

BE A HERO MISSIONS TRIP TO BRAZIL

Revival is in the air in Brazil. I believe that Brazil will be a catalyst for a youth missionary movement that will reap nations of the earth for the glory of God. Come with us and experience His power to change bodies (healing and miracles), destinies (purpose for life), and nations (the highway/byway revival amongst the poor and broken). You will never be the same.

We are going to be in Sao Paulo, Brazil August 13-26 2007. Our itinerary includes a school of signs and wonders, with outreaches in the mall; a youth conference with Jason Upton; and a school of mercy and social justice, with outreaches in the slums.

If you are interested in joining us on this life changing trip then here is what you need to do.....

1. Complete the application form and send it to us with the \$150 (us) deposit and a passport photo.
2. Ask your pastor to complete the pastor reference form and send it to us.

When you are accepted on the trip you need to...

1. Pay the remaining fees *
2. Sign and return the Liability Release Form
3. Make sure your passport has at least 6 months to run after the trip
4. Book your flight*
5. Get a visa for Brazil *
6. If you are under 18 complete the "authorization for minors to travel" *
7. Arrange the relevant immunizations *
8. Ensure you have adequate medical insurance and travel insurance
9. Arrange prayer cover for the trip (specific areas for prayer will be sent to you)
10. Gather the appropriate clothing / equipment *
11. Come and meet us in Sao Paulo!!

* see below for details.

FEES

The full fee for the trip is \$1,500 (US) [\$1,750 Cdn]. Cheques should be made payable to Be A Hero.

The non-refundable deposit of \$150 US must be paid at the time of application, and reserves your place on the trip, pending approval of your application. Space is limited to 100. If a deposit is not received with your application then your application will not be processed.

Full payment of the balance and all requested information must be received in our office by the "balance due date" (27 June 2007) to avoid the late fee of \$250 (US).

WHAT IS COVERED: The cost of the trip includes accommodation, two meals a day in Brazil, and all transportation within Brazil. Be A Hero reserves the right to deny any application.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED: You will be responsible for your travel cost to and from Sao Paulo (we can recommend some travel agents for good rates – see below), personal spending money, the cost of snacks and meals on travel days, and gratuities where appropriate (waiters, bus drivers, housekeeping, etc.), insurance, passport and visa fees, country exit tax, and immunizations where required.

FLIGHTS

We are working with two travel agents who are aware of the details of our trip, and should be able to arrange good prices for you. The sooner you book the more chance there is of getting lower fares. These agencies are both specialists in Brazil with good airline contacts, and so can give good rates out of US and Canada. Mention that you are part of Be A Hero Mission Trip To Brazil. Contacts who are looking forward to meeting your travel needs are:

- Ligia Waib at Tropical Travel, Oakland, CA. ligia@tropicaltour.net 510/655-9904 or 888/727-2745 or visit their website at www.tropicaltour.net
- Beatrice Harder at Menno Travel, Abbotsford, BC. Beatrice@mennotvl.com 1-604 853-0751 or 1-800-667-5559 or visit their website at www.mennotvl.com

VISA

You will need to obtain a **tourist** visa. Full details of how to go about this can be found at www.consbrastoronto.org and other similar sites, including the brazilian embassy and www.visaconnection.com.

First arrival in Brazil must be within 90 days of the date the visa was issued. However, it will take a ten working days for your visa application to be processed (excluding mailing times), so please apply for it in good time.

Given the fact that visa's cannot be purchased too far in advance, and the high season for traveling please ensure you take our cancellation insurance with your flights for the event that your visa is not issued in time.

Citizens of Canada and America require visas, but citizens of some other countries (including United Kingdom) do not. Please check the web site to confirm whether you must arrange a visa. However, if you are returning to a country other than that of your own citizenship you will need a copy of your Permanent Residence Card or that countries visa.

Download the visa application from the web site – one form per application. You must get it signed and send in documentation. Ensure you have all the relevant paperwork, photographs etc before you send in your visa application to avoid delay.

If you are under 18 there are additional requirements for travel – full details can be found on the web. In summary – your parents must both sign the application for visa, and also give specific permission to travel, either in the presence of the Consular Officer, or it must be notarized. You will need to complete the form of authorization for minors to travel (even if your parents are accompanying you on the trip).

IMMUNIZATIONS

In Sao Paulo there are no problems with Dengue Fever or Malaria but if you are fair skinned you should bring some mosquito repellent with you. We also advise you to talk to your own doctor about vaccinations that are recommended for Brazil. Brazil does ask visitors from certain countries to provide proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever. (See the Brazilian Consulate in your own country for information on this).

You must have medical/health insurance in place that will cover costs in case of illness or emergencies in Brazil. This must cover the cost of air transport home in case of an accident/emergency. You must be sure that all installments are fully paid during your time with us.

We will require details of your health/medical insurance shortly after you have been accepted on the trip.

WHAT TO BRING

Any items that you bring are entirely at your own risk.

Sao Paulo is on the east coast of Brazil over the tropic of Capricorn and consequently boasts a hot tropical climate. However, we will be visiting Brazil during their winter.

Brazilians take great pride in cleanliness and in their appearance. For the second week you will be ministering among the poor, so, we ask you to dress simply. Please do not wear expensive jewelry or watches. Brazilian Christians are sometimes offended by piercings (upper ear/eyebrows/nose, etc.), and in many places it is not acceptable to wear shorts. We ask you to be understanding in this area.

During the day long, loose, light clothing is advisable, although in the evening, and sometimes during the day as we re visiting in their winter, it is cooler and so a sweater or similar would be useful. You will need appropriate footwear – covered shoes and tennis shoes can help avoid possible contamination and skin diseases in the slum area.

Women

Pants, capris (below knee), skirts and dresses are all acceptable forms of dress for women. Please do not bring cropped tops with you that show your belly-button or your stomach. Mini-skirts and short skirts or dresses are also unacceptable. Avoid tight fitting clothing of any kind.

Men

Men may wear jeans, pants, long Bermuda shorts, t-shirts, etc.

Other essentials:

- Sun protection
- MP3 player or similar (for personal soaking)
- Anti-bacterial hand wash
- Personal spending money

Bring your original documents, Passport/ID card with attached visa, with you. By law, everyone, even Brazilians, have to carry ID with them at all times. The law states that foreigners must carry their original passport with them at all times.

It is also a good idea to leave copies of your documents, travel/health insurance and plane tickets with family or friends **in your own country** in case of loss or theft in Brazil. Also, bring a couple of ordinary photocopies of your passport in your suitcase – again, in case of loss of the original.

Important Note: Please do not lose the Landing/Arrival Card that you will be given to fill in shortly before you exit the plane. ***You are required to deposit this when leaving the country.***

Please also bring a second bag / suitcase of good clothes / toys for distribution in Brazil.

OTHER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Can I pay with a credit card?

A. Yes. We will impose a 4% fee for paying for services and fees with your credit card if you are Canadian, and an additional 4% will be charged by your credit card company if you are using an American credit card.

Q. Can I join the team for just part of the trip?

A. No. We ask for you to sign up for the whole trip.

Q: Can we sign up as a group for the trip?

A: Yes. Be A Hero welcomes groups, whether they are organized by a church, some other ministry, or it is simply a group of friends. Give your group a name and put this group name on each application or correspondence you submit to our office. We ask that all payments be collected by the group leader and submitted to us on behalf of the group. It is the group leader's responsibility to ensure all minors who travel with you have the appropriate documentation.

Q: What will be expected of me?

A: Flexibility! There are several aspects to our trip, each of which will be different and require different skills from you. We ask that you be flexible and adaptable as arrangements may change during the trip. You will come across people from all walks of life, and we expect that you would treat each one with courtesy and love them in a way that Jesus would love them. We anticipate that you will respect the culture that you are visiting.

Q: *What are the conditions like?*

A: We will be staying in a four star hotel. Some of the other conditions teams may encounter during our visits may seem primitive in comparison to what you are used to. The pace required on these trips can be rigorous, emotionally draining, and physically exhausting. Each team member must be able to stand through long days, continuing to function autonomously even under trying conditions. We ask that you be prepared “to run and not grow weary, to walk and not faint.” On the other hand, the rewards of being instrumental in God pouring out His Spirit on His people are immeasurable!

Q: *What type of people will I meet?*

A: Brazilians are typically friendly people, who use a lot of hand gestures and physical contact to express themselves. You will meet a diverse range of individuals, from those in the malls, to those in the slums. Each person is different, and should be treated as an individual. We would suggest that you don't base assumptions of Brazilians on any individual you meet.

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