



WGO Medical/Evangelism Brigade Team Leader/Team Member Packet

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- **Team Leader: General Information:**

- Brigade week questions: medicalbrigades@wgo-hn.org
- Medicine needs and medical license information: pharmacy@wgo-hn.org
 - Please use the team number in the subject line of all email communications
- Telephone answered in Honduras 713-344-1449

- **How to contact us:**

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Dear Team Member,

Thank you for responding to the call of God to serve with World Gospel Outreach (WGO) and aid us in accomplishing our two-fold vision:

- To win the People of Honduras for Christ *and*
- To engage in cross-cultural ministry that mobilizes the North American church and the individual believer for acts of love and service to the poor

This packet is to help you understand the commitments associated with your mission trip and to help you be as prepared as you possibly can be when you arrive in Honduras. Thank you again for your partnership with WGO!

- **Team Leader:** There will be times during the year that individuals and families request to join a medical brigade team. This includes other missionaries serving in Honduras and future missionaries being interviewed in Tegucigalpa. We request your help and understanding in allowing us to place individuals with your teams.

A. Preparation

- **Physical Check-up**

We suggest that you have a medical check-up, especially if there is any question about your general health or if you have been ill just prior to your trip. We may be working and walking quite a bit in hot weather so you need to be in good physical condition. *If you do suffer from medical conditions (including special dietary requirements) that could impact your time in Honduras, we request that you inform us in advance.*

- **Immunizations**



Immunizations are not required by the US government for travel to Honduras. However, you should insure that you have a current tetanus shot. Please check with your physician regarding his suggestions for immunizations. Additional information regarding immunizations may be found on the Center for Disease Control web site at www.cdc.gov. Click on Traveler's Health.

- **Insurance**

International health insurance, including international emergency medical evacuation, is obtained as part of the travel arrangements and is included in the cost of your trip. Electronic copies of the policy are available upon request.

- **Medical Personnel**



The Ministry of Health in Honduras **requires us to submit a copy of both the diploma and license of every medical doctor, dentist, optometrist, pharmacist and nurse** who is planning to work at the Brigades. Please scan these (as .pdf, .jpg, or .doc), and email them to us at pharmacy@wgo-hn.org **no less than 6 weeks** before your team arrives here! You may also fax them to a stateside fax number: (509) 756-9150. **Failure to provide licenses and diplomas may result in medical professionals being unable to practice during the Brigade!**

- **Website**

We encourage you to visit the WGO website at www.wgoreach.org or our facebook site where you can familiarize yourselves with the ministry and latest developments.

- **Needs Database**

Team Leaders: Please contact us for up-to-date lists of our ministry needs including Medical, Dental, Optical, Construction, Evangelism, Children's and General supplies. The email address is: criticalneeds@wgo-hn.org. Please use your team number in the subject line.

- **Donation Policy**

WGO accepts donations for all areas of its ministry. Donations to WGO will be used in the following ways, to children and families of Honduras, whether during an official brigade or not, by missionaries and their families, other missionaries serving in Honduras and finally to other public charitable organizations. Please allow us discretion in distributing these blessings.

Included in the cost of the trip are: two concrete floors, New Testaments, medicine, translators, Honduran doctor, and dentists. The cost of additional: concrete floors, \$150.00 per floor, Full Bibles \$340.00 for 100 Bibles, extra translators or other professionals can be hired at an extra cost. The money can be sent to the Humble Texas office by a check prior to or after you're your brigade. We also accept a check or cash, Dollars or Lempira, donations while at La Casa de Esperanza to the Brigade Manager during your brigade.

- **Team Members' Medical Conditions**

It is vitally important that you inform us in advance of any particular medical conditions that may impact your time in Honduras. WGO cannot be held responsible for, or assist with, any medical costs incurred while in Honduras, *including costs incurred up to the \$500 deductible in the International Medical Insurance plan.*

- **Team leaders:** You should have a credit card or other means of payment available to pay for any emergency medical treatment needed by team members.



B. Five Required Forms

(These forms must be returned to your Team Leaders at least 8 weeks prior to your arrival here)

- 1. Team Information Sheet (TIS)**

To help us better plan your week with us, we need you to fill out this TIS form, which (among other things) includes your name, occupation and contact information. Please return to your Team Leader at least 8 weeks prior to your arrival here!

- 2. Liability Release Form**

We must have a signed **Liability Release Form** for each trip participant coming to Honduras. This "releases" World Gospel Outreach and the directors from any liability.

- 3. Statement of Faith Affirmation**

WGO's **Statement of Faith** needs to be read, signed, and returned to your Team Leader. WGO is open to accepting for teams to include some non-believers, where Team Leaders feel that they may benefit from a trip. In this case the team member would not have to sign.

- 4. Personal Conduct Commitment** (Formerly called the "Policy Manual")

Each Team Member is required to read and sign the WGO **Personal Conduct Commitment**, which outlines important policies of our ministry.

- 5. Emergency Medical Information Form**

This form will assist both you and WGO in handling any health situation that might arise during travel or your stay here in Honduras.

- **Team Leader:** you will need to have a medical professional examine the completed forms from everyone in your group and give their recommendation whether or not an individual should obtain written permission from his family physician to make the trip. Determination should be made at least two months in advance to allow both you and us enough time to cancel any reservation before the actual tickets are purchased, if necessary. If you have any questions, please contact the Mission House Medical Representative at pharmacy@wgo-hn.org.

C. Official Documents You Need to Bring to Honduras



• Passport

A current passport is essential to enter Honduras. Every person traveling to Honduras must make sure that his/her passport is valid for at least **Six** months from the date of their return flight back to the United States. If they do expire prior to the **Six** months after returning, they must renew their passport prior to departing from the US. Also each passport must not be damaged in any way, if so they will be refused entrance to the secure areas of the airport by TSA.

- **Team Leader:** *Please obtain 2 photocopies—b/w is fine—of each team member's passport to turn in to our staff upon your arrival in Honduras.*

• Visas

Visas for U. S. citizens are obtained upon arrival at Toncontin Airport in Honduras. **Some Non-US citizens must get a visa at a Honduran consulate prior to the trip, you must check!** A list of contact information for Honduran Consulates in the USA can be obtained at a link at <http://www.hondurasemb.org/> or search “Honduran Consulate” on the web.

Here are phone numbers for the main three:

Houston	#713-622-4572
Chicago	#312-951-6382
New Orleans	#504-522-3118

D. Other Important Matters

A. Trip Cancellation Policy and Refund Policy: Our cancellation policy has been that teams are responsible for any change fees, utilization penalties, fare increases, airline non-refundable deposits and \$100 non-refundable portion of each member's deposit to WGO. However, if WGO determines to cancel the trip or would cancel the trip on the day prior to their departure (even if they canceled beforehand), the group will receive a credit memo (voucher) that the team can use toward the ground fee portion of their next trip cost as long as that trip takes place before Dec. 31 of the following year.

B. Travel Coordinators and Travel Agency & Airline Policies: WGO is happy to provide to you the service of one of our travel coordinators to make the airline arrangements for your upcoming trip. This service is of no cost to you because our travel coordinators are volunteers who have experienced our short-term mission trips as members or leaders and have made a volunteer commitment for a minimum of two years or they are self supported missionaries.

Generally our travel coordinators are not travel professionals but feel called to help leaders with their responsibilities related to the travel itineraries. They act as WGO's liaison between the team leader and the travel agency or airline. They do not have authority over the policies for the travel agency or the airlines but do convey those policies and their

restrictions to the team leaders. Some of these policies may include airfare increases or decreases, change fees, fuel surcharges, non-refundable deposits, and refunds. If your group prefers to make your own travel arrangements, please confirm with your travel coordinator as to what flights you must arrive in Tegucigalpa and return from Tegucigalpa.

C. Youth – Teens are invited to participate with groups under the following conditions: Once the team leader(s) approve, no more than 30% of the group can be made up of teens 14 to 18, and they must be accompanied by a parent or other adult responsible for their actions and behavior, at the end of the day the Team Leader has the overall responsibility for all youth on the brigade.

D. Communications - The team phone can be used to make collect calls, or to use your AT&T, Sprint, or MCI calling card. (FYI – Before purchasing a calling card you will want to verify that it can be used to call **from** Honduras **to** the US.) We will have a clipboard available for you to write down email messages, which, in turn, will be sent out by our hostess. Any replies to emails will be printed out and left for team members to pick up. We would ask that you limit use of this service to **essential** communication. Emergency incoming e-mails should be sent to medicalbrigades@wgo-hn.org.

E. Technology – We recommend that team members take a “technology fast” for their brigade week. Unless it will be used for your ministry in Honduras, please do not bring cell phones, PDAs, video games, personal computers, etc. WGO assumes no liability for missing items. We will leave it up to the individual team leaders if they want to bring their own laptop computers. The brigade office area will be available for the team leader to use for his computer.

F. Trunk Policy- (American Airlines does not allow trunks only suitcases meeting the size restrictions) In the weeks leading up to your brigade week a member of our staff at criticalneeds@wgo-hn has been in contact with your team leader. You have spent weeks collecting, organizing and weighing all of your donations. Upon your arrival at the mission house, members of our welcome team have been tasked to quickly and efficiently unload all your trunks, duffels and non-personal suitcases so you don't have to. When the bus gets to Casa de Esperanza you will be able to grab your personal suitcase, check your room assignment, stretch your legs relax and enjoy a snack. No need to worry about unpacking the trunks. We will require some of the men on the team to help in moving trunks to the appropriate areas.

We know that you have spent hours collecting donations and medicines, please allow us to unload and organize these donations by inventorying and routing these much needed donations to the appropriate areas within WGO. The main storage area for the entire ministry is located at Casa de Esperanza; therefore, items donated for ranch use might be stored at the mission house until these items are ready to be used. Much if not all of what you bring must be loaded into your week's brigade trunks that Saturday night.

E. Packing and Luggage



Checked Luggage:

- Check with your Team Leaders on baggage procedures for your team. American, Continental and Delta Airlines have different policies for checked baggage.
 - **Team Leaders:** teams that either originate in Houston or will overnight in Houston should please contact **your travel coordinator** regarding quantities of luggage that can be brought. See the [International Travel Information](#) document for details on luggage allowances and charges. All Team Leaders should check with **your travel coordinator** for the most recent updates.

Carry-on Luggage:

- The weight limitations, size restrictions, and number of pieces of carry-on luggage vary on the different airlines. Make sure you understand your airline's policies before arriving at the airport. American for instance does not allow trunks to be checked luggage.
- Baggage can be delayed several days, so it is very important for you to pack all your clothes and toiletries in your carry-on luggage.
- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has revised its list of banned carry-on items. You can view the list at: <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/new-items.shtm>.

What to Pack

- Each person should bring enough clothing for the week without having to do laundry. *Laundry service is not available.*
- See the attached **Packing List** (on page 11) for suggestions of individual items to bring.
- Cash will not be needed for basic necessities, which are provided as part of the trip package. Master Card and Visa debit and credit cards are accepted in most shops. Bring cash for souvenirs and for WGO products that are available for purchase at the Mission House. WGO will also accept personal checks.
- What **Not** to Bring: Expensive jewelry and watches, Lap tops, iPods, or electronic games—anything of value that could be a stolen, damaged or anything that might prove to be a distraction to your team or ministry. WGO does not assume liability for missing/damaged items.
- When packing supplies, the order of priority should be the following:
 - 1) Medical, Dental and Optical supplies
 - 2) Items from the WGO Needs Lists
 - 3) Other items for donation to WGO
 - 4) Items for WGO missionaries



F. Arriving In Honduras

• Airport Procedure

Arrival at the airport in Tegucigalpa, clearing immigration, retrieving your luggage, going through customs, and loading the bus, can all be a frustrating experience for tired travelers!

- **Team Leaders** warn your team members that the process may take some time, so they will be prepared. If the team is a combination of your team and others, please coordinate with the other Team Leaders. We have found that a few preparations can make the operations for arrival much more efficient.
- **See the International travel information page** that the travel coordinators sent you in the International travel packet.

When filing out immigration and customs forms on the plane before landing, use the following address, phone number and information:

World Gospel Outreach
Casa de Esperanza
Colonia El Hatillo, Km 10
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Phone: #211-8660

Purpose of visit: Tourist

1) Your Team Leader may choose to place identifying tags on all team bags. Please specify “WGO Mission House” on the tag [to avoid confusion with a “WGO Ranch Team” that may also be flying with you]. Let us know what the identifier will be before you arrive and our staff may be able to gather some of your bags before you clear Immigration.

- 2) Team Leaders should verify your baggage claim tickets on the airplane during the last leg of your flight into Tegucigalpa.
 - Team Leader, please count the tickets and place them in numerical order at your originating airport—including tickets for carry-on luggage that the airline requires people to check.
- 3) In Immigration, you may be asked for an address in Honduras—just give them: “Colonia El Hatillo, Km 10, Tegucigalpa”. Phone number: 211-8660.
 - Team Leader; try to position yourself to be the first person from your team through Immigration. And assign someone as the last one in the group to come through Immigrations.
- 4) Notify your Team Leader if you have a checked bag missing.
 - If any of your team’s luggage does not arrive on the flight with you, you must report it to the airline representative in the Baggage Claim area before going through Customs. Be certain to get the telephone number to call to check on its arrival and leave WGO’s telephone number (#211-8660) as your local contact. Ask for the time to call back to check on the arrival of the luggage.
- 5) Our staff will attempt to greet you and help direct you for efficiency in the Baggage Claim area. If we are unable to meet you there, we will meet you just outside the door of Immigration in the lobby once you’ve cleared Customs.
- 6) You typically will have the opportunity to exchange money at the airport, so have your dollars ready! Twenty to forty dollars should be sufficient. Currently the exchange rate is \$1 = 18.9 Lempiras.

G. While in Honduras



- **Staying Healthy/Hygiene**

Do not drink the water from the tap or use it to brush your teeth. Use only the purified water from the containers provided in the bathrooms or the dining room. If purchasing food from stores or restaurants, it is best to check with the WGO staff first as to the food's safety. It is strongly recommended that you wash and sanitize your hands prior to each meal. In addition, we urge you to keep your hands away from your eyes and mouth (no fingernail biting, etc.). Following these guidelines is the best way to avoid microbes that can be passed through the mouth.

- **A Spiritual Journey**

The time that you and your team spend in Honduras is, of course, an opportunity for you to minister to the Honduran people. But it is also an opportunity for the Lord to minister to *you*! We believe that each and every member of your team can leave Honduras changed, having received a fresh vision of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our desire is to make ourselves completely available to the Lord in His ministry to you in Honduras. For this reason, we carefully seek the Lord both before and during team visits. We trust Him to provide us with spiritual meat and drink to minister to you during your stay.

The schedule allows for daily meetings for worship and sharing. We will take time to orientate the team, not simply in the practicalities of how the Brigade operates, but also in the issue of evangelism. Our training will provide help for those for whom evangelism is new ground, and orientation for those who may be experienced in sharing their faith but need to know what issues they should be aware of as they share their faith with Hondurans.

Meeting times will include opportunity for team members to share their hopes for the week, their experiences here in Honduras, and insights they may have gained during the week.



- **Journal** - We encourage you to keep a journal of your activities and reflections on your experiences. The quiet hours of late night or early morning can be wonderful times of prayer, bible study, and hearing from God.
- **Devotions** - There will be scheduled times each day for group devotions, but it is also important to find time to continue with your personal devotions. There are 30 minute blocks scheduled into most days to accommodate this.
- **Team Leaders** may want to recruit musicians who may be able to assist with worship during meetings. You will want to prepare to lead 8 devotions, 5 morning and 3 evening sessions.

H. Out and About in Tegucigalpa

- **Vehicle Use** - WGO staff, in most instances, will be used as drivers. Please follow staff instructions regarding safeguarding your valuables (cameras, etc.), locking vehicles, and closing windows.



- **Taking Photographs** - Many of you will want to take photographs to record your experiences in Honduras. Please feel free to take pictures at the Mission House, the worksites and places of interest to you. But please do not take pictures of police, soldiers or police buildings without asking their permission. Plan on bringing adequate supplies of film plus spare camera batteries. Digital camera users – If you're anticipating taking a lot of pictures (especially in higher resolutions), plan on bringing an additional memory card/stick or two.
- **Culture** - Please avoid flirting in this culture. Firmly ignore any stares, whistles, and comments. Avoid all behavior that could be interpreted as suggestive. Withhold displays of romantic affection—including within your own group— (with the exception of spouses) or with the World Gospel Outreach Staff. Team members should not use bandanas and should cover any tattoos—both symbols of gangs here.
- **Jewelry** - Bring jewelry to Honduras at your own discretion. Any valuables taken to the Brigade sites should be kept in your control. Theft is a way of life to many of the poor people you will be ministering to. No pierced body jewelry other than earrings should be visible, and men should not wear earrings!
- **Shopping** – On a typical Brigade week, team members will have the opportunity to shop at Valle de Angeles, a town known for its souvenir shops. Often there is time for shopping at the airport on the way home as well. A variety of items are available including Honduran sport's jerseys, hammocks, clay products, woodcarvings and leather goods. You may also purchase Honduran coffee, vanilla, jams and blackberry syrup at the Mission House.
- **Weather** – Honduras has a tropical climate, and many days will be rather warm and humid. However, the Mission house is at an altitude of over 4,500 feet, so we enjoy much cooler mornings and evenings than down in the city, so you will be glad that you brought that sweatshirt or light jacket.

- **If You Get Lost** - In the rare event that this should happen take a taxi to the Hotel Intercontinental across from the Mall Multi-plaza. From there you will call one of the numbers that you will have been given to keep with you and attached to your passport copy.

I. During Your Stay at the Mission House

- **Conservation** - Please help us to conserve our water, which is in **very limited supply**. Only one short shower per day. Only flush the toilet when necessary – “When it’s yellow let it mellow, when its brown flush it down!” Please help us conserve electricity by turning off lights when leaving a room.
- **Daily Schedule** - Bells will be rung for mealtimes, devotions and bus departures. So whether it’s a meal or a meeting or a bus departure, please gather in the living room or load the bus immediately when you hear the bell, so that we can keep things on schedule! (See page 15 for a Typical Team Schedule.)
- **Scheduling Changes**
Remember, “Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape!” Circumstances may lead to changes in scheduled activities *at any time*.
- **Privacy** - *Please respect the privacy of all staff living areas* (Pharmacy area and apartments on the first and second floor). After 10pm, please do not take showers or use hairdryers, and be silent except in the living rooms or dining room where you may visit with the doors closed. In the mornings, until the breakfast bell rings, please respect people’s personal quiet time.
- **Laundry & Cleaning** - On Tuesday and Thursday mornings we put all dirty towels, washcloths and MH scrubs in the hallways outside your bedroom, and the towels and washcloths are replaced with fresh ones. We also need to place everything that is on the floor on top of your beds so that the cleaners can do a more thorough job cleaning the floors.
- **Duties** - You will have some duties during your week at the Mission House. At each meal, four team members will be assigned to help in the dining room and the kitchen. You will also be asked to help load and unload the cargo truck for the brigades as needed. Team members will be asked to help with making sure our lunch gets on the bus each Brigade day, and that the towels and combs for the Children’s Ministry get on the bus as well. You may also be asked to help count pills that the pharmacy needs. Please come with the attitude to pitch in where needed!
- **Security and Safety** - **Do not leave the Mission House site except for brigades and official excursions.** WGO has hired a private security company with armed guards, we ask you to please not distract them from doing their job! Please do not smoke, it is not permitted anywhere on the Mission House grounds. We ask you not to build fires outside, and please do not go on the Mission House roof. The dog (Pogo) will eat anything you leave outside, including medicine, cameras, books, hats, tennis shoes, etc. Please check your bed, bags, shoes and clothes for any insects or critters that may be hiding there.
- **Accommodations** - During your stay at Casa de Esperanza, you will be roomed with members of the same sex. Rooms have bunk beds and house between 8-16 people. Our more “mature” team members will be assigned lower bunks. Each room has toilet and shower facilities. You may consider bringing ear plugs if the snoring of others bothers you.
- **Meals** – Normally all your meals will be provided during your stay with WGO. You will

experience a combination of typical Honduran and North American fare.

J. At the Brigade Sites

- **Overview** - There will be Brigades set up at two churches for your week, the first on Monday and Tuesday, and the other on Thursday and Friday. Many people from the communities will line up to obtain one of the services we are offering. When we arrive at the church we will need the help of each team member to unload the cargo truck and get each area set up as quickly as possible. We will start with an opening each day with the team and the church members, and we will have a closing on the second day before we leave.
- **Safety/Hygiene** - *Do not leave the Brigade site for any reason without first asking permission from your Team Leader.* Exceptions to this would be to visit the bathroom that may be located outside the church, and always go accompanied by another team member, and remember to bring your toilet paper. Also the children's ministry may be located outside, or at a home near the church, and again you should always go there accompanied by another team member. *Never eat any food that is being sold by any of the street vendors.* Only eat food that is provided by or has been approved by WGO staff. It is even more important at the Brigade sites to use hand sanitizer often, especially before lunch. Make sure that you drink a lot of water on the site to stay hydrated. Your system will not be used to working in the humid conditions, and before you know it you could show signs of dehydration. **Drink! Drink! Drink!**
- **Admission** - People will be put in three lines outside the church. They will register for the service they are in most need of, and then be brought to that area by one of the church collaborators.
- **Medical** - There will be 3-5 medical stations set up. Our Honduran doctor will always have one station, and the others will be manned by qualified team members. In the absence of team members, we will provide the medical staff needed to make sure that we are able to see as many people as possible. We cannot legally conduct a medical brigade without a Honduran Doctor
- **Pharmacy** - After medical, patients will be brought to the pharmacy area to receive the medications that were prescribed. Two to three team members will be assigned to gather those meds and place them in a basket. They will then be dispensed to the patient by WGO Honduran staff that has been trained to know dosages, and watch for any errors in what was prescribed and what is being dispensed.
- **Dental** - We normally will have three to four dental stations, three manned by our Honduran dentists, and the fourth if the team has a dentist or dental hygienist. Up to four team members will be assigned to assist the dentists and sanitize the instruments.
- **Optical** - We will have an optical station only when teams have an optometrist or ophthalmologist. Two to three team members will be assigned to this area to work the auto-refractor (after being trained) and help fit glasses.
- **Chiropractic** (if a chiropractor is available) - Any patient can see the chiropractor, and not have it count as one of the services they have to choose from. Here we do not need a team member, unless the team comes with a physical or massage therapist, and they then will have the opportunity to work alongside the chiropractor.

- **Children's Ministry** - All the children aged twelve and under that come to the Brigades will have their own area to go to. We will work with groups of around fifteen children at a time. We will sing with them, and tell them the story of the gospel with the colored bracelet. After each child has been given a bracelet, they then go to have their hair washed, and treated for lice if needed. The girls have their hair styled in various ways and adorned with pretties. The boys have gel added and their hair spiked. Several team members will have the privilege of working in this area each day.
- **Evangelism** - The medical services are what get the people there – **sharing the Gospel is why we are there!** We are very aware that many team members are nervous about sharing their faith. According to our records, 80% of our first-time short-term missionaries have never shared the Gospel one on one! So if you feel a little apprehensive, you're in good company! We will do some evangelism training on Sunday night to help calm any fears you may have, and give you some basics for sharing the Gospel. It is advisable for you to come prepared with verses that you would like to use (preparation at home is strongly suggested). More times than not, those who were the most apprehensive about doing evangelism wind up loving it and can't wait to do it again.



K. Packing List for Honduras

Clothing:

- Women: Dress, long skirt, or dress pants for church Sunday
- Men: Long pants & shirt for church Sunday
- Comfortable clothing (sweats) for evenings @ the Mission House
- Socks for a week
- Underwear for a week
- Sleepwear
- Comfortable shoes (sneakers or walking shoes) suggest 2 pair
- Work boots/shoes, and clothes to do concrete – if you might be assigned to do floor construction

Toiletries:

- Soap or body wash
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste/ Floss
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/ comb/ brush/
- Make-up (Optional)
- Shaving kit

Other Items:

- Travel size hand sanitizer
- Travel size toilet paper or all-purpose wipes to use while in city
- Insect repellent & sunscreen
- Earplugs if snoring bothers you
- Camera with extra batteries & film—if camera is not digital
- Prepaid phone card
- Sunglasses
- An extra pair of glasses if you have them
- Medications
- Non-drowsy Dramamine if you get motion sickness
- Passport**
- Bible
- Pen & journal, small notebook or pad
- Fanny Pack
- Water bottle
- Alarm clock
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Rain poncho
- Sun hat or ball cap

Personal Conduct Commitment

1. Accountability

To make your outreach an enriching experience, it is imperative that everyone respects each other. Each team member should have a direct reporting relationship to a Team Leader or counselor who has been given responsibility and authority by your pastor or other responsible church leader prior to the trip. The Team Leader is responsible to WGO to insure ministry policies and directives are observed by all team members. In the extreme case that a team member would refuse to follow critical WGO policies and directives, WGO reserves the right to send him/her home at the expense of the individual or the sponsoring church.

2. Gifts to Honduran Children

Team members are often generous in their desire to give to the Honduran children. It is our request that candy be avoided as gifts, as it serves to add to the dental problems the children already experience. The children are always blessed to receive pencils, stickers, construction paper and crayons. Please follow WGO staff instructions regarding giving gifts in Honduras.

We ask that no gifts be given to the children at Rancho Ebenezer. If you have a desire to leave a gift to a specific child or home, please speak with the Rancho Ebenezer Host or Hostess for instructions on how to proceed. Monetary gifts or assistance to a children's home at Rancho Ebenezer are possible through our home support team, please ask to speak with the Children Services Director.

3. Gifts to Honduran Staff

It is important that you not engage in any kind of support, helps, or even exchange email addresses or physical addresses with our Honduran staff, translators or medical professionals during your stay or after your return. Our Honduran staff members are paid employees. This policy is in place to help guard against the cultural complications that occur among the employees and between the employee and WGO when other sources of compensation are offered without full knowledge of the impact it has on the ministry and its staff. For this reason we are very diligent in setting a policy that addresses this and are serious about both the team member and the WGO Honduran staff member in adhering to this policy. Any financial gifts that they receive may put their job at risk because they know that they are violating ministry policy. Please report any solicitation made to you by Honduran employees to the WGO Medical Brigade Manager.

4. Dress

In order to remove barriers to ministry and to protect the reputation and privilege of WGO to minister in Honduras please note and adhere to the following guidelines for dress. Slacks, jeans or scrubs are appropriate for men. No tank tops or halter tops for men or women at any time. Culottes, scrubs or jeans are appropriate dress for women at the worksite. No exposed tattoos or bandanas should be worn—these are synonymous with gangs in Honduras. Women should not wear t-shirts which expose the navel. Please dress modestly at the Mission House, especially for meeting times. Men must not wear earrings. Women are permitted to wear one pair of earrings located in the ears only. No body piercing may be worn by anyone while in partnership with WGO.

5. No Smoking or Drinking or drinking of alcoholic beverages

No smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed while on this outreach. We are asking this because you are representing our ministry, even on airplanes and at airports. Regardless of where you are in your walk with the Lord or what your feelings are about these practices, they are deeply offensive in the Christian culture here in Honduras. This practice could expose World Gospel Outreach to great risk of losing its reputation and effectiveness in working in the country. WGO is here by the invitation of the country of Honduras, not by right, and can be asked to leave at any time. Thank you for your cooperation!

I have read the WGO Conduct Commitment and agree to adhere to its guidelines and follow the directives of the ministry leadership.

Trip Participant

Liability Release Form

Release of All Claims

In consideration for being accepted by World Gospel Outreach for participation in a Honduras Missions Outreach, I/we, being 21 years of age or older, on behalf of myself/ ourselves (on behalf of my/our child-participant if said child is not 21 years of age or older) do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless World Gospel Outreach and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by me/us (my/our child participant) while I am (my/our child is) participating in the above described trip or activity.

Furthermore, I/we, on behalf of my/our child participant if under the age of 21 years, hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to World Gospel Outreach to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said organization, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said organization as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

(If the participant has not attained the age of 21 years):

We are/I am the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our/my permission for him/her to participate fully in said trip, and hereby give our/my permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and we/I assume the responsibility of any and all medical bills.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we/I hereby assume all transportation costs.

If participant is under 21 years of age, both parents must sign unless parents are separated or divorced, in which case the custodial parent must sign.

Type or print name of participant

Signature of participant Date

Participant's telephone

Emergency Phone Numbers

Pastor's name & telephone

Hospital Insurance _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Insurance Company

Physician

Father Date

Mother Date

Legal Guardian Date

Parent/Guardian

Emergency Phone numbers

Physician's Phone

I have read the World Gospel Outreach Liability Release Form and understand the rules of conduct for participants and will abide by them as well as the directions of the leadership.

Trip Participant

World Gospel Outreach

Statement of Faith

WGO is a protestant, non-denominational, evangelical ministry. Our Honduran staff, our full-time missionaries, and our North American teams are comprised of people representing many denominational backgrounds. While there may be some doctrinal differences, we choose to lay those differences aside. What we will not compromise on are the essential truths of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ as revealed in Scripture. We choose to unite around these truths that we unreservedly adhere to, and ask everyone who comes to serve be in submission to.

1. WE BELIEVE in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, was true God and true man, existing in one person and was without sin. We believe in His representative and substitutionary sacrifice, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Heavenly Father, His present life as Lord of all, High Priest, and Advocate, and His imminent personal return in power and glory.
3. WE BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit indwells and gives life to believers, enables them to understand and apply the Scriptures, empowers them for godly living, and equips them for service and witness.
4. WE BELIEVE that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, without error in the original documents, fully trustworthy, and the final authority in all matters of faith and life in Christ Jesus.
5. WE BELIEVE that each member of the human race is fallen, sinful and lost, that the shed blood and the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ provides the only ground for forgiveness of sins and justification to all who receive Him by faith, and that only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can they become children of God.
6. WE BELIEVE that the one, holy universal Church is the body of Christ, composed of all regenerate people. This redeemed community worships God and seeks to proclaim the Good News to all people.
7. WE BELIEVE in the imminent return of Jesus Christ, in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

I have read the Statement of Faith and am in agreement with its content.

Trip Participant

Typical Team Schedule

(Team leader please note highlighting: Blue for WGO-led and Yellow for Team-led activities.)

Saturday

Upon arrival: General Orientation
4:30pm Team Leaders' Meeting
5:00pm Medical Orientation in Dining Room/Children's in Living Room
5:30pm Dinner
6:45pm Group Meeting (WGO-led)

Sunday

7:00am 30 minutes Quiet Time (Optional)
7:30am Group Devotions (Team-led)
7:45am Breakfast
8:30am Depart for churches/ Parque España
11:45am Lunch at "El Patio" Restaurant
1:00pm Depart for Valle de Angeles (Souvenir shopping)
3:45pm Return to Tegucigalpa
Upon arrival to Mission House, load cargo truck for Monday/Tuesday Brigade
5:30pm Dinner at Mission House
7:15pm Evangelism Training (WGO-led)

Monday & Tuesday (On Tuesday morning put dirty towels & scrubs in hallway before leaving for Brigade Site)

5:45am 30 minutes Quiet Time (Optional)
6:15am Group Devotions (**Monday WGO-led**; Tuesday Team-led)
6:30am Breakfast
7:15am Depart for Brigade Site
4:00pm Leave Brigade Site
5:30pm Dinner
6:50pm Group Devotions (**Monday WGO-led**; Tuesday Team-led)

Wednesday (Ranch Day or option to stay at Mission House to help with Pharmacy or misc. MH Projects)

7:00am 30 minutes Quiet Time (Optional)
7:30am Group Devotions (Team-led)
7:45am Breakfast
8:30am **Presentation by WGO Staff**
9:30am Depart for Rancho Ebenezer
11:00am Arrive at Rancho Ebenezer
12:30pm Lunch
1:00pm Children's Overview
2:15pm Depart Rancho Ebenezer
Visit new Mission House Site
4:30pm Arrive at Mission House
Upon arrival to Mission House, load cargo truck for Thursday/Friday Brigade
5:30pm Dinner at Mission House
6:30pm **Presentation by WGO Staff** followed by Team-led Group Devotions

Thursday & Friday (On Thursday morning put dirty towels & scrubs in hallway before leaving for Brigade Site)

5:45am 30 minutes Quiet Time (Optional)
6:15am Group Devotions (**Thursday WGO-led**; Friday Team-led)
6:30am Breakfast
7:15am Depart for Brigade Site
4:00pm Leave Brigade Site
5:30pm Dinner at Mission House
6:50pm Group Devotions (**Thursday WGO-led**; & Friday Team-led)

Saturday

6:45am 30 minutes Quiet Time (Optional)
7:15am Check-in baggage (Continental Teams) to be left in the carport
7:45am Group devotions (Team-led)
8:00am Breakfast (Team Leaders meet for final De-brief with WGO Staff in Brigade Office)
9:00am Re-Entry/ Closing thoughts (led by WGO Staff)
10:15am Team picture
10:30am Depart for the airport

(Summary of proposed Devotional Schedule: **Team-led**—Sun AM, Tues, Wed & Fri AM & PM, Sat AM/
WGO led—Sat PM (Orientation), Sun PM (Evangelism Training), Mon & Thurs AM & PM, Sat AM Re-Entry)

Team Information Sheet

Please fill out this form and return it to you Team Leader at least two months before your scheduled trip.

Name (exactly as on passport): _____

Country issuing passport: _____

First Name (as you would like it on nametag): _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mo/day/yr)

Sex: Male Female

How many times, including this trip will you have been with WGO: _____

Health: Excellent Good Fair

Spanish: None A Little Fluent

Occupation: _____ (If retired, what was your occupation?)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Contact Phone; _____

Secondary Contact Phone: _____

Church _____

Church Address _____

Pastor's name _____

Email: _____

T-Shirt Size (Men's Polo type): S M L XL 2XL 3XL