

Team Helpful Hints

If you plan to do activities, crafts or games it is best to bring the supplies and equipment needed. You might consider making lists of games for down time to play with kids and assigning team leaders for groups when doing activities with different groups at the same time. It's easier to remember different games when you have a list and a plan.

Please instruct your team to **NOT** have anyone assist them with their luggage at baggage claim. There are some men, which will help when you come out of passport control that are nice and help Emmanuel on a regular basis. It will cost \$15 (\$5 for each man).

When you exit customs into the lobby Morgan or another Emmanuel staff member will greet your team and have you gather inside by the outside wall in front of the shoeshine station. The team can exchange money and walk to the bus together.

It is best for each team member to **exchange money at the airport** for better exchange rate and for use at the store and snack shop. It is easier than store staff trying to convert the money and it is culturally more appropriate to have your host country's currency.

If you plan to lead worship or sing a special song during church it is helpful send the words ahead of your arrival and you must be at practice the night before to ensure you have all equipment needed and do sound check with our staff. We encourage you to lead songs in Spanish as well as English. Spanish speakers don't always know the songs you may sing in English.

Please have persons who will be speaking in church at the church at least 15 minutes prior to service. If they have slides or videos please have them come to worship practice the night before church.

If you have planned activities with the children or for church please be prepared and ready prior to posted start time on the schedule. And be prepared to stay to clean up any crafts or activities.

Consider having one team member take photos during events like church or big group activities to relieve your team members of the need to take photos instead of actively participating. You could make a disk or share them with the whole team at the end of your trip.

For those sharing during bible study or church please think about the English words you are using. Please refrain from using slang words that will be difficult for your translator to understand. It helps to write it out so you can see what words may need to be changed and to show the translator if you get stuck on a word they don't know.

Examples-

They were so far off (as in "they were so far off the mark")

They were disputing (as in "they were fighting" or "they were disagreeing" or "they were arguing")

Wrap your head around it (as in "they couldn't understand it")

Sitting on the fence

Adjectives- Ornery, Fiasty

Don't use peoples names or things local to your home state or region that the kids won't understand

Please give **EACH TEAM MEMBER** a copy of the team guidelines to review for all rules and information they need prior to departure for Emmanuel.