

# 2017-2018 Philippines Mission Trip

## Estimated Dates:

September 23 - October 8  
January 20 - February 4  
June 30 - July 14  
June 30 - July 21  
June 30 - August 5  
July 14 - August 5  
July 21 - August 5

## Estimated Cost:

\$3,500  
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\$4,200  
\$5,600  
\$4,200  
\$3,500

The optional Uncle Dick's Home weekend trip is an additional \$300

## What to Do:

- **Fill out and send in applications** (Application, Medical Authorization, and Parental Evaluation, if applicable) to the address at the bottom of this sheet.
  - Two signatures are required on the Medical Authorization
  - Please include a current picture of yourself on your application
  - Please write legibly and complete every question
  - If you have served with us before, you only need to fill out the Returning Application and an updated Medical Authorization
- **Have a church leader fill out the Reference Questionnaire**
  - The reference must be filled out by a leader in the church you are currently attending
  - The church leader must send the reference directly to us
  - Your application will not be considered until we have received the reference questionnaire
- **Obtain a passport**
  - You can get a passport application at the post office or online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). If this is your first time applying for a passport, you will have to submit your application in person.
  - If you already have a passport, the expiration date must extend six months beyond your return date
  - Once you receive your passport, send us a clear copy
- **Once you have been approved, begin raising money**
  - Send out support letters with info on how to contribute financially to your trip (examples will be given)
  - Plan fundraisers (car washes, garage sales, benefit dinners)
- **Attend meeting(s), if desired** We often have a meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, but attendance is not required
- **Prepare and memorize a gospel presentation** (sample will be given)

## Summer Trip Money Deadlines:

- **Friday, March 30** - \$500 non-refundable deposit due
- **Friday, May 4** - An additional \$1,500 is due
- **Friday, June 8** - The full amount for your trip cost is due

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## Completing the Applications

Applications are confidential and will only be viewed by BTEA staff

### Trip Application

The *Trip Application* should be filled-out by all new applicants, including youth leaders and pastors, who plan to accompany members of their church on the mission trip.

Important things to note when filling out the *Trip Application*:

- Your full name (first, middle, and last) as listed on your passport and your full date of birth are required to purchase an international plane ticket. The name on the ticket and the passport must match.
- Your passport's expiration date must extend six months beyond your return date; otherwise, you will be stopped in the airport in Japan and not allowed to fly into the Philippines.
- If you do not have a passport when you submit your application, that is okay; however, you will need to apply immediately after being accepted. Also, we will need a clear copy of your passport.
- If you are away at college, it is important that we have your home address AND your mailing address at college. We may send correspondence in the months prior to the trip. Because the time frame is February through June, we will need both addresses.
- All trips involve the same type of ministry but in different areas of the Philippines. The opportunity to visit the orphanage, if desired, is a quick overnight trip during a weekend you are in the Philippines.
- It is very important that your beliefs line up with the beliefs of our organization because this is an evangelistic mission trip. Please be sure to thoroughly read over our statement of faith, found on our website ([www.btea.org](http://www.btea.org) "What We Believe").
- Answer every question. The questions on the applications have been developed as the result of issues we've incurred in the past. Your honesty is very important. Read the pledge and sign your name if you agree to commit to the terms of the pledge.

### Medical Authorization Form

All applicants, including returning applicants, are required to fill-out an updated *Medical Authorization Form* annually.

Important things to note when filling out the *Medical Authorization*:

- This form must be signed by the participant (or guardian if participant is under 18) and a witness. The witness is "witnessing" your signature and must sign at the same time you sign.
- The form does not have to be signed by a doctor or a notary.
- No shots are required for safe travel to the Philippines; however, we recommend an updated tetanus shot. The health department may recommend that you take a few additional precautions, but nothing else is required.
- This trip is a very physically demanding trip. Your honesty on this form is crucial to your health and safety, especially if you have a medical emergency while on the trip.



### Reference Questionnaire

All new applicants must have a reference sent in on their behalf. Only one reference is necessary; please do not send in multiple references.

Who should fill-out the *Reference Questionnaire*? The *Reference Questionnaire* should be completed by *your current* pastor, Sunday School teacher, small group leader or another church leader. Your reference should not be related to you but should know you very well.

The church leader completing your reference should send the form directly to the BTEA office upon completion.

### Parental Evaluation Form

This form is to be submitted by all new applicants, who live with their parents/guardian, including those applicants who are away at school. This form does not need to be sent in separately.

This form is to be completed by your parent/guardian. If your parent/guardian does not support your desire to minister in the Philippines, you will not be permitted to serve with us.

### Returning Application

This application is only for those applicants who have served with BTEA in the past and would like to return to the Philippines with us.

- Answer every question, read the pledge, and sign if you agree to commit to its terms.
- Even if you have served with BTEA many times, we still need you to fill out this form. It helps us stay organized and ensures that we have your correct, updated information.

## Other Information

### Food

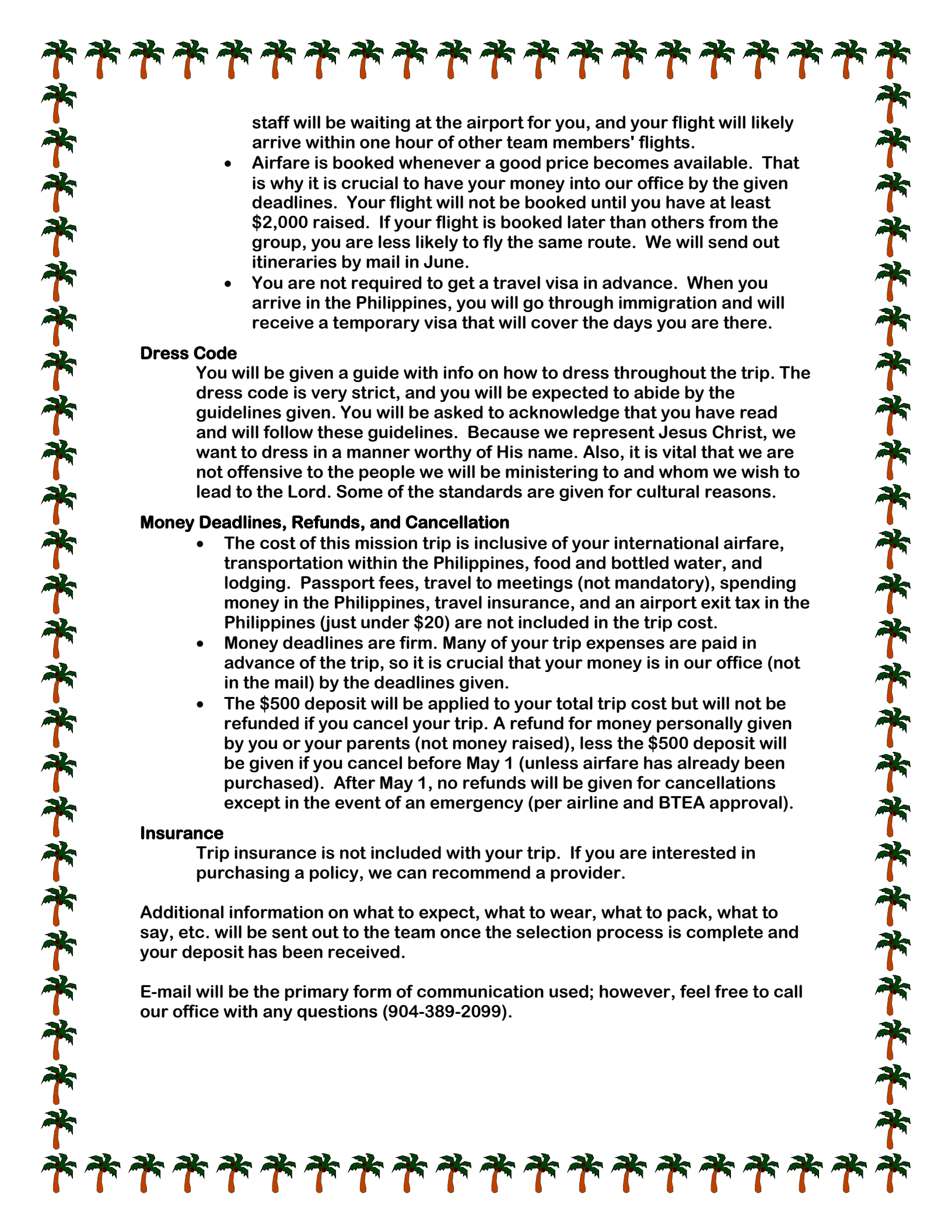
It is critical that you get plenty to eat while on this trip. We eat a lot of chicken and rice or fast food on this trip. You cannot function at full capacity if you refuse to eat and stay hydrated. When we tell you it is extremely important to eat and drink plenty of fluids, we mean it! We will provide plenty of bottled water for you to drink because the water in the Philippines is contaminated.

### Ministry

This is an intense trip. It is very physically and mentally challenging. Everyone will be required to present the gospel multiple times per day to groups of various sizes. Weekdays are spent sharing in schools. During weekends, we may have the opportunity to minister in hospitals, markets, malls, or after basketball games in the villages. If you are going to visit the orphanage, that trip will take place over one of the weekends you are in the Philippines. Days are very long and usually begin by 4 am. When you get the opportunity to rest, take advantage of that time.

### Traveling

- We do our best to book flights with routes that connect with others traveling to the Philippines so that you will not have to fly there alone; however, sometimes, this is not possible. Do not worry! Our



staff will be waiting at the airport for you, and your flight will likely arrive within one hour of other team members' flights.

- Airfare is booked whenever a good price becomes available. That is why it is crucial to have your money into our office by the given deadlines. Your flight will not be booked until you have at least \$2,000 raised. If your flight is booked later than others from the group, you are less likely to fly the same route. We will send out itineraries by mail in June.
- You are not required to get a travel visa in advance. When you arrive in the Philippines, you will go through immigration and will receive a temporary visa that will cover the days you are there.

#### **Dress Code**

You will be given a guide with info on how to dress throughout the trip. The dress code is very strict, and you will be expected to abide by the guidelines given. You will be asked to acknowledge that you have read and will follow these guidelines. Because we represent Jesus Christ, we want to dress in a manner worthy of His name. Also, it is vital that we are not offensive to the people we will be ministering to and whom we wish to lead to the Lord. Some of the standards are given for cultural reasons.

#### **Money Deadlines, Refunds, and Cancellation**

- The cost of this mission trip is inclusive of your international airfare, transportation within the Philippines, food and bottled water, and lodging. Passport fees, travel to meetings (not mandatory), spending money in the Philippines, travel insurance, and an airport exit tax in the Philippines (just under \$20) are not included in the trip cost.
- Money deadlines are firm. Many of your trip expenses are paid in advance of the trip, so it is crucial that your money is in our office (not in the mail) by the deadlines given.
- The \$500 deposit will be applied to your total trip cost but will not be refunded if you cancel your trip. A refund for money personally given by you or your parents (not money raised), less the \$500 deposit will be given if you cancel before May 1 (unless airfare has already been purchased). After May 1, no refunds will be given for cancellations except in the event of an emergency (per airline and BTEA approval).

#### **Insurance**

Trip insurance is not included with your trip. If you are interested in purchasing a policy, we can recommend a provider.

Additional information on what to expect, what to wear, what to pack, what to say, etc. will be sent out to the team once the selection process is complete and your deposit has been received.

E-mail will be the primary form of communication used; however, feel free to call our office with any questions (904-389-2099).