Knives

Pharmacy Supplies

For detailed information, visit the Medical Ministry link on the website

<https://amazonoutreach.org/resources/>

- Hydrocortisone Cream 1% (30 gm): 15 tubes
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment (30mg): 15 tubes
- Acetaminophen (500mg): 3000 tablets

- Prenatal Vitamins with iron: 1200 tablets
- Children's Vitamins with iron: 1200 tablets
- Adult Multivitamin with minerals: 2000 tablets
- Ibuprofen (200 mg): 3000 tablets
- Artificial Tears (15ml or 30ml): 6 bottles
- Saline Nasal Spray (100ml or 120ml): 4 bottles
- Ziploc-type Sandwich Bags: 400
- Black Sharpies: 2

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Children's Supplies

- VBS Materials: Refer to Resources
- Candy: Individually wrapped chewables, lollipops, Tootsie Rolls, Sweet Tarts
- School Supplies: Donate to schools and churches

Optional Photo Ministry Supplies

- Providing printed family photos is a unique and deeply meaningful blessing for villagers who often have no physical copies of their family memories.
- **Strategy & Timing:** * Capture photos during the morning sessions and use the lunch break to print them for afternoon distribution.
 - To keep the process manageable, focus primarily on smaller villages.
- **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.
- **Management & Discretion:** * Do not publicize this service. It is best handled quietly for a few families.
 - If other villagers notice and request a photo, you may accommodate them as time and paper allow, but avoid drawing a crowd.
- **Equipment Requirements:** * **Supplies:** Bring a portable photo printer and approximately **150–200 sheets** of photo paper.
- **Preparation:** Download the required printer app and run a full test of the hardware before departing the U.S. to ensure everything is functional.

- **Printer Example:** There are several reliable options available online, such as the [Kodak Dock Plus Instant Photo Printer](#).

Optional Team Boat Supplies

- Large Pump Bottle of Sanitizer for buffet line
- Light Color Duct Tape
- Sharpie Markers: 6
- Ziploc Bags (Gallon, Sandwich, Pill sizes)
- Peanut Butter and Jam
- Pancake Syrup
- Small Party Supplies and Translator Gifts (for a thank-you party last night is the norm, but not required).

Food Packs (\$30 each)

- An alternative to bringing supplies for men's and women's ministries.
- Prepared in Brazil and distributed upon team arrival.
- Must confirm the number of food packs two weeks before the trip.
- Some teams opt to raise funds for food packs rather than bring supplies for men's and women's ministries.
- One pack provides staple food items for a family for a month
- The missionary will decide how to distribute the food packs
- A separate "Food Pack" fundraising link can be created for the team

Water Wells (\$6000 each)

For more details, check out <https://amazonoutreach.org/program/water-well-ministry/> on the AO website