

Chimbote Required Reading

For those of you who anticipate going to Chimbote with me it is vitally important that you both read and understand the following information. Please read it over several times so that you will not miss anything. Much of this is for your safety.

The price of the trip includes all food, lodging, transportation, etc. You will only need extra money for snacks, Cokes, souvenirs, etc. You may want to take some money to participate in the ministry. We sometimes take up offerings for our host and some of the people who serve us. You may have an opportunity to help one of the pastors or local churches. None of this is required. It is up to you.

If you think you might go, **IMMEDIATELY GET YOUR PASSPORT**. You cannot go without a passport. You will need the following items to obtain a passport: An original copy of your birth certificate, 2 passport photos and one other form of identification. Take items to a passport office (usually found at the court house or Post Office) along with your checkbook and they will help you fill out your application. It takes four to six weeks. For a fee, you may expedite the process. When you receive your passport sign it. Then open it and lay it face down on a scanner. Make a .jpg copy and send to me. Along with the copies please send your complete mailing address, date of birth and phone numbers.

Your passport must be on you at all times. Failure to do so could result in your arrest and problems for the rest of the team. You should have it on your person at all times. Do not let someone else carry your passport. I suggest you have a small pouch that you wear around your neck or your waist. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT! Your checked luggage must not exceed 50 pounds ... A large fee will be charged if you are over the weight limit. Two suitcases are allowed on Delta, but only one on United. You are also allowed one carry on and a camera bag or personal item. You should be able to get all your stuff in one large suitcase plus your carry-on.

Don't buy expensive luggage for this trip. It will be treated very badly by the airlines.

Checked luggage should have a name tag. The name tag should be filled out with name, address and phone number. A tag must be attached to each suitcase. The name tag is a must! If you like, you may want to secure your luggage with a luggage strap for added security for your stuff.

You will be expected to keep up with your luggage. If you cannot physically handle your luggage someone will help you, but you must keep track of it. Know where it is. When we get to our destination you will still need to keep up with your bag's location

during the time we are checking you into the hotel.

Your carry-on is very important! During the first two days of the trip and the trip back to Lima to board the plane, you may only have access to your carry-on. You may not be able to open your large checked bag. You should put all the stuff you can't do without in your carry-on, plus clothes for two days. The airlines do lose luggage. Medicine, personal hygiene items, and anything that you must have with you should be included in your carry-on.

Security information. Security is very tight since 9-11. No sharp objects or anything that could be used for a weapon is allowed in carry on. Liquids are limited in your carry on. You are only allowed 3 oz. size containers of liquids and all bottles of liquids must be in one (1), one quart, zip-loc bag. There are exceptions to this rule, but there are strict rules governing these exceptions. Prescription medications, baby formula and baby milk are allowed in quantities exceeding three ounces in your carry on and are not required to be in the zip-loc bag. Also, larger bottles of liquid can be placed in checked luggage. Your medicine should be in the original bottle from the pharmacy so it will pass through immigration without undue problems.

Temperature and clothes. Dress simply. Leave expensive jewelry, credit cards and personal items at home. Casual or work clothes, jeans, T-shirts and things of that

sort are all that is needed. You will not need special clothes for church.

Chimbote is neither cold or hot. It will be cool at night... maybe near 50 or 60. A very light jacket should do nicely. I wear a flannel shirt. **PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY. No short shorts, low cut dresses or see through clothing...**

While in South America, you should never put toilet paper in the commode. Put it in the waste can. Also, ladies, you should have another lady with you when you use a public restroom in Peru.

Now let's talk about food. You will be provided plenty of good, nutritious, safe food while there. You will not be eating with the local people. The food I provide for you will be safe. Under no circumstances are you to eat anything other than what we provide for you unless you talk to me first. **IF YOU CANNOT ABIDE BY THIS RULE, PLEASE DON'T COME ON THE TRIP!** If you will follow this rule you will probably have no problems with your stomach. Remember, if you get sick it will affect the rest of the group.

FOOD ON BUS.. I suggest you bring some snack food with you such as snack bars, beef jerky, peanut butter crackers, etc. **NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO EAT ANYTHING THAT I DON'T APPROVE OF! IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL EATING REQUIREMENTS PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE WE LEAVE THE STATES!**

The antiseptic gel is an absolute must. Use it before each meal. Don't put your hands close to your face without first cleansing your hands. Keep a small bottle in your pocket and a larger one in your room to refill your small bottle.

Now let's talk about the airlines. If you are in a group please stay together. That means to stay with me or whoever the leader may be. This will solve most of the problems. If someone gets lost it could cause the group to miss the flight. We have only so long to work our way through the airport and your leader will be trying to do this as expeditiously as possible. Please! Do not wander off from the group in the airport! By all means have someone watch your luggage if you must go to the restroom. Unattended luggage may be confiscated.

If you are a teenager you will be assigned to an experienced group leader. You must stay with the group leader while traveling. If you are under 21 years of age you will be expected to obey a "lights-out" curfew. You will also be expected to obey all instructions given to you by me or one who I may designate as relates to safety. Your application to go on this trip is agreement to follow these instructions.

When you take a shower, make sure that you don't get the water in your mouth, ears, eyes or nose. Also, do not brush your teeth with tap water. Use bottled

water to brush your teeth, take medicine, etc.

CONTACTING FAMILY AND FRIENDS BACK IN THE STATES....Email may not be readily available. Also, phones may not be readily available. Remember that this is a MISSION TRIP. **I suggest that you advise your family that you may not be able to contact them more than once or twice during the trip so they will not worry.** They can call my wife anytime and check on our safety, etc. If your family has an emergency and they need to contact you or if they become concerned about your safety, they may call my office and Judy will be glad to help you. Judy's cell is 423-309-0154. When Judy accompanies me on a trip, I will have another contact number for you.

VERY IMPORTANT ITEM... PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! Hair dryers, curling irons, razors, etc., should be capable of switching from 110 to 220-240 volts. Walmart carries some of these items that can be switched between 110 and 240. Most cameras, phones, razors etc., can use either voltage. If you are unsure about the one you have, call me.

Once again you must not carry any knife, sharp instrument or cigarette lighter onto the aircraft. These items should be in "checked bags only".

Under no circumstances are you to tell people on the mission field the name of the hotel where we are staying or the phone

number of the hotel. You are not to invite anyone outside of our group to your hotel or hotel room or to join our group. **I strongly recommend that you do not give out your email address, but that is your choice.**

Jokes about bombs and terrorism are expressly prohibited in airports and could cost you imprisonment and cause costly delays for the entire group.

VERY IMPORTANT!

PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE THOROUGHLY! I MAY ASK YOU IF YOU HAVE READ IT. PLEASE ABIDE BY THE RULES. UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU VIOLATE THE RULES OF THE GROUP YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE GROUP MAY BE COMPROMISED. I HAVE TAKEN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SAFELY TO AND FROM SOUTH AMERICA. I WILL DO MY BEST TO KEEP YOU SAFE. THAT HELPS ME NOT TO BE SO GRUMPY!!! Any questions call me at 423-309-5217