

LAST MINUTE TRIP INSTRUCTIONS FOR JAMAICA BIBLE SEMINARY

- ❑ Be sure you have your plane ticket and United States passport.
- ❑ Send a copy of your landing times at Kingston, Jamaica airport to:
 - Randal Craig and Richard Geringswald
jamchris@cwjamaica.com, number1drrich@juno.com so they can co-ordinate a mission van to pick you up (Taxi cabs are \$40-50)
 - If you don't make these arrangements, you are on your own! Thursday arrival and Saturday or Monday departure works best for van scheduling (unless you are a Rally speaker at the Youth Jamboree). Do not go to Montego Bay airport! It is 4 hours away and you're on your own to get yourself to Kingston on the other end of the island.
- ❑ Send \$25 per night 4 weeks ahead of time per person in your teaching team to:
Jamaica Christian Services, 5709 La Serena Ave., Lakeland, FL 33809.
This will cover transportation, 3 meals, and housing. You are on your own for gifts, craft market shopping and meals on your R & R day. Sometimes the mission will pack sandwiches ahead of time.
- ❑ Plan a small gift of \$5-\$10 each to the ones in charge of house duty. (There are 3 ladies on the staff for meals and housekeeping) Your clothes will be washed and ironed daily and your bed made. Meals are served at the mission house on non-school days and the staff eats with the students in the cafeteria during school days.
- ❑ Tickets may be purchased through the airline web sites or Travelocity, Expedia or any Travel Agent. Current air carriers include Air Jamaica, American Airlines, Delta, Spirit Airlines (not on Travelocity or Expedia) and Continental service Kingston (KIN).
- ❑ You may carry 2 suitcases of 50# each and one carry on of 40#. Pack lightly for yourself. You won't need towels, bedding, or hangers but you will need toiletries and personal effects. One suitcase can be song books, reference materials (Strong's Exhaustive Concordances especially), KING JAMES BIBLES OR NEW INTERNATIONAL BIBLES, Large print, pocket New Testaments and \$3-3.50 Bible Society Editions are most badly needed, good video tapes, plastic or glass communion cups, and toilet paper, toilet seats, and good used shoes (nothing that could be confused with resale (like a large bundle of white T-shirts for V.B.S.) or you will pay a hefty 25% import fee.
 - Used Computers are now duty free.
 - New Computers Expect Duty Fee.
 - Laptop computers and guitars can be taken as personal items and left. These items are very hard to come by on the island.
 - Crayons (Crayola and Rose Art hold up best in the heat and humidity) and coloring books for the children, 35 mm film cost \$8-10 a roll on the island.
 - A 5-pack of blank video tapes is welcomed and you will be appreciated.



- Polyesters and double knits are too hot for Jamaica climate. Cotton breathes. Certain clothes that are immodest or that promote unchristian music and movie stars won't be worn so don't waste suitcase space bringing them down. Don't clean out your rag bag and think you are doing anyone a favor bringing your junk. Make sure the clothes are clean, in good repair and nothing you would be ashamed to wear yourself. Most clothes are purchasable by Jamaican's at the market inexpensively. Sneakers and blue jeans are expensive and harder to get. So think, "Jeans and Sneakers"!
- ❑ Upon entering Jamaica you say, "I am visiting Jamaica Christian Mission" and "I'm bringing a few inexpensive gifts." If you say you are coming to Teach you will be required a teaching permit as the government does not want visitors taking jobs away from the islanders. If you say you are not that kind of teacher, then you will need another permit to say you are not that kind of teacher.
- ❑ Keep it simple! Just say, "I have come to visit." And don't give your life history. Also do not say you have come to work or build or construct as this also takes jobs away from the islanders even though we hire 5-10 local men to work with our labor crews. You are a tourist, visiting the island and spending your American tourist dollars. Keep it simple!
- ❑ You need to submit to Richard a 1-2 page Syllabus of your class plans as this will help in Transcript credit given for transfer students. We are not an accredited college, but because of providing syllabi, our credits have been transferred to accredited colleges.
- ❑ Grade sheets need to be sent to the Mission (Kadian our secretary or Winston our Academic Dean) Richard after completion of course for preparing report cards. Give students a month to get final reports or assignments sent back for grading.
- ❑ Plan on preaching at least once every Sunday you are there. Your wife needs to be prepared to teach a children's or ladies' class.
- ❑ Emergency numbers: The Geringswalds: (863) 859-2984 after 5:30 p.m. EST or (863) 967-0049 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.), Ronnie Criag: (876) 934-1109, Mission House Office: (876) 925-2803, College & Camp (876) 924-2001 Constant Spring Police Station: (876) 925-8991 or 925-8692, JCM FAX: (876) 924-0581. EMAILS: jamchris@cwjamaica.com (Winston Scott), number1drrich@juno.com (Richard Geringswald). NEW VONAGE DIRECT LINE TO KINGSTON COLLEGE: 1-614-543-0491 via Ohio (minimum long distance charge)
- ❑ Bring ear plugs and mosquito repellent. The dogs like to bark under your window and if it's rainy, the bugs will be out in force.

Travel Information

What you need to travel

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Passport as of

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It is now required by the Dept. Of Homeland Security that you apply for a U.S. Passport. An application can be obtained at your local post office, or county clerk's office.(This should be done at least 8 weeks in advance, preferably 12).

Luggage:

You may carry one 50 lbs. piece of checked luggage and one carry-on bag (35 lbs.). Not one pound over or there will be serious baggage fees up to \$60.

Be sure your carry-on luggage is used for all medicines, a change of

clothes, toilet articles, lesson materials, etc., in case your luggage is delayed.

Cardboard boxes are not acceptable during parts of the year, including summer.

All of your luggage should be unlocked therefore carry all valuables in your carry-on.

It is advisable to use suitcases large enough to be compactly packed so that items are not damaged. Overly large suitcases can cause a storage problem on the work site.

Jamaican Immigration

Cards and Customs

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Immigration Card:

On the flight to Jamaica you will receive an immigration card. This card must be completed correctly.. The purpose of travel - "Visiting the Jamaica Churches of Christ". Your team leader will supply you with the address of the church where you will be staying. The telephone number is 876-842-2203. (Cassandra's cell) Please put the exact date of the returning flight that you have scheduled.

Immigration and Customs:

It is important to be on your best behavior while in Immigration and Customs. Do not joke or tease about anything. Drugs and weapons should never be mentioned. You are a guest in a different country and culture. Answer questions when asked, otherwise be silent.

Be sure to go through the "Nothing to Declare" line, in the Customs Building.

If asked, you should say, "I am visiting Jamaica Churches of Christ. I have personal effects and a few gifts to be given to children."

Items to take to Jamaica:

A Christ like attitude, Bible, journal and pens (if you want to keep a journal), camera, and extra batteries for your camera, one set of twin sheets and pillowcase, one used bath towel and wash cloth, toothbrush and toiletries, work gloves, and work boots (if needed), hat, and sunglasses, a lightweight rain coat or poncho, insect spray for mosquitos, and Immodium AD or other medication, sunblock SPF 30 minimum, spending money, approx. \$100 for souvenirs, snacks, and extras.

Be sure to take medicine and vitamins you take regularly (take some extra in case of a delay) as these items may not be available in Jamaica.

No fruits, vegetables, fireworks or weapons may be brought into the country, not even a water pistol. Bring a smile.

Finances

Raising Support

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A Worthwhile Trip:

Meals away from the church grounds are at your expense. We provide three meals per day as a part of your daily cost.

TRIP COSTS:

Ministry teams expect **\$950** per person which includes air fare from Orlando, FL (MCO) or Atlanta, GA, housing, meals, and transportation in Jamaica. Prices subject to change with fuel surcharges and other cities of departure. Plan \$600 plus airfare per person from other locations.. **2nd week** of extended mission trip can be **\$125-\$200** depending on where we are going to be.

This also includes hotel expense for the day of arrival and departure.

Travel, Health & Life Insurance is included to you as a short term missionary up to age 50, a surcharge will be added for over 50 yrs., as the cost doubles for 50 to 70 years. Sightseeing and souvenir shopping are extra.

