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# Amazon Outreach

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The Short-term Missionary Handbook



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# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## Amazon Outreach History

Amazon Outreach began shortly after the summer of 1997. Previous to this, numerous Christians from all walks of life spent their summers on the Amazon River, donating time, talent, and love as surgeons, doctors, nurses, carpenters, business people, teachers, and homemakers. The trips were facilitated by an organization called AMOR led by a man named Richard Walker. In the summer of 1997 Richard had a serious heart attack and was not able to take short term trips.

With God's prompting a core group of short term missionaries in Dallas were praying that God would help them continue working in the Amazon by making a contact with someone in Brazil that could partner with them. In the fall of 1997, one of the members of the group, Chad Sikes, decided to quit his job as an engineer and begin attending the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth. In the spring semester of Chad's first year at Southwestern he met a man named Elmer Lessa. Elmer had been raised in Brazil on the Amazon River and was just finishing his last year at the seminary. He had been diligently praying for 3 years for God to introduce him to a group that could partner with his church in Parintins. Praising God the group in Dallas began an organization and formed a board of directors. The connection was made and in the summer of 1998 Amazon Outreach began its operations in the region by using rented boats and volunteers from both North and South America. We explored the area around Parintins under Elmer's guidance and planned ways to help him in his ministry. By the end of that year, plans were underway to obtain a boat that would be both owned and operated by Amazon Outreach. The journey was on, and the results were nothing short of miraculous!

After much searching, planning and designing the maiden voyage of the Linda Esperanca took place in June of 1999. The first mission and medical trip followed in July of the same year. In September of 1999, the boat was loaned to Richard Walker, who had totally recovered from his heart attack, for a training facility for Biblical studies for pastors of local villages along the river. What started out as a dream ended up as reality, proving that sometimes what is impossible with man, is possible with faith in the power of the One True Maker of Miracles!

Since our first voyage God has continued to guide and direct our path. We have taken numerous trips and partnered with different churches and pastors in different areas of the Amazon. We still work in the Parintins area with Pastor Elmer Lessa and Chad Sikes who is now a full time missionary there. We are humbled by God's abiding grace and blessings that are too numerous to list. Our prayer is to always be Spirit led and have a servant's heart as this organization continues to grow.

# Amazon Outreach Mission Statement

AMAZON OUTREACH is a non-denominational, non-profit mission organization formed to unite North and South Americans in spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to the Amazon Basin in Brazil. It is our belief that by first ministering to the physical and other needs of the people, a natural bridge is created which allows us to meet and fulfill their spiritual needs. Our goal is to see people healed physically and spiritually, while at the same time strengthening and planting new churches along the Amazon River. The desired result is that not only South Americans are touched and changed by this ministry, but that North Americans will come back with a new sense of urgency, desire, and passion for the Great Commission which will overflow into daily life here at home, and have a lasting impact on both sides of the equator.

## Amazon Outreach's Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in unity as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and also as three separate distinct Persons.
- We believe that human beings are the special creations of God, made in His image. They fell through the sin of the first man, Adam, and all human beings are in need of salvation.
- We believe Jesus Christ is God's Son. He was born of a virgin as both God and man, lived a sinless life, died to atone for the sins of human beings, was buried, arose from the grave, ascended into heaven and will literally return to earth.
- We believe the Holy Spirit is the divine helper, assistant, counselor and instructor and His work is to reveal Christ, convict of sin, lead to repentance, guide believers, comfort, strengthen, and sanctify the soul.
- We believe salvation is a gift through repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. This salvation is not the result of any human effort or merit.
- We believe every person who truly is saved is eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ and will spend eternity in heaven while those who die in their sins will spend eternity in hell.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His Body, the Church.
- We believe that the ministry of evangelism is a responsibility of both the church and each Christian.

## Is This for Me?

One of the first questions that everyone asks when considering a mission trip is, "Should I go?" Probably the hardest part of the entire mission adventure is taking that first step and making the decision to go! Inevitably doubts will arise, and possible reasons for not going will appear. Common concerns can include... vacation time conflicts, uncertainties about leaving family members behind, not being able to teach or having done ministry before, not knowing what to expect or how you can be used on the trip, not having ever traveled outside of the country, not having financial support and much more! Take heart! These are all normal and very valid concerns. Just remember, ***that what seems impossible with man is possible with God!*** If you are meant to take part in this mission trip, nothing you do or don't do will stop you from going! God's strength is perfected in our weakness. God does not ask that we are able just available! He will open every door and take care of your every need. As you begin stepping out in faith, if you have the desire and passion to see the world come to Christ and to help others, the Holy Spirit will confirm that this is for you.



# How Christ Used Me

*The following is an unedited testimonial from an Amazon Outreach missionary volunteer:*

How can you condense such a wonderful week of experience into a few short paragraphs? We saw an amazing part of God's creation that many people will never get to experience. Seeing his majesty in the closeness of the stars from your hammock at night or in the flocks of colorful birds or in the pink dolphins rolling in the river was like stepping right into the Psalms. We had wonderful fellowship with each other and with the great staff on the Linda Esperaca. The prayer times and times of singing in the evenings left memories that will always be special. We were used by God to deliver medical services and personal items to people that really did not have access to these things that we take for granted. And most importantly, we were able to introduce people to Jesus that had never heard the Gospel.

We visited three villages during our trip, Villa Baptista, Sao Pedro, and Encinada. In each village we set up a clinic with medical and dental services and fit people with prescription glasses. It was humbling to see how much these people needed these basic services, but had no way of getting them. Our stated mission was to "show the love of Christ by meeting peoples' needs in a practical way". Even those of us that did not have medical training were able to participate by doing such simple things as counting out vitamins, organizing glasses, or cleaning the dental instruments.

Some of our team organized Vacation Bible Schools in each village. These people not only demonstrated their love for these children, but also were able to introduce these children to a loving God. The enthusiasm of our VBS volunteers was matched only by the excitement of these wonderful children.

At the end of each day, we had a worship service. We would worship the Lord in song, sometimes in English, sometimes in Portuguese, but always mostly off key. The people enjoyed hearing the songs in English and really laughed at the Americans trying to sing very simple phrases in Portuguese. We also would have testimonies and a presentation of the Gospel. The service of course ended with an invitation time.

We had different groups that did "speed boat" evangelism, traveling to the various houses along the river and inviting them to the clinic and worship service. Other groups did evangelism by visiting homes in the village or just by joining people wherever they were gathered. We'd talk about their lives and answer questions about ours. After visiting for a short while, they'd always ask why we were there. They just couldn't understand why we'd come so far to help them. At this point we could introduce them to Jesus and many times were privileged to witness them asking Him to also be their Lord and Savior. We even had one of our team take on the village children in an impromptu game of soccer. It was a joy to see this seventy-two year old American racing up and down the river bank with two dozen Brazilian kids. They absolutely loved it. When we left Sao Pedro, the entire village lined up on the bank of the river, waving and singing. The song said, "friends are a gift from God". We knew what that meant because we'd been blessed with them that day.

As you can see, it would be easy to write a book on any one of these experiences. Just listing them seems to sell them so short. I think that one way to put it into perspective is to see if it changed anyone's life. If not, it was just a great vacation. We knew God would change lives in the villages when they were lovingly introduced to Jesus. We did not count on how much He would change lives here at home. There was a meeting at our Church this week to talk about doing missions on a year round basis right here at home. Looking around that room you could see many from this trip. For most this was the first time they'd been on a mission trip. Now they are just on a Mission.

# GETTING STARTED

## The Power of Prayer

### Prayer is the Key!

Prayer is the key to every aspect of taking part in a mission outreach. In the beginning as we pray for guidance on whether God wants us to take part in a trip, He will show us what His will is. As we continue to prepare to “go”, God will help us as we pray for wisdom in dealing with all the details that need to be taken care of. Also, as we begin to pray for the people that we will be ministering to and with, God will prepare the hearts of all involved. Once we are there, He continues to speak to our hearts and direct our paths in response to seeking His face, by revealing Himself and unleashing the supernatural power of prayer in action. Even after we return back home, God continues on in the work of building up His church and His people, through the prayers that we offer on behalf of those we touched lives with while serving in His harvest fields.

God promises to guide you and show you His will regarding “going” on a mission trip.

MATH 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

PROV 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

PROV 3:6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

PS 9:10 Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

PS 73:24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

JN 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

PHIL 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God promises to “go” with you, and He gives His strength and power to enable His will to be accomplished...

PS 68:35 You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

PS 73:23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

2 COR 10:4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Prayer is not an option, but a command! God will honor prayer...

1 TIM 2:1-4 urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

PROV 15:8 The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

PROV 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

1 PET 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer,

JAS 5:16 The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective

Jesus even prayed for us and the people that we will minister to in Brazil...

JN 17:15-19 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

JN 17:20-21 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

## Prayer Requests

- For safe travel for the teams, luggage, medicines, equipment
- For safety and health for team members
- For unity, oneness, and love among the team members
- For open hearts, minds, eyes, and ears to the Gospel message
- For the enemy and his schemes and plans to be thwarted
- For wisdom and stamina for the ministry teams and translators
- For divine appointments, wisdom, and discernment in ministry
- For future leaders/disciples to arise in the villages
- For local church follow-up after we leave/wisdom and opportunity

## Application Online

- Go to [www.amazonoutreach.org](http://www.amazonoutreach.org) and click on “Sign Up For a Trip Today!”
- Donate for the trip cost online by clicking on the “Donate” button on the left of home page

## Trip Costs

**TOTAL:** \$2875.00 Cost of Service per Person

**Anytime Prior to 90 Days:** \$200 deposit

**90 Days Prior to Trip:** additional \$1,000 due

**65 Days Prior to Trip:** additional \$800 due

**50 Days Prior to Trip:** additional \$875 due

***You will want to plan for an additional sum of money to cover such items as:***

- *Passport & Visa fees*
- *Minor Traveling without both parents (additional visa fees apply)*
- *Vaccinations*
- *Food while traveling*
- *Gifts for family and friends*
- *Film & Processing*
- *Tips for crew and interpreters*

***All funds paid to Amazon Outreach are a donation for the ministry’s use primarily to cover the cost of service for each short term missionary.***

# Travel Documents

## Passport

You can pick up your Passport Application at a local post office or online. It can take 6-8 weeks to get your passport back, so it is vital that you begin working on your passport immediately.

Your passport must be valid for 6 months from the date of the intended arrival.

The applicant must appear before a local, designated passport acceptor (usually postmaster or clerk of court) for the signing and witnessing of the application. The applicant must submit the following:

- 2 passport pictures (2"x2") - These can be taken and processed at most Kinko's locations. Passport offices **WILL NOT** accept other kinds of pictures.
- Check your local agency for the current fee to purchase a passport, which is valid for 10 years (for adults).
- State birth certificate - Must be a State certificate with a raised, embossed seal. A copy or hospital record of birth **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE PASSPORT DEPARTMENT.**
- Photo identification is required such as a valid driver's license, state or county photo ID card, or Military ID Card.
- If you run out of time:
  - 1) Call a local private passport expediting service company (you can find them in the Yellow Pages).
  - 2) Or, call the Washington Passport Service Company, 1-800-272-7776. These companies will walk your passport through the system and get it back to you in 3 to 5 business days. Call for exact details and procedures. In Dallas call Universal Passport and Visa at 214-739-3400.

## Visa

Most of the teams will apply for a visa as a group in the last month before travel. More information will be given by your leader.

You can obtain a Visa to enter the country of Brazil by making application to the Brazilian Embassy or consulate in your area. Please visit [www.brasilemb.org](http://www.brasilemb.org) for a current listing of all consulate locations in the U.S., information about traveling to Brazil, and for a Visa application form.

If a minor 17 years old or under is traveling with only one parent or no parent, you will need to check with your consulate or expediting office to see if there are any additional forms, costs or notarized signatures required for them to travel.

You can also call Universal Passports & Visa, Inc. to process your Visa application. They are a professional passport and visa agency that specializes in foreign travel document expediting services. Call (214)739-3400 or (800)831-2098, or visit [www.upandv.com](http://www.upandv.com).

## REQUIRED VACCINATIONS

**There are certain vaccinations that are required and/or recommended for travel into the Amazon region. These can be given through your doctor, with the exception of the Yellow Fever vaccination, which must be given through the county health department or a clinic that specializes in travel medicine. The recommended and/or required vaccinations are as follows:**

- **Hepatitis A:** 2 doses given 1 month apart. A booster is required 3-6 months after the first dose. Good for life.
- **Hepatitis B:** (recommended if working with blood) 3 doses. Good for life.
- **Tetanus:** Required every 10 years.
- **Malaria:** Weekly tablets should be taken once a week starting 1 week prior to travel, and continuing weekly during travel, and then for 4 weeks after travel. There is a daily tablet available too that is taken during the duration of the trip. Ask your doctor for more specific directions.
- **Yellow Fever:** 1 dose valid for 10 years. *NOTE: Once you receive the yellow fever vaccination, you will be given a yellow vaccination record that should be taken with you when you travel.*

Local Health Department  
Dallas County Health Department  
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway  
(214) 819-2162

### **Other Sources for vaccinations (in the DFW area):**

#### **Passport Health**

This clinic will come to your meeting to administer shots.

[www.PassportHealthDFW.com](http://www.PassportHealthDFW.com) (for locations and forms)

817-756-6562

#### **Agape International Travel Ministries**

810 East Border Street, Suite C

Arlington, TX 76010

(817) 226-2699

#### **Las Colinas Medical (Dallas area)**

This clinic will come to your meeting to administer shots.

349 Las Colinas Blvd., Suite B

Las Colinas, TX.

972-556-1616

#### **Keystone Medical Center**

8702 B Spring Valley Road

Richardson, TX 75080

972-437-9090

Please contact each clinic for current prices. Each trip member is responsible for paying for their immunizations.

# RAISING SUPPORT

There are 2 types of support needed for this trip, both absolutely vital. One is financial support and the other is prayer support. The focus of this section is on financial support.

FORGET everything you “feel” about receiving financial needs for this trip. YOU ARE NOT “FUND-RAISING”! You are people-raising, friend-raising, ministering to and blessing others. Whether or not God has already given you the resources for the trip, He may desire you to do some “faith building” in your life by having you play an active role in the receiving of the financial support for this trip.

Support raising is a wonderful blessing. It is a special opportunity that God has given you to meet and/or bless some of His precious saints, to share your excitement about the trip, to open their eyes, and to share a vision. As you do it, the Holy Spirit will use you to change lives. As you tell them of your dreams, your vision, and your calling, you give them the opportunity to carry the Lord's great commission out through you.

## THE KEY

We must understand that **God** is the source of our funds, not the donors, not our plans or our hard work. Jesus says “we have not because we ask not.” The word “ask” is used in the gospels 113 times. God wants to teach us about asking: Him and others. It is a proven fact that most people will tell you they give because they were asked! It is not unspiritual or fleshly to ask. It is biblical, spiritual, and faith-building to ask. Let's not hide behind our fears. Let's walk toward them and render them powerless! The worst thing they could say is “No”.

## SUPPORT RAISING IS BIBLICAL...

III John 8 – believers urged to financially support those who were going out on behalf of the gospel because that made them “fellow workers in the truth”.

Numbers 18:24 – The Jews gave their support to the priests.

Luke 8:2,3 – Many people supported Jesus and the disciples.

Mathew 10:9,10 – A Kingdom worker is worthy of his support.

Acts 18:4,5 – Paul stopped tentmaking to preach full time on support.

1 Corinthians 9:1-18 – Paul had the right to be supported by the churches.

In Hebrews 13, twelve Hebrew spies who went into the Promised Land to take a look before the whole nation was to enter and claim what God had given them? Only Joshua and Caleb came back ready to invade. The other ten spies were so terrified of the giants they saw in the land that they confessed, “we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight. Instead of trusting God and moving out with courage, they let fear paralyze them. How they viewed themselves affected how the giants viewed them. It is the same way in support raising.

The confidence level that we have in our God, our vision, and ourselves can make us....or break us!

All of us have different "giants" in our own minds that will keep us from beginning and persevering in the process of assembling a full support team. These are some common "giants" we must conquer:

- It's too hard
- It's a burden
- It's not fun
- It's a "necessary evil"
- PROCRASTINATION

Just as God had prepared the land for the Israelite people to simply go in and take it, we can believe that God has prepared the hearts of the donors and we need to walk boldly in faith to find those givers and ask them to join us in this ministry.

Have a "when I raise my support" attitude, not an "if I raise my support".

## GET READY TO HEAR SOME LIES!

Some lies the enemy will whisper in your ear about support raising.

✘ You can't ask your friends for *money*!

☞ You're NOT just asking for money. You're asking for them to make an investment; an investment in your life and in reaching the lost, which is certainly a worthwhile investment. Philippians 4:17 says, "Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account". There is an account in heaven that each of us will be able to enjoy for eternity. And, while it is true that we "can't take it with us," Scripture teaches that we CAN make deposits to our heavenly account before we die. These trips bear an incredible amount of fruit for God's kingdom.

✘ You don't need to raise support because you can afford to pay for the trip yourself.

☞ The enemy's hidden agenda in this lie is to make you prideful. If he whispers this one in your ear, the best way to counteract this attack is to pay for another trip member and raise support for your own trip costs. If God has blessed you financially, GREAT! But, don't deprive someone of receiving the blessing of giving just because you are blessed. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35. Also, God may want to use YOU to assist someone else!

✘ Times are hard, people are out of work, the economy is terrible...people can't afford to give.

☞ Don't believe this one and STEAL a faith-building experience in THEIR lives. God may be using YOU to draw THEM closer to Him. 1 Kings 17:7-16 tells of God commanding Elijah to go to Zarephath and ask a widow for her last meal. What blessing of seeing God's mighty power she would have missed if Elijah had been too embarrassed to ask!

✘ You don't know that many people/Christians.

☞ It may take some serious thought on your part, but YES YOU DO! Church, Sunday School class, bible study, work, clubs, etc. Also, don't miss an opportunity to witness to a non-believer by assuming they would never give. A lady that worked with one of our team members for years would frequently tell her how ridiculous she was to believe that God existed. The lady laughed and ridiculed the team member for her faith in Jesus Christ. She wanted nothing to do with the Lord. After working with the lady for 2 years, God prompted the team member to ask her if she would like to contribute to her upcoming Amazon mission trip. Imagine her complete shock when the lady said, "Yes!" That was 3 years ago. She donated \$50 that year, \$250 the following year and last year SHE WENT ON THE TRIP! God's wooing of her included making her a part of these

trips and He allowed the team member the privilege of being part of that wooing. You can have an incredible ministry in the lives of others, and you might be their ONLY connection to Jesus Christ or His Great Commission. Don't sell God's power short. He can prompt the heart of anyone. His ways are not our ways.

- ✘ You don't need to send out support letters. God knows your needs; If God wants you to go, the money will come in.
  - ☞ While your trust in God (by making this statement) is certainly admirable, anyone who has successfully raised funds will agree that it never "just comes" without effort. It is true that God does provide. But, He requires some effort out of His servants. Faith without works is dead.
  
- ✘ You don't have time to do this! Or, You can do it later (closer to the trip).
  - ☞ Ask God to GIVE you the time (expand your time, help you prioritize, etc.). Don't be selfish by not giving people enough time to pray about how much they should give and time to budget-in a donation. Give GOD enough time to speak to them. Too much time (more than 6 months) and they'll forget. Too little time and they may give but it might only be a "token" gift instead of a prayerful gift.

## Support Raising - A Blessing Plan

Although this is not something to be taken lightly, you can have a lot of fun mixed in with all the hard work. Here are some suggestions to help you get started.

**STEP 1 PRAY.** Express your total dependence on our Lord. Pray that God will purify your motives and direct you to people who will join your “support team”. We need to bathe ourselves and our donors in prayer before, during, and after this process. God will go before you. He will also build a love for your donors as you pray for them individually. Recommit yourself to God right now. Ask Him to help you to be willing – willing for ANYTHING, ANY TIME, ANY PLACE, ANYWAY. That’s total surrender. God doesn’t just want you to be willing to be a short-term missionary. He wants you to be willing for anything. Commit yourself to pray daily for yourself and your support partners from now until one month after you return home.

**STEP 2 BEGIN WITH YOUR HOME CHURCH.** Talk to your pastor or missions committee about how your church can help. Explain the ministry, your plans for involvement, what you will be doing and why you want to be a part of this ministry.

**STEP 3 MAKE A LIST OF PROSPECTS.** Pray for ideas and list everyone who comes to mind. Include church friends, relatives, neighbors, school mates, club and civic contacts, foundations, corporations, Christmas card list. How about your doctor, lawyer, dentist, mechanic? Don’t automatically rule anyone out! You WILL be surprised.

**STEP 4 CALL EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST.** This is EXTREMELY important. A direct call is critical. If you can meet with some of them in person, that’s even better. If you have a list of 50 people, call five people a night for 10 nights and tell them 1) What you are doing, 2) Why you are doing it, 3) What you’d like them to do for you (which is to pray about joining your support team).

**STEP 5 MAIL SUPPORT LETTER.** This should be mailed within 2 days of your first call. See attached sample support letters for examples and tips. (Note: NO emails! It’s too impersonal)

**STEP 6 MAKE FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS.** Again, in person is best, by phone is next best (no emails). 10 nights after your first call, call them back and ask them 1) Did you receive my letter? 2) Do you have any questions? 3) Have you had a chance to pray about support me? How has God directed you?

**STEP 7 THANK BEFORE YOU BANK.** You’ve worked hard and you are now beginning to receive money. It seems to be coming in faster that you can handle. You are busy and it seems that you are falling behind in correspondence. It would be easy to forget about it all together. But, supporters need to be thanked and more than that, need to feel that they are a part of your ministry.

**STEP 8 KEEP TRACK.** As you receive gifts, have a simple way to keep track. It is very important that YOU be accountable for the gifts you’re receiving.

## TIPS FOR PREPARING AND SENDING SUPPORT LETTERS

1. PRAY! Before you even begin drafting your letter, ask God to give you the words.
2. The sooner you get the letters out, the sooner you will see God's power to provide for your needs. Support letters should be sent out NO LATER than 4 months prior to your trip.
3. Send letters (NOT e-mail) to EVERYONE you know...believers and non-believers. You might be surprised to see whom God chooses to partner with you in this ministry.
4. Personalize the letter. The more personalized the letter is, the more the recipients will feel/want to be involved.
5. Be sure to include the trip dates.
6. Be sure to specify the date you will need to receive donations by. Generally, all donations should be received no later than 6-8 weeks prior to your trip.
7. Be sure to specify that all checks should be made payable to Amazon Outreach (or to your sponsoring church). DO NOT have supporters make checks out to you.
8. All financial donations are tax deductible and each person who gives toward your support will receive a receipt from Amazon Outreach to be used for tax purposes.

## SUPPORT RAISING WORKSHEET

This is simply a tool to help you begin your support letter. You don't have to answer every question nor do you have to put all of this in your letter. This will simply assist you in gathering your thoughts and give you some ideas of what to include. Some of the answers are provided.

**1) Where are you going?**

*To remote villages along The Amazon River Basin in Brazil.*

**2) Why are you going?**

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**3) Why do you feel called to go?**

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**4) How has the Lord revealed to you that He wants you to be a part of this?**

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**5) Is there a particular scripture the Lord has used/is using to lead you?**

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**6) What are you going to be doing?**

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**7) Who is Amazon Outreach?**

*AMAZON OUTREACH is a non-denominational, non-profit mission organization formed to unite North & South Americans in spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to the Amazon Basin in Brazil. Their goal is to see people healed physically and spiritually, while at the same time strengthening and planting new churches along the Amazon River (for more information, visit [www.amazonoutreach.org](http://www.amazonoutreach.org)).*

**8) What ministries does the trip include?**

*Medical, Dental, Vacation Bible School, Women's and Men's ministries, Optometry, Evangelism, Hair Cutting Ministry and Construction, just to name a few.*

9) What do you want/need from them?

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10) Why are you asking them to be a part?

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11) What's in it for them?

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12) What can they expect from you?

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13) How much do you need?

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14) When do you need it by?

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15) Who should they make checks payable to? Are donations tax deductible?

HINT: All checks must be made payable to Amazon Outreach (or your sponsoring church) and yes, they are completely tax deductible. Donors will receive a receipt from Amazon Outreach.

16) Where should they send donations?

HINT: All check should be mailed TO YOU so you can track all gifts.

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## SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTERS

Dear Friends and Family,

This summer, I have an opportunity to take part in a mission trip to the Amazon Region of Brazil. We will be taking teams to participate in various types of ministry, including Evangelism/Discipleship, Medical and Dental Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Women's and Men's Ministries and Construction. I hope to participate on the \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry team, and am very excited for the opportunity to be a part of God's work in this area. I am looking forward to the lessons that I will learn, and the people that I can touch through this work.

To make this possible I will need both financial and prayer support. My portion of the total trip cost that I will need to raise is \$\_\_\_\_\_. Any financial support would be greatly appreciated! The deadline for this amount to be received is \_\_\_\_\_. If you feel God calling you to be one of my financial supporters I would also love to talk with you before or after the trip and let you know our plans before leaving or the blessings we received while in the Amazon.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. I truly believe that God will change many lives because of your willingness to serve Him. Thank you for being a part of this Amazon missions trip.

In Him,

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ You can count on me to support you prayerfully.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a one time donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for your trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly to Amazon Outreach.

Please remember that all donations are tax deductible and should be made out to Amazon Outreach.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

*Dear Friends and Family,*

*This summer, I have an opportunity to take part in a summer mission trip to the Amazon Region of Brazil. I will be going to remote villages to provide health care for the natives and share the gospel. I will be taking part in the ophthalmology ministry and in the pharmaceutical ministry. I am very excited for the opportunity to be a part of God's work and am looking forward to the lessons I will learn and meeting the people that will be touched through this work.*

*To make this possible I will need both financial and prayer support. The portion of the total team amount that I need to raise is \$2475. Our mission trip leaves on \_\_\_\_\_ and I will need the support by\_\_\_\_\_.*

*Would you consider partnering in the work in the Amazon Region by joining the team as a financial and/or prayer supporter? If you choose to help financially you can return a check in the enclosed envelope. I have also enclosed a prayer card to help remind you to pray for us during our ministry.*

*Checks should be made payable to: AMAZON OUTREACH. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at\_\_\_\_\_.*

*I look forward to updating you on all that the Lord does in me and through me on this mission trip.*

*In Him,*

# Additional Preparation

## Expectations

### **Who Are We? How Do We Fit In?**

Amazon Outreach has partnered with churches on the Amazon River that are currently involved in evangelizing the people living in the Amazon River basin. The pastors and missionaries precede us, follow us, and have a good knowledge of the people and the culture. We are dealing with three cultures in our ministry; the American culture, the Brazilian culture and the village culture. It is not our desire to change any of our cultures but to work in harmony together. The Brazilian churches we partner with have developed their own mission strategies to reach the remote villages of the Amazon and our most important job is to help build relationships with these villagers and break down barriers so we will open doors for the gospel. We need to remember first and foremost that we are in Brazil to serve God and serve the Brazilian leaders.

### **Things to Remember:**

- 1) If you have never been on a mission trip before, but you have seen videos and pictures, your trip will be different than you expect.
- 2) If you have been on a trip before, your next trip will be different than the last one.
- 3) The different ministries that occur during our trips are the key to opening doors for the gospel message.
- 4) Most of the time when you plan to be involved in a certain ministry (even if you are in the medical ministry) it could change when you arrive at the village. Many times doctors and dentists are busy with patients, but sometimes they find themselves with no patients and in a VBS skit instead. These are many times considered the highlights of the trip by those who are involved in ministries that they never expected to be part of.
- 5) Our job is to follow the lead of the Brazilian leaders and not to go with our planned agenda.
- 6) No two villages are the same. Some are larger with streets, electricity, running water and even satellite dishes! Others are very remote with four to five families living there with no modern conveniences at all.
- 7) Sometimes, even when we know the names of the villages the Brazilians intend for us to visit, there will be a change of plans. The level of the river can go up or down considerably in a short amount of time and our planned route and destinations have to change also. There are times when a plantation owner will come by a village and hire many of the adults for harvesting crops just before we arrive; therefore changing the time needed to be in that particular village.
- 8) The Brazilians are extremely relational people and would much prefer a casual conversation than a "planned program." Remember this when you are planning any of your men's or women's ministries. Talk to these people and let them respond! Getting to know them is one of the best parts of this ministry.
- 9) The Brazilians very rarely consider time important. Remember we are not there to change their culture but to serve them in their ministry. Americans might consider taking off their watches upon arrival.

- 10) Americans tend to have a checklist and an agenda for each day and sometimes forget the most important component.....the Holy Spirit.
- 11) Please have your teams prepare to be flexible with the schedule that is planned, and when the plan changes, look for where God is working and go there.
- 12) Tell your teams to, "Expect the unexpected!"

## A Typical Day in the Amazon

Many team members ask us what a typical day on a trip is like and we haven't been able to give them a very clear answer because no two days are alike. Many days on the Amazon start with an early morning breakfast, a morning meeting, worship time, and prayer. Each day people break up into prayer groups to pray before going out to do ministry. Lunch and dinner are usually served back on the boat while some of the team members help feed the villagers. At lunchtime there are usually a couple hours to relax or take an afternoon swim before going back out to the ministry sites. If there is an afternoon or evening church service in the town or village where the team is working, the group will attend. Most days end back on the boat in a time of worship and sharing each other's daily experiences.

The accommodations on the boat include several bathrooms and showers, and 2 to 3 floors where hammocks are arranged for sleeping. The staff consists of the boat captains, cooks, boat crew, cleaning people and translators. As the trip progresses, getting to know these people can become one of the most memorable times and experiences of the trip! The crew and our interpreters are a lifeline to the work that God has opened the doors for us to do, and they are a very integral part of the team.

Days of ministry on the Amazon consist of many different facets. Doctors and nurses set up local clinics and treat various illnesses and medical conditions. Surgeons perform life-changing surgeries. Eye doctors prescribe glasses that provide vision for the first time for many. Dentists pull badly diseased teeth. Mothers are given proper pre-natal and post-natal care. Babies, children, and families are given vitamins, toothbrushes, and basic hygiene products and instruction.

The men's ministry visits prisons, and shares the true message of freedom. Local soccer teams are challenged to a "world cup" game against the Americans. Friendships and ministry opportunities are made while fishing, swimming, and playing sports with the Brazilians.

At the same time, women are given encouragement through Bible studies, child care, and health care while the kids are off at Vacation Bible School – singing songs, playing games, hearing Bible stories, working on projects, and eating lots of candy!

In all, it's an experience that is sure to leave a lasting, often-changing impression on all those who take part. Some have adopted Brazilian children, others have decided to go into full time ministry, and all have developed bonds of life long friendships of fellow participants. The bible says, "*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God was making His appeal through us.*" Think about that! Most of us would never even qualify to be ambassadors for our own country, yet a Holy God trusts us and has called us to be ambassadors on His behalf. What an honor and privilege it is to serve Him!

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Are children allowed to go on the trip?

Children must be at least 12 years of age to go on the trip.

**Please note:** Exceptions to the age requirement are possible. It is solely at the discretion of the trip leader whether or not a child, below *or* above the age of 12, will be allowed to go on the trip. Parents and children will be asked to meet with the trip leader on an individual (family) basis in determining each child's maturity level, their ability to tolerate the physical and emotional aspects of the trip and to ensure the parents' understanding of *their* responsibility for their child throughout the duration of the trip in the event the child be allowed to participate.

### 2. What do women wear on a typical day?

Ladies may wear comfortable shorts and T-shirts during the day. For the evening services, dresses or skirts/blouses are suggested. It will be hot, yet you must dress **conservatively**. Please no bikinis, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops, short shorts or tightly fitting tops. Cotton fabrics are strongly suggested.

### 3. What do men wear on a typical day?

Men may wear shorts or long pants to work in. Long pants/Bermuda shorts are required for the evening services. A shirt must be worn at all times. Be careful what your T-shirts say (beer ads, scary pictures, etc.) and if they have anything on them that might confuse the villagers.

### 4. Should I bring jewelry?

Jewelry, with the exception of watches, wedding rings, and small earrings need to be left at home. We don't want to stereotype the image of rich Americans.

### 5. How can I get by on three changes of clothes for a 10-day trip?

The laundry will be done daily so there is no need to bring more than a three-day supply of changes. Don't take anything you wouldn't mind losing or leaving behind.

### 6. What do I wear on the plane?

Please wear long pants, Bermuda shorts or a dress while traveling.

### 7. What is the food like?

The food on board the boat is fabulous, however you may like to take along peanut butter, crackers, candy bars, or any favorite snack.

### 8. Where do we sleep?

A hammock will be provided for you and it is yours to purchase at the end of the trip (Optional). A pillow and a blanket are also provided.

## **9. Will there be any time to shop?**

You will have an afternoon to shop at the end of the trip. Take a little cash if you desire. Most shops accept MasterCard and Visa.

## **10. Are we expected to tip the crew and interpreters?**

Our interpreters and crew will become invaluable to us and will become like family. At the end of the trip a cash gift will be collected and divided among them. This is an optional donation, but if you decide to contribute, whatever you feel led to give will be greatly appreciated. We discourage any one-to-one gifts because this seems to create competition among the crew members for our attention.

## **11. What do I pack in?**

You should pack personal belongings in one soft carry-on bag. (45 in/114 cm and no more than 40lbs) In addition you are allowed to carry a small backpack or purse. Two 50Lb. suitcases are also permitted per person; however, these will be necessary to carry supplies needed for the trip.

## **12. What about medicine?**

If you are on any kind of medication, please take it with you. If refrigeration for such medication is needed, such as Insulin, be sure to let us know. Please advise the trip physician prior to our departure of any medical needs. We also recommend you bring a small emergency medication kit for yourself. This kit may contain anti-diarrhea medicine, Pepto-Bismol, Tylenol, Dramamine, allergy medicine, etc. To avoid problems when passing through customs, keep medicines in their original, labeled containers.

## **13. What if I lose my passport?**

Before the trip begins make two photocopies of the picture/information page of your passport. Keep one and give the other one to your trip leader in case it is lost or stolen.

## **14. How can I prepare myself physically for the trip?**

A brisk walk in the heat of the day is very helpful to begin getting accustomed to the temperatures on the river. Drink lots of water before, during and after the trip!

## **15. How can I prepare myself spiritually for the trip?**

Pray, pray, pray!! Get a prayer partner or a group to pray specifically for you and your needs. Study your evangelism tools included in this booklet to be prepared to present the Gospel message in a way that is comfortable to you. Be aware that while you are telling people about God, God will be teaching you many valuable lessons too. Many times we are so busy "doing" that we forget to quiet our hearts and listen to what God is teaching us.

## **16. How can I prepare myself mentally for this trip?**

The key words on any mission trip are FLEXIBILITY and PATIENCE! From the moment the trip begins until you have returned home plans and events seem to change with every turn. If you know this ahead of time and are prepared for these changes, the trip can be fun and exciting. God is in control of our plans and we are always amazed how creative He is and how much we learn.

## Team Packing Items: (Start collecting these items NOW)

Lightweight summer clothing  
Baby clothes  
Cloth Diapers  
Baby Blankets  
Pacifiers  
Sandals or Flip Flops  
Baseball Hats or Visors  
Sunglasses  
Canvas Tote Bags  
Toothbrushes  
Dish Towels and Hot Pads  
Fishing Line, Lures and Hooks  
Small Toys (very small)  
Soap  
Toiletries (samples are good)  
Antiseptic Creams  
Cortisone Creams  
Adult and Children's Vitamins with Iron  
Antibiotics  
Tylenol  
IB Profen (adult)  
Flashlights  
Batteries of all sizes  
Small Pocket Knives (for checked luggage only)  
Small Non Electrical Tools (Hammers, Screwdrivers, Chisels, Short Levels)  
VBS materials (refer to VBS Manual)  
Candy (the best is individually wrapped chewables, lollipops, Tootsie Rolls, Sweet Tarts)  
Polaroid Film (600)  
Soccer Balls

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# AMAZON OUTREACH

## Personal Packing List



### Recommended Items

- Bible
- Small journal
- Pen/Pencil
- Sun visor/Hat
- Daily outfit
  - Shorts (3)
  - T-shirts (3)
  - Socks (3)
  - Underwear (3)
- Church outfit
  - Women – casual skirt or dress
  - Men – casual slacks or Bermuda shorts/shirt
- Pajamas
- Sturdy shoes
- Flip-Flops (for shower and boat wear)
- Swimsuit (NO Bikinis)
- Travel pillow (for airplane)
- Sunscreen
- Soap for bathing
- Washcloths
- Camera/Film
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Sun glasses
- Toiletries
- Personal prescription medicines

### Optional Items

- Video camera
- Book
- Snacks
- Portuguese/English dictionary
- Polaroid camera
- Baby powder

# Boat Procedures

Welcome to life on "The Boat". It will be your home for ten days. The following "House Keeping" procedures need to be observed.

1. In the mornings and after naps, please roll up your hammock and hang it from the hook near your location. This will make it easier for everyone to walk around on the boat. We ask that you not sit on or use anyone else's hammock.
2. Please be considerate of others and keep your luggage consolidated to a small area.
3. Meal schedules are approximately: Breakfast: 6:30AM; Lunch: 12:00 Noon; Dinner: 6:00PM. There is enough food and drink, but not enough to waste, so take all you desire to eat, and eat all you take. Dirty dishes are to be put in the plastic tub provided. Please do not leave them lying around.
4. Our "Wash Lady" will do your laundry every day. Dirty clothes are to be put in the laundry tub. They will be washed, dried and put into designated areas ready for pick up. Tip: Safety pin socks together as you put them into the laundry tub.
5. Your individual team will leave for the work site as announced. Please be ready on time. Time is precious!
6. Our days are very long. When returning from evening services it is usually late and time for bed. Please be considerate of others while they are trying to sleep.
7. Toilet paper is the only paper product that can be flushed in the toilet.
8. No showers in the toilet area please.
9. When the boat is moving people need to be dispersed as evenly as possible on the second and third decks. Never have everyone on one side of the boat.
10. Do not block the view of the captain while piloting the boat.
11. Items on the boat need to stay on the boat, such as chairs, hammocks, books, etc.
12. Absolutely no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages permitted at any time from the beginning of trip until our return. Brazilian Christians do not smoke or drink and this could be a stumbling block in our witness to them.
13. Only crewmembers are allowed in the engine room, in front of the kitchen where the flood light is and in the hold (below deck).
14. No one is allowed on top of the boat or the ladder that leads to the top of the boat.
15. No one is allowed in the computer room, pharmacy or surgical room without permission.

## Boat Procedures (con't)

16. Speedboats are to be operated only by crewmembers.
17. No sitting on rails at anytime.
18. No littering over the side of the boat.
19. Diving platform must be in stored position while boat is moving.
20. No swimming or diving permitted unless boat captain gives permission and water depth has been checked. If you need anything, ASK!! Boat personnel will be happy to help you.
21. Orange life jackets are located on the ceiling of each of deck in case of an emergency.
22. Do not use the orange life jackets for swimming. Please ask the crew for floaters.
23. While the boat is cruising, please do not shower alone at the back of the boat.
24. While on the boat, the captains are your authority. Please do what they ask immediately.

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# Useful Phrases

## Everyday Phrases

Portuguese	English
Oi! (Informal)	Hello!
Bom dia.	Good morning
Boa tarde.	Good afternoon
Boa noite.	Good evening
Como vai? Or Tudo bem?	How's it going...Everything OK?
Tudo bem.	It is going fine.
Como vai?	How are you?
Muito bem.	Very well.
Obrigado. (if you are a man)	Thank you.
Obrigada. (if you are a woman)	Thank you.
E o senhor? (to a man)	And you?
E a senhora? (to a woman)	And you?
E você? (to anyone, informal)	And you?
De nada.	You're welcome.
Por favor.	Please.
Sim.	Yes.
Não	No.
Tchau.	Bye.
Adeus.	Good-bye.
Até logo.	See you later.
Fala Inglês?	Do you speak English?
Fala Português?	Do you speak Portuguese?
Sim, eu falo Inglês.	Yes. I speak English.

Portuguese	English
Sim, eu falo Português	Yes, I speak Portuguese.
Falo um pouco.	I speak a little.
Não, eu não falo Português.	No, I don't speak Portuguese.
Desculpe (If you have offended someone)	Excuse me.
Com licença. (When asking permission)	Excuse me.
Qual é seu nome?	What is your name?
Meu nome é ...	My name is...
Senhor	Sir
Senhora	Ma'am
Senhorita	Miss
Muito prazer	Please to meet you.
Fale mais devagar, por favor	Speak more slowly, please.
Como se diz isto em Português.	How do you say this in Portuguese?
Eu gostaria.....	I would like....
Entendeu?	Do you understand?
Não, eu não entendo.	No, I do not understand.
Repita, por favor	Repeat, please
Que horas são?	What time is it?
a. É uma hora.	It is 1 o'clock.
São duas.	It is 2 o'clock.
São três.	It is 3 o'clock.
São quatro.	It is 4 o'clock.
São cinco.	It is 5 o'clock.
São seis.	It is 6 o'clock.
São sete.	It is 7 o'clock.
São oito.	It is 8 o'clock.

Portuguese	English
São nove.	It is 9 o'clock.
São dez.	It is 10 o'clock.
São onze.	It is 11 o'clock.
São doze.	It is 12 o'clock.
Eu moro em _____.	I live in _____.
Meu endereço é _____.	My address is _____.
De onde veio?	Where did you come from?
Sou dos Estados Unidos.	I am from the United States
Sou norte-Americano (if you are a man)	I am an American
Sou norte-Americana (if you are a woman)	I am an American
Eu gosto muito do seu país	I like your country very much.
Isto é para o senhor (if a man)	This is for you.
Isto é para o senhora (if a woman)	This is for you.
Isto é para o você (informal)	This is for you.
Muito amável.	Very kind.
Pode me ajudar com meu Português?	Can you help me with my Portuguese?
Pode me ajudar com minha pronúncia?	Can you help me with my pronunciation?

## Travel Phrases

Portuguese	English
Onde é o toailete dos homens?	Where is the Men's Room?
Onde é o toailete das senhoras?	Where is the Lady's Room?
Quanto é?	How much is it?
Custa três reais.	It costs 3 reais.
Onde tem um bom hotel?	Where is a good hotel?
O qual é o número do meu quarto?	What is my room number?
Minha chave, por favor.	My key, please.

Portuguese	English
Chame um taxi, por favor.	Call me a taxi, please.
Leve-me a cidade.	Take me to town.
Café da manhã.	Breakfast
Merenda	Snack
Almoco	Lunch
Jantar	Dinner
Ontém	Yesterday
Hoje	Today
Amanhã	Tomorrow
Segunda-feira	Monday
Terça-feira	Tuesday
Quarta-feira	Wednesday
Quinta-feira	Friday
Sábado	Saturday
Domingo	Sunday
Onde tem um bom restaurante?	Where is a good restaurant?
Uma mesa para duas pessoas, por favor.	A table for two, please
Eu Queria comprar isto.	I would like to buy this.
Estou doente.	I am ill.
Eu perdi meu relógio.	I lost my watch.

## Numbers

Portuguese	English
Um (one)	Onze (eleven)
Dois (two)	Doze (twelve)
Três (three)	Treze (thirteen)

Portuguese	English
Quatro (four)	Quatorze (fourteen)
Cinco (five)	Quinze (fifteen)
Seis (six)	Dezesseis (sixteen)
Sete (seven)	Dezessete (seventeen)
Oito (eight)	Dezoito (eighteen)
Nove (nine)	Dezenove (nineteen)
Dez (ten)	Vinte (twenty)

## Witnessing Phrases

Portuguese	English
Jesus Cristo é meu Salvador.	Jesus Christ is my Savior.
Jesus Cristo é meu Senhor.	Jesus Christ is my Lord.
Deus é bom.	God is good
Deus é santo.	God is holy.
Deus é amor.	God is love.
Deus é fiel.	God is faithful.
Deus ama voce.	God loves you.
Deus me ama	God loves me.
O homem é pecador.	Man is a sinner.
O salário do pecado é a morte.	The wages of sin is death.
Jesus é o caminho, a verdade e a vida.	Jesus is the way, the true, and the life.
Jesus morreu pelo senhor.	Jesus died for you. (a man)
Jesus morreu pela senhora.	Jesus died for you. (a woman)
Jesus morreu por você.	Jesus died for you (informal)
Jesus morreu por mim.	Jesus died for me.
Jesus morreu por nós.	Jesus died for us.

Portuguese	English
Só Cristo salva.	Only Jesus saves.
Eu tenho um relacionamento pessoal com Jesus Cristo	I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
Eu tenho paz no meu coração.	I have peace in my heart.
Eu tenho gozo no meu coração	I have joy in my heart.
Eu tenho vida eterna.	I have eternal life.
Eu tenho a vida abundante.	I have the abundant life.
Eu tenho um testemunho pessoal	I have a personal testimony.
Eu tenho uma Bíblia para você.	I have a Bible for you.
Eu tenho fé em Cristo.	I have faith in Christ.
Jesus está comigo.	Jesus is with me.
Jesus é meu amigo, meu companheiro, meu conselheiro	Jesus is my friend, my companion, and my counselor.
Deus tem poder.	God has power.
Há poder no sangue de Jesus Cristo.	There is power in the blood of Jesus Christ.
Jesus me dá força, gozo, paz, propósito, Esperança, vida eterna, amor.	Jesus gives me strength, joy, peace, purpose, hope, eternal life, love.
Eu sou pecador (man)	I am a sinner.
Eu sou pecadora (woman)	I am a sinner.
Você é pecador (man)	You are a sinner.
O senhor é pecador. (man)	You are a sinner.
A senhora é pecadora. (woman)	You are a sinner.
Todos pecaram.	All have sinned.
Eu sou crente.	I am a Christian.
Você é crente?	Are you a Christian?
Gracias a Deus!	Praise God! or Thanks be to God!
Você é católico? (man)	Are you a Catholic?

Portuguese	English
Você é católica? (woman)	Are you a Catholic?
Frequenta a uma igreja?	Do you attend church?
Deseja frequentar a uma igreja?	Do you want to attend a church?
Conhece Jesus Cristo?	Do you know Jesus Christ?
Eu conheço Jesus Cristo?	I know Jesus Christ.
Quem crê em Jesus Cristo tem a vida eterna.	Whoever believes in Jesus Christ has eternal life.
Eu creio em Jesus Cristo.	I believe in Jesus Christ.
Eu confio em Jesus Cristo	I trust in Jesus Christ.
Jesus mora no meu coração.	Jesus lives in my heart.
Jesus Cristo me salvou.	Jesus Christ saved me.
A salvação é um dom gratuito.	Salvation is a free gift.
Se morresse hoje mesmo, iria para o céu?	If you died today, would you go to heaven?
Eu iria para o céu porque Cristo me salvou.	I would go to heaven because Jesus saved me.
Precisa aceitar a Jesus como Salvador e Senhor	You must accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.
Precisa admitir que é pecador.	You must admit that you are a sinner.
Precisa pedir o Seu perdão.	You must ask His forgiveness.
Precisa receber Cristo.	You must receive Christ.
Pela fé.	By faith.
Recebemos Jesus Cristo por meio de um convite pessoal.	We receive Christ by personal invitation.
Precisa orar.	You must pray.
Precisa	You must or need to.
Convidar Jesus a entrar na sua vida no seu coração	You must (or need to) invite Jesus to enter your life, your heart.
Confiar em Jesus.	Put your trust in Jesus.

Portuguese	English
Confessar Cristo publicamente.	Confess in Christ publicly.
Afastar-se do seus pecados.	Turn from your sins.
Aceitar o dom da vida eterna.	Accept the gift of eternal life.
Permitir que Jesus tenha controle da sua vida	Allow Jesus to have control of your life.
Se entregar a Jesus.	Surrender to Jesus.
Você deseja aceitar a Cristo agora mesmo?	Would you like to accept Christ right now?
Esta oração expressa o que gostaria de dizer?	Does the prayer express what you would like to say?
Meu Deus:	My God:
Sou pecador (Sou pecadora)	I am a sinner.
Por Favor, perdoa meus pecados	Please, forgive my sins.
Ajuda-me a afastar-me deles.	Help me turn from them.
Dou graças porque Jesus morreu pelos meus pecados.	I thank You that Jesus died for my sins.
Agora recebo a Jesus no meu coração.	I now receive Jesus into my heart.
E O aceito como o meu Salvador pessoal, e o Senhor da minha vida. Amén	And I accept Him as my personal Savior, the Lord of my life. Amen.
Respondeu Cristo a sua oração?	Did Jesus answer your prayer?
Onde está Cristo agora?	Where is Christ now?
Em meu coração.	In my heart.
Agora precisa: estudar a Bíblia, orar todos os dias, ser uma testemunha fiel e falar a, outros de Cristo.	Now you need to: study the Bible, pray every day be a faithful witness and talk to others about Jesus.

# AMAZON OUTREACH

## Trip Checklist



### Anytime Prior To 95 Days before Trip

\$200 deposit to reserve a spot on trip of choice

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for short-term mission trip

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out Personal Testimony

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notarized Waiver of Liability

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Begin raising support/Send out support letter

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Apply for passport

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 95 Days Prior To Trip

\$1,000 additional amount due

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow fever, Tetanus, Hepatitis A and B (if working with blood)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 65 Days Prior To Trip

\$800 additional amount due

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Take second dose of vaccinations

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 50 Days Prior To Trip

\$875 additional amount due

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 30 Days Prior To Trip

Turn in visa application and all supporting docs & fees

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Take third dose of vaccinations

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase malaria tablets

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5 Days Prior To Trip

Take first malaria tablet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# AMAZON OUTREACH

## TIME SHEET FOR TURNING IN TRIP FUNDS

TOTAL: \$2875.00 Cost of service per person

**Anytime Prior to 90 Days:**

\$200 reservation deposit

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**90 Days Prior to Trip:**

\$1,000 additional funds due

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**60 Days Prior to Trip:**

\$800 additional funds due

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**50 Days Prior to Trip:**

\$875 additional funds due + processing fee for visa

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Funds\*:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*For things such as:*

- *Passport & Visa fees*
- *Vaccinations*
- *Food while traveling*
- *Gifts for family and friends*
- *Film & Processing*
- *Tips for crew and interpreters*