

# REFUGE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

1. ***What are the minimum and maximum number of people that can travel on a team?***  
We prefer that there be at least 3 people per team. The maximum number of people that can join a team is 10.
2. ***What will the schedule consist of?***  
We recommend a 7-10 day trip from start to finish. We will provide you with a full and detailed schedule as we get closer to the dates of the trip.
3. ***What type of accommodations will we stay in?***  
All team members will stay in a local “guesthouse”, a pastor’s home, a church, or a hotel. In most cases there are two people per room and each room **usually** has a private bathroom. The guesthouses are comfortable but basic. There may be no air conditioning or heat, although temperatures are quite moderate throughout the year in most locations. Refuge CMI has no involvement in the operations of the guesthouses or hotels but have found the staff to be quite helpful and accommodating. Most accommodations generally have 24-hour security.
4. ***What kind of power supply is available?***  
The Western Hemisphere uses 110/120 as in USA.
5. ***How will we find our way around?***  
A local chaperone will drive and accompany the team throughout the trip. The chaperones will accommodate the team however possible, but please be respectful of their time and try to allow them personal time off.
6. ***Where do we keep our valuables?***  
All valuables will be your responsibility. All money, passports, plane tickets can be kept in a safe at some of the accommodations. We recommend that you keep cameras, etc. on your person, or nearby, at all times.
7. ***What type of currency is used where we are going?***  
The currency in Belize is Belize dollars (\$1 US = \$2 BZ) and you can use your US\$. The currency in Haiti is Gourds – not sure of breakdown at this time, The currency in most of Latin America is something similar to the Peso, but not the same as Mexico’s. Please bring **US CASH** in the form of larger bills (\$20-50) for locations other than Belize. **The money exchangers prefer larger bills printed between the years 2000 – present.** We will make arrangements to have your money converted on the day of your arrival.
8. ***What are the necessary inoculations and medications needed?***  
We recommend that you contact your local health department / tropical disease clinic or the W.H.O (World Health Organization) for the most up to date information. The Western Hemisphere has fewer suggestions than other locations. One note, avoid taking Larium for Malaria as it has severe side effects.
9. ***How do we get visas to enter our host country?***  
You must have a current passport. Latin America: we complete the visa paperwork on the plane and pay the fee in the airport.
10. ***Will we have access to internet?*** Yes, there are Internet cafés in most cities.
11. ***Will we be able to interact with the children?***  
The children will often interact with you. You will also be able to visit with widows and children throughout the day.
12. ***Will we be able to communicate in English?***  
In almost every situation you will be able to communicate with people in English. Most people in Belize speak good English. In other situations, we will have interpreters.
13. ***What is the weather like?***  
The weather is very moderate throughout the year in most locations. We will brief you specific to where you are going.
14. ***What is the dress code?***  
Depending on the situation, the dress code will change. Please see the dress code attached for more information.