



Belize Softball Missions Trip 2010

Dates: March 13 – March 21, 2010

Purpose:

To, through the sport of softball, bring the Gospel to people who otherwise would not have the opportunity to hear about Christ. This is a unique opportunity to play a game we enjoy, as well as share Jesus with others while developing relationships with native Belizeans.

Tentative Schedule: *subject to change

Saturday	Arrive – Go to Hotel (1 ½ - 2 hr. drive) Belize Welcome Meal at hotel 7:00pm – Stadium Walkthrough
Sunday	Church (am) Opening Ceremonies 12:00pm Game time 1:00pm (Double Header)
Monday	Morning Clinic, Afternoon Clinic – Night Game
Tuesday	Morning Clinic, Afternoon Clinic – Night Game
Wednesday	Orange Walk Town (All day clinics and playing in new city) 2 hr drive
Thursday	Morning Clinic, Afternoon Clinic – Night Game
Friday	Morning Clinic, Afternoon Clinic – Night Game (Village Bar B Q)
Saturday	Fly to San Pedro, Relax, take a Tour, Sharing session after Dinner
Sunday	Fly Home

Cost of the Trip: \$1,600.00

This includes:

- Airfare from Memphis (or originating city) to Belize City
- Hotel accommodations including Breakfast and Dinner as well as laundry
- Transportation (van rental)

Does Not Include:

Lunch Daily (approx. \$6 per day)

This is basically an all inclusive trip except for lunch. On Saturday, you will have an opportunity to take a tour, this is your cost. I would plan on around \$100-\$200 spending money, but that is to your discretion. There are ATM's available in the town where we will be staying.

There is also a \$38.50 USD departure fee tax to leave the country. Sometimes this is included in the price of the ticket, sometimes it is not, depending on the type of tickets we get.

Transportation cost

Airfare: We try to find the best deals possible.

Van Rental: The cost per passenger vans per week is \$1000 for the week. The cost of gas there is about 3 times what it is here. Some team members will be asked to drive during the week. No international license is required; a valid U.S. license is, though.

Fund Raising

We will go over fundraising during our first meeting; fundraising for yourself is a great way to see God work through this process.

Support from your local church:

Along with helping you personally, your local church can help us with raising money for specific projects. One of the goals for this year is being able to supply each individual student with a pencil bag with school supplies along with 20 full scholarships for children's yearly schools supplies. Churches can also decide to sponsor a van rental, scholarship a child, or provide equipment.

Accommodations:

During the week, we are staying at the Cahal Pech Resort Hotel ("Resort" is not what you think!) in the Cayo District of Belize. Check out www.cahalpech.com

When we travel to San Pedro Island on Saturday Morning, we will be staying at The Sunbreeze Hotel on San Pedro Island. www.sunbreeze.net

Uniforms:

International Sports Outreach will supply game jerseys. As a mission team member, you will receive 2 t shirts, one polo shirt, and one team hat. If you are planning to play, EVERYONE will have to buy baseball pants if you don't already own them, preferably 2 pair, grey no stripe. They will get washed by the hotel staff. You will also need to pair of blue shorts (inexpensive sports shorts from sports authority, wal mart, target, etc.) to wear during the clinics and a pair of neat khaki short to wear with your polo on the nights you are not playing. Every player also needs a royal blue belt and navy blue socks.

Passports:

Belize requires a valid U.S. passport to enter the country. If you are not in possession of a passport you need to start the process NOW.

Practice: (players only)

They play FAST PITCH. We are going to need people to commit to practice. We are all going to have to learn how to hit again. We will play a couple of slow pitch games, but we will play majority fast pitch.

Team Meeting: (all mission team members)

We will have 4 team meetings; these are mandatory meetings, unless you make prior arrangements. During these meetings we will get information to you that you need to know, pick up payments, and spend some time together. We will go over clinic training with everybody. It will also be a time for us to share what God us doing through this in our live and the lives of those around us.

Payment Schedule:

1 st deposit	December 1st	\$100.00
2 nd deposit	January 8 th	\$600.00
3 rd payment	February 5 th	\$500.00
4 th payment	March 5 th	\$400.00

All payments will be made to **International Sports Outreach**
All Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE

Trip Committee:

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