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REQUIRED READING

For those of you who anticipate going to the Amazon with me it is vitally important that you both read and understand the following information. Please read it over several times so that you will not miss anything. Much of this is for your safety.

The price of the trip includes all food, lodging, transportation, etc. You will only need extra money for snacks, colas, souvenirs, etc. You may want to take some money to participate in the ministry. We sometimes take up offerings for our host and some of the people who serve us. You may have an opportunity to help one of the pastors or local churches. None of this is required. It is up to you.

Please note the following statement very carefully... THIS IS NOT A VACATION. THIS WILL BE AN ALL OUT ASSAULT ON THE STRONGHOLDS OF SATAN TO WIN THE LOST TO JESUS CHRIST! I WILL TRY TO PROVIDE SOME SHOPPING, ETC., BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT... SOULS ARE THE REASON WE ARE GOING!

If you think you might go, IMMEDIATELY GET YOUR PASSPORT. You cannot go without a passport. You will need the following items to obtain a passport:

An original copy of your birth certificate

2 passport photos

One other form of identification

Take items to a passport office (Post Office or court house) along with your checkbook and they will help you fill out your application. It takes about six weeks, usually. When you receive your passport sign it. Then open it and lay it face down on a copier. Make two copies and send them to me. Do not trim the copies. Each copy should be on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet. Along with the copies please send your complete mailing address and phone numbers.

Your passport must be on you at all times. Failure to do so could result in your arrest and problems for the rest of the team. OK, you can take it off to shower! But other than that you should have it on your person at all times. Do not let someone else carry your passport. I suggest you have a small pouch that you wear around your neck or your waist. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Now I want to talk to you about your luggage. In order for us to work in South America we must carry certain items with us; items for the children's crusade, medical supplies, supplies for the team, items for the missionaries, etc. It is difficult to ship these items, therefore, we transport them in one of the suitcases you will be taking. THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT! The airline will allow you two large suitcases, (not to exceed 50 pounds each... and they will weigh them when you check in) plus one carry on and a camera bag. You should be able to get all your stuff in one large suitcase plus your carry-on.

Your second large suitcase will be used to transport supplies. It should be large (app 28x21x9). You might be able to find one at a yard sale. Don't buy expensive luggage for this trip. It will be treated very badly. On your return trip you might use this suitcase to bring souvenirs home.

Each piece of checked luggage should have a luggage strap and a name tag. The name tag should be filled out with name, address and phone number. A tag must be attached to each suitcase. The name tag is a must!

You will be expected to keep up with your luggage. If you cannot physically handle your luggage someone will help you, but you must keep track of it. Know where it is. When we get to our destination and you unload the supplies you transported you will still need to keep up with this bag's location.

Your carry-on is very important! During the first two days of the trip and the trip back to Lima to board the plane, you will only have access to your carry-on. You will not be able to open your two large checked bags. You should put all the stuff you can't do without in your carry-on, plus clothes for the first two days. The airlines do lose luggage. Medicine, personal hygiene items, at least two changes of clothes and underwear, and anything that you must have with you should be included in your carry-on.

SECURITY INFO: Security is very tight since 9-11. No sharp objects or anything that could be used for a weapon is allowed. Liquids are limited in your carry on. You are only allowed 3 oz size containers of liquids and all bottles of liquids must be in one (1), one quart, zip-lock bag. There are exceptions to this rule, but there are strict rules governing these exceptions. You must declare larger liquids which are in your carry on. Prescription medications, baby formula and milk are allowed in quantities exceeding three ounces in your carry on and are not required to be in the zip-top bag. Larger bottles of liquid can be placed in checked luggage.

TEMPERATURE AND CLOTHES: Dress simply. Leave expensive jewelry, credit cards and personal items at home. Casual or work clothes, jeans, T-shirts, a good hat and things of that sort are all that is needed. There may be laundry available at a reasonable price so you can wash your clothes. You will not need special clothes for church. Dress in very light clothes. **FOR TRIPS INTO THE JUNGLE, I STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU WEAR LONG PANTS. ALSO, YOU WILL NEED HIKING BOOTS OR THE EQUIVALENT. FLIP-FLOPS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE IN THE JUNGLE AND COULD PROVE DANGEROUS. INEXPENSIVE HIKING BOOTS FROM WALMART WILL DO JUST FINE. PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY.**

CAMERAS: I recommend a digital camera. The X-ray machines will not affect pictures taken with a digital camera. Photographic film may be ruined by X-ray at airports.

Your medicine should be in the original bottle from the pharmacy so it will pass through immigration without undue problems.

While in South America, you should never put toilet paper in the commode. Put it in the waste can.

Now let's talk about food. You will be provided plenty of good, nutritious, safe food while there. You will not be eating with the local people. The food I provide for you will be safe. Under no circumstances are you to eat anything other than what we provide for you unless you talk to me first. **IF YOU CANNOT ABIDE BY THIS RULE, PLEASE DON'T COME ON THE TRIP!** If you will follow this rule you will probably have no problems with your stomach. Remember, if you get sick it will affect the rest of the group. **FOOD ON BUS:** On a recent trip we divided into two groups. My group went to a prison. The other group went to a school. There they were offered CASA QUESO (house cheese) and in order not to offend, they ate it. This is a cheese made at home and is very dangerous. Several became very sick. I suggest you bring some snack food with you such as snack bars, beef jerky, canned meats, peanut butter crackers, etc. **IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL EATING REQUIREMENTS PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE WE LEAVE THE STATES!**

The clear, antiseptic gel is an absolute must. Use it before each meal. Don't put your hands close to your face without first cleansing your hands. Keep a small bottle in your pocket and a larger one in your room to refill your small bottle.

Now let's talk about the airlines. I need the group to stay together. That means to stay with me or a designated person. This will solve most of the problems. If someone gets lost it could cause the group to miss the flight. We have only so long to work our way through the airport and I will be trying to do this as expeditiously as possible. Please! Do not wander off from the group in the airport! By all means have someone watch your luggage if you must go to the restroom. Ladies, do not go to the restroom alone.

If you are a teenager you will be assigned to an experienced group leader. You must stay with the group leader while traveling.

While you are in-flight to South America, you will be provided with a form to fill out which will be given to immigration service when you arrive in South America. I will help you if you have a problem. When you go through Immigration Service they will give you part of that form to serve as your temporary visa. **DO NOT LOSE THIS FORM!** Please be sure to have a ball point pen with you.

When you take a shower, make sure that you don't get the water in your mouth, ears, eyes or nose. Also, do not brush your teeth with tap water. Use bottled water to brush your teeth, take medicine, etc.

If you are under 21 years of age you will be expected to obey a "lights-out" curfew. You will also be expected to obey all instructions given to you by me or one who I may designate as relates to safety. Your application to go on this trip is agreement to follow these instructions.

CONTACTING FAMILY AND FRIENDS BACK IN THE STATES: Email will not be readily available; in fact, on this trip it may not be available at all on most days. Also,

phones will not be readily available to us. That said, the phone is the best way for you to contact your family if one is available. When we are in a large village we may be able to find a phone that works. I suggest you get a phone card from Sam's Club; it works. **CAUTION! SOME CARDS DO NOT WORK FROM SOUTH AMERICA.** See info on cards in "Amazon Packing List". Remember that this is a **MISSION TRIP**. I suggest that you advise your family that you may not be able to contact them more than once or twice during the trip so they will not worry. They can call my wife anytime and check on our safety, etc.

If your family has an emergency and they need to contact you or if they become concerned about your safety, they may call Judy and she will be glad to help them. Her cell is 423-309-0154. When Judy accompanies me on a trip, I will have another contact number for you.

VERY IMPORTANT ITEMS! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! Hair dryers, curling irons, razors, etc., should be capable of switching from 110 to 220-240 volts. Items which use a lot of power, such as hair dryers, will not be permitted on the boat. 110 will not work. Walmart carries some of these items that can be switched between 110 and 240. You must have an adapter that will allow it to be plugged into the outlet. (Radio Shack #273-1406 or equivalent) Radio Shack has these. Just ask for an adapter that will work in Peru. If you have something that will only work on 110, then you must have a transformer. Radio Shack also has these. If you are unsure about any of this call me!

Once again you must not carry any knife, sharp instrument or cigarette lighter onto the aircraft. These items should be in "checked bags only".

Under no circumstances are you to tell people on the mission field the name of the hotel where we are staying or the phone number of the hotel. You are not to invite anyone outside of our group to your hotel or hotel room. I strongly recommend that you do not give out your email address, but that is your choice.

Jokes about bombs and terrorism are expressly prohibited in airports and could cost you imprisonment and cause costly delays for the entire group.

VERY IMPORTANT!

PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE THOROUGHLY! THE AREAS WE ARE GOING INTO NOW ARE VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHERE WE HAVE BEEN BEFORE. THERE ARE SAFETY CONCERNS ANYTIME YOU LEAVE THE USA. BUT ON THE AMAZON THERE ARE FURTHER DANGERS THAT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF THE GROUP, I MUST ASK YOU TO READ THIS ARTICLE THOROUGHLY AND PROMISE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES. UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU VIOLATE THE RULES OF THE GROUP YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE GROUP IS COMPROMISED. I HAVE TAKEN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TO SOUTH AMERICA. I WILL DO MY BEST TO KEEP YOU SAFE. IF YOU WILL FOLLOW THE RULES, IT WILL MAKE MY JOB A LOT EASIER.

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