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2018 Honduras

Medical Team Member's Packet

Packet for preparing team members for:

WGO SERVE TEAMS

EVANGELISM - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - MEDICAL CARE - CONSTRUCTION



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A higher purpose.*

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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 vision:

“Impacting the faith of Christ followers through serving and evangelizing children and the poor”

This vision encompasses two distinct areas:

- To reach the people of Honduras and Belize for Christ.
- 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!

Preparation

1. 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 and at a higher altitude (4,000 ft.), so you need to be in good physical condition. *If you suffer from medical conditions or have special dietary needs we ask that you inform your Team Leader in advance so that they can let us know.*

2. Insurance:

International medical insurance for medical care in Honduras, including international emergency medical evacuation, is obtained by WGO and is included in the cost of your trip when you purchase your airline tickets through FTI. It is important to understand that this is secondary medical insurance coverage, which means that it will only consider paying a claim once an individual's personal medical insurance has exhausted all coverage possibilities. It contains a \$100 deductible per person, and provides coverage on a reimbursement basis. Therefore, you should have a credit card to cover the cost for any emergency medical treatment needed in Honduras. It is the individual's responsibility to understand their own personal insurance needs, and make sure that appropriate coverage exists to meet those needs. An electronic copy of the policy for insurance WGO provides is available upon request. It is the individual's responsibility to perform their own due diligence and understand what this policy provides, as well as, the limitations and exclusions of this coverage.

If you purchase airline tickets on your own (not through FTI), then you need to ask WGO to purchase the insurance for you. If you choose to buy this type of insurance on your own, we will need proof of coverage before you leave the USA. Your team leader or Pam Owen (WGO staff) will communicate with you about insurance.

3. Immunizations

Immunizations are not required by the U.S. government for travel to Honduras. However, you should have a current tetanus shot. Please check with your physician regarding his or her suggestions for immunizations. Additional information regarding immunizations may be found on the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov. Click on Traveler's Health.

4. Medical Personnel

The Ministry of Health in Honduras **requires us to submit a copy of the passport, diploma and license of every medical doctor, dentist, and optometrist** who will work at the Serve Team site. **Nurses** and other **medical personnel** must submit a copy of their passport and license only. Please give your Team Leader a copy of these documents as soon as possible. The Team Leader needs to scan the documents to Pam Owen no less than 8 weeks before your team arrives. ***Failure to provide this documentation may result in medical professionals being unable to practice while in Honduras.***

5. Website

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

6. Teens

The minimum age for participation on Serve Teams is 14 years old. There may be exceptions to this minimum age and they would need to be approved by the Team Leader and the Honduras Field Director, Otniel Zavala. Please remember this can be a hard week for adults to process, and even harder for youths to process. Teens are invited to participate under these conditions:

- A. Each teen must have the approval of the Team Leader.
- B. We advise that no more than 30% of the team be made up of teens 14 to 17 years old. (We will allow a few teams to have more than 30% teens as approved by the Honduras Field Director.)
- C. Teens must be accompanied by a parent or another adult preferably the same gender, who is responsible for their teen's actions and behavior.
- D. Anyone under the age of 21 and not accompanied by BOTH parents must have with them a consent form in order to enter and exit Honduras. This form is on page 12 with instructions for proper completion.

7. Additional weeks

Occasionally a team member plans ahead to stay an additional week. This needs to be approved by that week's Team Leader and the Serve Team Specialist. The cost for a 2nd week is \$390.

Five Required Forms to Read, Complete and Sign at least 2 months before your mission trip

Everyone needs to read these 5 forms. They are found at the end of this packet and on our website.

1. Statement of Faith Affirmation

This statement needs to be read and affirmed. WGO is willing to accept some non-believers, when Team Leaders feel that they will fit into the team. In those cases the team member will sign a statement of cooperation.

2. Personal Conduct Commitment

Each Team Member is required to read this as it outlines important policies of our ministry.

3. Serve Team Member Information Form- to be filled out online, if possible

WGO needs this information from each team member. Go to www.wgoreach.org. At the bottom of the Home page click on Team Forms. Click on Serve Team Information Form. Type in your team's number. Click Submit. Complete the form. Click Send Application. (If a team member does not have internet access, they should ask their Team Leader for help)

4. Emergency Medical Information Form- to be filled out online, if possible

This form will assist your Team Leader and WGO in handling any health situation that might arise during your stay in Honduras. Go to www.wgoreach.org. At the bottom of the Home page, click on Team Forms. Select this form. Type in your team's number and complete the form. Check the box that says "I'm not a robot". Click on Submit.

5. Liability Release Form- print it to sign and turn in to Team Leader

WGO needs this form signed from each team member. This form releases WGO and the directors from any liability. Your signature on this form acknowledges your agreement with the Statement of Faith and the Personal Conduct Commitment. It must be turned into your Team Leader.

Official Documents You Need to Bring to Honduras

Passport- You must have it with you at the airport.

Give 1 copy of your signed passport to your Team leader.

A valid passport is required 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 your passport will expire prior to **six** months from your return home date, you must renew your passport ASAP. Also, each passport must not be damaged in any way. If it is damaged, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will not allow you to pass through security at the airport.

U. S. citizens are not required to have an approved visa before they arrive in Honduras if they plan to visit less than 90 days, but they are required to have a round-trip ticket which they may be asked to present when coming through Immigration.

Non-US citizens will need to check with a Honduran consulate to see if they are required to have an approved visa before arriving in Honduras. A list of contact information for Honduran Consulates in the USA can be obtained at this link <http://www.hondurasemb.org/> or search "Honduran Consulate" on the Web.

Here are phone numbers for the main three offices:

Houston	713-622-4572
Chicago	773-342-8281
New Orleans	504-522-3118

WGO is not liable for anyone refused entry with a non-USA passport.

If You Miss Your Flight or it is Cancelled

...AND you are NOT traveling with your Team Leader

- If FTI booked your flight, please call their 24 hour desk at (800) 235-9384 and leave a message. They will call back in about 10 minutes. Then call the WGO Mission House at (713) 344-1449 and let them know that you will not be on the flight.
- If you booked your own flight, check with your airline to arrange the next best option. Then call the Mission House (713) 344-1449 to tell them what your plan is.

Cancellation Policy

Your \$200.00 deposit is non-refundable if you decide not to go.

Packing and Luggage

Carry-on Luggage:

Baggage can be delayed several days so it is very important for you to pack clothes and toiletries in your carry-on luggage. If you take any medications, please make sure that you have a 10 day supply.

Each person should bring enough clothing for the week without having to do laundry. **Laundry service is not available.** We do have scrubs available for you to wear during the week while at the Serve Team Sites.

See the **Packing List** on page 10 for suggestions.

What Not to Bring:

Expensive jewelry and watches, Lap tops, iPods, or electronic games—anything of value that could be 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.

TSA has revised its list of banned carry-on items. You can view the list at: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

Arriving In Honduras

Airport Procedure:

Arrival at the airport in Tegucigalpa, clearing immigration and customs, retrieving your luggage, and loading the bus will take time. It is important to be patient and follow the instructions of your Team Leader and the WGO staff that is meeting you.

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

World Gospel Outreach	Phone: # 2211-8660
Casa de Esperanza	
10Km Lomas de El Hatillo	
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, CA	Purpose of visit: Tourist

Notify your Team Leader if you have a checked bag missing when you arrive in Tegucigalpa and they must report it to the airline representative in the Baggage Claim area before leaving that area.

Our staff will greet you in the Baggage area and help direct you for efficiency in collecting your checked bags. If we are unable to meet you there, we will meet you just outside the door of the Baggage area.

If you are traveling without your team, you will need to report your own missing bags, if any. Our staff will meet you outside the door of the Baggage area.

You will not need to exchange money in the airport. The shop keepers in the community where your team may shop will accept dollars and credit cards.

While in Honduras

1. 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. **Please do not eat food from street vendors.**

2. 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 every member of your team can leave Honduras changed, having received a fresh vision of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 a Serve Team operates, but also on the topic 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 in a different culture.

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

We recommend that team members take a "technology fast" for their 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.

3. 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.

4. Devotions

There will be scheduled times each day for team devotions, but it is also important to find time to continue with your personal devotions. You will need to find time in the morning or evening for this.

Out and About in Tegucigalpa

Please follow staff instructions regarding safeguarding your valuables (cameras, etc.), locking vehicles, and closing windows.

- 1. Taking Photographs:** Many of you will want to take photographs to record your experiences in Honduras. Feel free to take pictures at the Mission House, the Serve Team sites and places of interest to you. But do not take pictures of police, soldiers or police buildings without asking their permission.
- 2. 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) and with the World Gospel Outreach staff. Team members should not use bandanas and should cover any tattoos — both symbols of gangs here.
- 3. Jewelry:** Jewelry draws attention to you and we would rather the attention be on our ministry. Please do not bring jewelry of any value to Honduras. Do not take any valuables to the sites. Theft is a way of life for many of the poor people in the neighborhoods where you will be ministering. No pierced body jewelry should be visible. Women may wear earrings, but men should not wear earrings!
- 4. Shopping:** You may purchase coffee (grown at our Rancho Ebenezer), vanilla, blackberry jam, jelly and typical Honduran souvenirs at the Mission House. WGO will accept dollars, lempiras, personal checks, and most major credit and debit cards. There may be time for shopping at the airport on the way home. A variety of items are available including Honduran sport's jerseys, hammocks, clay products, woodcarvings and leather goods. Most credit cards and debit cards are accepted in most shops. It is very important to notify your bank that you will be out of the country so that they notate your account; otherwise, they may invalidate your card when you try to use it.
- 5. 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 4,000 feet so we enjoy much cooler mornings and evenings than down in the city. You will be glad that you brought that sweatshirt or light jacket.
- 6. If You Get Lost:** We ask that you all stay together but if you get separated and have a phone, call Pam Owen at 9493-1801 or the Mission House at 2211-8680. If you do not have a phone, take a taxi to Casa de Esperanza, 10 Km Lomas de El Hatillo, Tegucigalpa. Keep a copy of your passport with you at all times.

During Your Stay at the Mission House

- 1. Conservation:** Please help us conserve our water, which is in **very limited supply**. You may take 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.
- 2. Daily Schedule:** Bells will be rung for mealtimes, devotions and bus departures. So whether it is 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 we can keep things on schedule! (See page 11 for a typical Team Schedule.)
- 3. 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**.
- 4. Privacy:** **Please respect the privacy of all staff living areas** - Pharmacy area and apartments are on the first and second floor. After 10 pm, please do not take showers or use hairdryers, and be silent except in the living room and dining room where you may visit with the doors closed. In the mornings, until the breakfast bell rings, please respect people's personal devotion time.
- 5. Laundry:** On Tuesday and Saturday mornings you will put all dirty towels and washcloths in the hallway outside your bedroom. They will be replaced with fresh ones. On Wednesday and Saturday you will put the Mission House scrubs that you used in the hallway outside your bedroom.

6. **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 as needed. Team members will be asked to help with making sure our lunch gets on the bus each 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 when and where you are needed!
7. **Security and Safety: Do not leave the Mission House site except for official excursions.** WGO has hired a private security company with armed guards. We ask you to 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. The dog will eat anything you leave outside, including medicine, cameras, books, hats and shoes. Please check your bed, bags, shoes and clothes for any insects or critters that may be hiding there.
8. **Accommodations:** During your stay at the Mission House, you will be roomed with members of the same gender. Rooms have bunk beds and house between 8-16 people. We ask that our more "mature" team members be the first to use the lower bunks. Each room has 3 toilets, 3 sinks and 3 shower stalls. You may consider bringing ear plugs if the snoring of others bothers you.
9. **Meals:** All your meals will be provided during your stay with WGO. You will experience a combination of typical Honduran and North American fare.
10. **Communications:** There will be a phone in the lobby that can be used to make calls back to the States. The cost of each call is \$2.00. We ask that you limit the number of calls that you make to the U.S. and the length of the call. We will have a clipboard available with your name on it. Just mark a tally next to your name and you will pay at the end of the week. Emergency incoming e-mails should be sent to Pamela.owen@wgomission.org.

At the Serve Team Sites

1. **Overview:** We will set up at two churches for your week, the first on Monday and Tuesday, and the second 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 gather for a brief introduction, songs and prayer at the start of each day with the team and the church members, and we will have a closing on the second day before leaving the site.
2. **Safety/Hygiene:** **Do not leave the 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. **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 be 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 important** at the site 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 these conditions and you can become dehydrated. **Drink plenty of water!**
3. **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. ***They are allowed one service only. If we let them have more than one, there will be some people that will not get in at all.***
4. **Assignments:** Before you get to the Serve Team site, your Team Leader will assign you to areas of service such as:
5. **Medical:** There will be 1 - 4 medical stations set up. Our Honduran doctor will always have one station, and the others will be manned by qualified licensed team members. We cannot work legally without a Honduran Doctor.

6. **Chiropractors and Therapists:** If your team has a chiropractor, a physical therapist or a massage therapist, any patient can see them, as well as choosing one of the other services.
7. **Pharmacy:** After seeing the medical staff, patients will be brought to the pharmacy area to receive the medications that were prescribed. Some 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.
8. **Dental:** We normally have 2-3 dental stations that are run by our Honduran dentists. There may be an additional station if your team has dentist or dental hygienist. Up to four team members may be assigned to the dental area and can expect to assist the dentists. This normally consists of holding a tray, brushing the patient's teeth, giving them mouthwash, holding a patient's hand and praying for them.
9. **Optical:** We will have an optical station only when teams choose to purchase this option. Two to three team members will be assigned to this area to work the auto-refractor (after being trained) and help fit glasses. We partner with New Vision Ministries for our optical services. If you want optical for your week you can recruit an optometrist or ophthalmologist or WGO has some Doctors who can come and serve with your team.
10. **Children's Ministry:** All the children aged twelve and under that come to the site will go to the Children's Ministry station. 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. Each child will be given a Salvation bracelet to help them remember the story of the Gospel. They will have their hair washed and treated for lice, if needed. Our translators are responsible for checking which children need the lice treatment. The girls have their hair styled in ponytails or braids. The boys have gel added and their hair spiked. Several team members will have the privilege of working in this area each day.
11. **Evangelism:** The medical services are what get the people there –sharing the Gospel is why we are there! We are aware that many team members are nervous about sharing their faith. Many first-time team members have never shared the Gospel one on one. So if you feel a little apprehensive, you're not alone! We will have evangelism training on Sunday evening so that you are better equipped with 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). Your Team Leader will have a page of Scripture verses that are helpful in sharing the Gospel. More times than not, those who were the most apprehensive about doing evangelism end up loving it and can't wait to do it again.
12. **Service Projects:** In general, one service project per day would have up to 5 team members assigned. WGO decides with the pastor of the church you are serving which project is to be done. Possible projects are painting, installing water filter systems, or making a concrete floor for a family living on a dirt floor which includes hauling buckets of water, mixing concrete and sand and water- in other words hard physical labor!

Packing List for Honduras

1. Clothing:

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

All days: No tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, low cut tops, see-through clothing, t-shirts exposing the navel. No exposed tattoos, or bandanas should be worn—these are synonymous with gangs in Honduras. Men must not wear earrings. Women may wear earrings.

No body piercing may be worn by anyone while in partnership with WGO. No running shorts, short shorts, torn jeans or tight clothing such as yoga pants. Knee-length shorts are acceptable.

No bare feet, except in bunkrooms and bathrooms.

Sunday: Men should wear nice long pants and nice collared shirt.

Women should wear a dress or skirt that at least covers their knees, or nice pants with a modest top.

Days at Serve Team site: Men and women should wear WGO's scrubs, or jeans. We suggest women wear a tank top under some scrub tops.

2. Toiletries:

- A. Soap or body wash
- B. Toothbrush & Toothpaste/ Floss
- C. Deodorant
- D. Shampoo/ comb/ brush
- E. Shaving kit

3. Other Items:

- A. Passport
- B. Bible
- C. Travel size hand sanitizer; Travel size toilet paper or all-purpose wipes to use while in city
- D. Credit card for possible emergency medical payment
- E. Sunscreen & insect repellent
- F. Earplugs, if snoring bothers you
- G. Camera
- H. Sunglasses; Sun hat or ball cap; Rain poncho
- I. Medications (a 10 day supply at minimum); Non-drowsy Dramamine, if you get motion sickness
- J. Pen & journal, small notebook or pad
- K. Fanny Pack
- L. Water bottle
- M. Alarm clock
- N. Flashlight with extra batteries

Team Schedule

Saturday

Upon arrival: General orientation in upstairs meeting room, approx. 30 minutes after arrival.
5:30pm Dinner
6:10pm Medical orientation, downstairs in the pharmacy.
6:45pm Team sharing (led by WGO)

Sunday

(Morning times may vary due to church schedule)
7:15am Group devotions (Team-led)
7:30am Breakfast
8:15am Depart for church
12:00pm Lunch in the city at local restaurant
1:30pm Return to Mission House. **(Upon arrival to Mission House, load the cargo truck for Mon/Tue Serve Team site)**
5:30pm Dinner
6:45pm Evangelism training (led by WGO) **(All team members meet together in upstairs meeting room)**

Monday

6:00am Group devotions (Team led)
6:15am Breakfast
7:00am Depart for Serve Team site
4:00pm Leave Serve Team site
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Group meeting (Team-led)

Tuesday

(Tuesday morning please put towels in the hall)
6:00am Group devotions (Team-led)
6:15am Breakfast
7:00am Depart for Serve Team site
4:00pm Leave Serve Team site (**Upon arrival to the Mission House, unload the cargo truck**)
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Group meeting (WGO presentation) **(All team members meet together in upstairs meeting room)**

Wednesday

(Wednesday morning please put scrubs in the hall)
7:00am Group devotions (Team-led)
7:15am Breakfast
8:00am Depart for Rancho Ebenezer
8:45am Depart for Picacho Park/Valle de Angeles
4:00pm Arrive at Mission House (**Upon arrival to the Mission House, load the cargo truck for Thurs/Fri Serve Team site**)
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Group meeting (short WGO presentation) **(All team members meet together in upstairs meeting room)** (Team-led)

Thursday

6:00am Group devotions (Team-led)
6:15am Breakfast
7:00am Depart for Serve Team site
4:00pm Leave Serve Team site
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Group meeting (Team-led)

Friday

6:00am Group devotions (Team-led)
6:15am Breakfast
7:00am Depart for Serve Team site
4:00pm Leave Serve Team site **(Upon arrival to the Mission House, unload the cargo truck)**
5:30pm Dinner
6:30pm Group meeting (opening by WGO) (Team-led)

Saturday

(On Saturday we need to follow these times. We need to get to the airport on time.)
7:00am Group devotions (Team-led)
7:15am Breakfast
8:15am Re-Entry/ Closing thoughts (led by WGO)
9:00am Depart for the airport

Parental / Legal Guardian Consent Form

(For team members under age 21)

Instructions:

1. Fill out this form. **This form must be signed by both parents regardless of their marital status.**
 - **In cases of divorce**, both parents must sign this form. If both parents cannot sign, then the person with custody must sign and must attach a notarized copy of the custody papers with this form.
 - **If one or both of the parents are deceased**, a notarized copy of the death certificate(s) must be attached.
 - In all other situations, please contact us.
2. Have this form notarized.
3. Keep this form with you. You might need this form along with a proper ID (Birth Certificate or Passport) in order to enter Honduras or Belize.

NOTE: This form must be filled out for all minors traveling with you when both parents are not present. Without a **properly filled out and notarized** consent form the authorities may not allow a minor into their country. The reason for this protocol is that authorities are trying to ensure minors do not enter their country against the wishes of the minor's legal guardians.

We, _____ and _____,
give permission for our son/daughter _____ (passport name),
with passport number _____ to travel to Honduras or Belize in the month of
_____ in the year of _____, under the supervision of
_____ (passport name of the team leader),
with passport number _____.

(Signature of 1st parent or guardian)

(Signature of 2nd parent or guardian)

(Date)

(Date)

(Signature of Notary Public)

(Date)

My commission expires: _____, 20_____

World Gospel Outreach

Statement of Faith

WGO is a protestant, non-denominational, evangelical ministry. Our national 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, to be in submission to:

- **WE BELIEVE** in one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **WE BELIEVE** that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman.

If you are in agreement with this page, you should sign on the Liability Release Form.

Personal Conduct Commitment

Accountability: To make your outreach an enriching experience, it is imperative that everyone respects each other. Each Serve Team must have a designated Team Leader who is responsible for a team member's conduct during their stay. Each team member should have a direct reporting relationship to the Team Leader. 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 WGO policies and directives, WGO reserves the right to send him/her home at the expense of the individual or the sponsoring church.

Gifts to Children NOT under the care of WGO: While WGO appreciates your financial and material donations, please follow WGO staff instructions regarding giving gifts. Team members are often generous in their desire to give to the children or adults they meet at the Serve Team site. It is our request that no candy (too many dental problems already) or gifts be given.

Gifts to children and young people under the care of WGO: Monetary gifts to children at Rancho Ebenezer are possible through our WGOKids Child Sponsorship program. You can make a financial donation on any child's behalf to WGO. No gifts are to be given directly to any person under the care of WGO. **Because of its importance to the well-being and development of the children that WGO cares for, Serve Team members who are found to have provided personal gifts of any kind, material or financial, or have exchanged personal information (i.e. emails, addresses, Facebook info, phone numbers) may be sent home at their own expense or not be allowed to return to WGO facilities.**

Gifts to Honduran Staff: It is important that you not engage in any kind of support (outside of recognized and approved programs), helps, or even exchange email addresses, Facebook or physical addresses with our Honduran staff, translators or medical professionals during your stay or after your return, as it violates **their terms of their employment**. 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 Director of Mission House.

Dress: Please dress modestly. In order to remove barriers to ministry and to protect the reputation and privilege of WGO to minister, please adhere to the following guidelines.

All days: No tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, low cut tops, see-through clothing, t-shirts exposing the navel. No exposed tattoos, or bandanas should be worn—these are synonymous with gangs in Honduras. Men must not wear earrings. Women may wear earrings.

No body piercing may be worn by anyone while in partnership with WGO.

No running shorts, short shorts, torn jeans, or tight clothing such as yoga pants. Knee-length shorts are acceptable.

No bare feet, except in bunkrooms and bathrooms.

Sunday: Men should wear nice long pants and nice collared shirt.

Women should wear a dress or skirt that at least covers their knees, or nice pants with a modest top.

Days at Serve Team worksite:

Men and women should wear WGO's scrubs, or jeans. We suggest women wear a tank top under some scrub tops.

No Smoking or Drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed while on this outreach or while being a guest at any WGO facility. 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 other cultures. 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, not by right, and can be asked to leave at any time. Thank you for your cooperation!

WGO staff will expect team members to comply with this conduct policy.

If you are in agreement with this page you should sign on the Liability Release Form.

WGO Emergency Medical Information

Fill out online. If you do not have access to a computer, give to Team Leader.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Gender: M F Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parent's Name (if under 21): _____

Parent's Phone: () _____ Work: () _____

HEALTH INFORMATION (To be completed by all participants):

Check the following boxes (If "Yes" please explain):

- Yes No Do you have any Drug Allergies? _____
- Yes No Do you have any Food Allergies? _____
- Yes No Do you have any Environmental Allergies? _____
- Yes No Has any allergic reaction required emergency room care? _____
- Yes No Do you have a Heart Condition? _____
- Yes No Do you have High Blood Pressure? _____
- Yes No Do you have any Respiratory Difficulties? _____
- Yes No Are you diabetic? Diet Controlled Oral medication Insulin
- Yes No Do you wear contact lenses?
- Yes No Have you had any serious illness or surgery within the past three years? If so, list with dates

Yes No Have you ever been treated for anxiety, nervousness, or stress related disorders? If "yes" please explain.

Are you subject to: (If "yes" please explain)

- Yes No Fainting? _____
- Yes No Sleep Walking? _____
- Yes No Frequent Upset Stomach? _____
- Yes No Do you have any condition that would prevent you from participating in any activities? _____

Please indicate **ANYTHING** else that the leaders should know to help deal with any situation that might arise:

LIST ALL CURRENT MEDICATION, DOSAGE, AND WHAT IT IS BEING TAKEN FOR: _____

(Continue medications on the back if necessary)

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER MEDICATIONS THAT YOU WILL BE TAKING TO HONDURAS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (someone NOT with you on this trip): This MUST BE INCLUDED

Emergency contact: _____ Relationship _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: Home () _____ Work or Cell () _____

Your Primary Physician: () _____ Your Physician's Phone () _____

Liability Release Form

Release of All Claims

All Participants:

In consideration for being accepted by World Gospel Outreach for participation in a 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.

Father

Date

Mother

Date

Signature of Legal Guardian/Parent

Date

Legal Guardian /Parent's phone number

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

Do you have Hospital Insurance? Yes No

Insurance Company

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read and agree with:

- the WGO Liability Release Form
- the Personal Conduct Commitment
- the Statement of Faith

I understand the rules of conduct for all participants and I will abide by them as well as the directions of the leadership of WGO. I understand that WGO might use my photo or video or quote in their publications without asking specific permission.

Print your name

Team Number

Signature

Serve Team Information Sheet

Fill this form out at the WGO website www.wgoreach.org. If you do not have access to a computer, give the completed sheet to your Team Leader.

Name (**exactly as on passport**): _____

Country issuing passport and expiration date: _____
(Needs to be valid for 6 months **after** your return date)

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

Date of Birth: _____(mo./day/yr.) Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Number of trips on a WGO Serve Team: (e.g. if this is your 1st trip, answer "1") _____

Health: ___Excellent ___Good ___Fair

Spanish: ___None ___Little ___Fluent

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

Your Personal Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your own primary phone number: _____

Your secondary phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

Your Church: _____

Your Church's Address: _____

Your Pastor's name: _____

Your Church's Email: _____