

# Belize

## Spring Break 2018

### Mission Trip

March 11-18, 2018

#### Application Checklist

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- € Pray for God to help you decide if this is the right time and place for you to serve.
- € Read cover letter carefully.
- € Fill out ONLINE application completely. The link is at the bottom of this page.

**Applications are due by Sunday, November 26.**

Dear 2018 Spring Break Belize Mission Trip Applicant,  
Praise God that you have decided to apply for our Spring Break 2016 Mission Trip to Belize! This is an exciting opportunity for our church to build on the relationships we have begun to develop with our friends in Belize. This cover letter is intended to give you an overview of what we'll be doing before, during and after the trip and what will be expected of team members.

#### *What the trip is all about*

We will be working through The Word at Work (TWAW) and our focus will be on building relationships with Belizeans while we work on various projects. We will connect with our friends in the village of El Progreso (where we have worked on previous trips). We will be planning activities that can safely involve our youngest team members. In partnership with the villagers, we will work on a construction project as well as several opportunities with children both during and after school.

### *Who the trip is for*

Our plan for Spring Break is to take an intergenerational team to Belize. The trip is open to those going alone as well as those going with the whole family. We welcome families to apply for the trip with children ages 4 and up. Basically, it is open to children who are old enough for our children's choir. If you have a younger child that you would like to go with you, please talk to Pastor Walter and/or Chrissie Mee. Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade would need at least one parent to go with them. We encourage our youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) to apply either on their own or along with their family. **Each team member (regardless of age) needs to fill out a separate application.** We have a shorter application available for children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade (links will be at the end of this page)

## **What to expect**

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### *Team meetings*

Team members will be expected to participate fully in all team meetings. In these meetings, we'll be working on teambuilding as well as training for our team. The culture and setting in Belize is much different than our own situation in West Texas, so we'll be learning a bit about what to expect and how to deal with the differences we'll see. The better prepared we are as a team, the more useful and lasting impact we can have there.

Prior to our trip, we'll need to meet together as a team for a total of 4 or 5 meetings. Team meetings are an extremely important part of this mission and are required for all team members. If you have an unavoidable conflict and cannot attend, please clear it with Pastor Walter before the meeting. The material for that meeting can be made up, but the relationship and team building cannot, so please only miss when it is absolutely necessary. **Our first team meeting will be December 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m at the church. Subsequent meetings will be decided upon by the team.**

Our ministry to those who send us on the trip (our church family and friends) is an important part of the mission. Because of this, team members will be expected to participate in the sharing and reporting opportunities upon our return from the trip. These opportunities will vary, but could include sharing stories in a worship service, Sunday school class, special event or small group as well as writing up stories for church publications.

### *Raising Support*

Each team member will be expected to send out letters asking people for both prayer and financial support for the trip. We'll talk about this in our first meeting. If a team member wishes to fund the trip on their own, then he or she will still need to send out letters asking for people's prayer support. The total cost per person for the trip will be about \$2,000.

### *On the trip*

Team members will be expected to participate fully while on the trip. This will include our daily devotions and debriefing times as well as all the ministry opportunities God gives us. We will give priority to building relationships whether through construction work or other activities.

The climate in Belize is warm and humid in March with highs in the 80s and 90s. Our accommodations will not have air conditioning, but are well-shaded and have fans. Our teams have found them to be plenty comfortable in the past. Belize is a peaceful, small country and is quite safe for us to travel around. For about one day at the end of our trip, we plan to debrief on one of the beautiful, small islands off the coast. This time will be important for us to reflect on what God has done in and through us on the trip and how we are going to share with our friends, family and coworkers back home.

### *Children*

With children on the trip, we will arrange our schedule as best we can to accommodate bedtimes and plenty of time to rest. We will give priority to families so they can stay together in their own rooms.

### *Passport and Immunization Requirements*

If you have a passport, the expiration date needs to be at least six months after we arrive in Belize. If you do not yet have a passport, please arrange to get one as soon as possible. We recommend going to the passport office in the Ector County Courthouse.

You will need a current tetanus immunization (within the last 10 years) for the trip. No other immunizations are required. You may consult your doctor and/or the CDC's list (<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/belize.htm>) for recommendations (including anti-malaria medication).

## **Application process**

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The application is online through the links below. Please fill it out completely and submit it. One of our leaders will then contact you with any further questions as well as give you an opportunity to ask any questions. **The deadline for applications is Sunday, November 26, 2017.** Limited spots are available for this trip, so please be prompt in applying.

Again, we are very excited about what God has planned. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call or email us. We would love to talk with you about it. May God bless you!

With the Peace of Christ,



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**Adult Application (6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up)**  
[Belize 2018 Spring Break ADULT](#)

**Child Application (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Under)**  
[Belize 2018 Spring Break CHILD](#)