



Belize Mission Trip Information Sheet

Dates: June 16-22, 2018 (Approximate)

Cost: **\$1800 includes:**
round trip airfare, Wayfinder Mission fees, a t-shirt, lodging and all meals (except on travel days).

Extra Costs: Passport (approx. \$135), spending money, food on travel days.

Location: **Belize, Central America**
Belize is a small country located in Central America bordering the Caribbean Sea, near Guatemala and Mexico. It is called “The Jewel of the Caribbean” for its nature and beauty, including dense jungles, Maya mountains, and the world’s 2nd largest barrier reef. It is the only country in Central America where English is the official language, making it easy to communicate with the local community. While it only takes a day to travel to Belize, it is a country made up of many different cultures, religions and backgrounds. The different cultures range from Latino, to Mayan, to Creole. The main religion practiced in Belize is Roman Catholic, but 15% of the population claims to have no faith. The average income in Belize is around \$8,700.

Our Mission: While in Belize, we will be partnering with a local church that has a need for the skills & abilities we offer. The ministries we could serve in range from leading sports or VBS camps, engaging in prayer walks through the community, organizing a worship night, and even building a new addition to the pastor’s home. Because we will remain under the leadership of this church, the vision is to make sure whatever service we provide has a lasting impact and is sustainable after we leave.

Deadlines (Please mark these on your calendar):

Application, & \$300 non-refundable deposit		January 15
Payment #2	\$300	March 1
Payment #3	\$300	April 1
Passport		April 1
Payment #4	\$600	May 1
Final Payment	\$300	June 1

Please make all payments by the date listed as we have payment deadlines from Praying Pelican Missions and the airlines that we must adhere to. Payments received after the due date will be assessed a \$50 late fee. Please note that payment amounts may be reduced as fundraising money is applied.

Your application and non-refundable deposit are due January 15.

This is an application process. Turning in the application and deposit does not guarantee you a spot on the trip. All applications will be reviewed and in some cases an appointment with you may be requested. You will be notified via phone or email if you are on the team by February 1. If you are not accepted for the team, your deposit will be refunded. Please do not send out support letters until it is confirmed that you are on the team.

Passport

A passport is required for this trip and is due in no later than April 1. It takes at least 6 weeks once the passport is ordered to receive it unless you pay an additional \$50-\$100 for a rush order. **Please order your passport as soon as you receive an acceptance phone call!**
Passport Cards are NOT accepted.

Medical & Immunizations

General medical information is asked for in your application. There will be additional medical forms to fill out once you have been accepted onto the team, and a doctor's signature may be required.

Immunizations

The Center for Disease Control does not require any vaccinations to travel to Belize. They suggest travelers be up to date on routine vaccines, and an updated tetanus shot may be required. Hepatitis A & B and Typhoid vaccinations should be discussed with your doctor before the trip is made. More information is available at cdc.gov and from your health-care provider.

Team Meetings are MANDATORY. Meeting dates will be discussed at our first team meeting. Any missed meetings should be arranged ahead of time and it should be noted that more than one missed meeting could result in removal from the team. These meetings are crucial to team bonding and focusing on God's heart for the world.

Fundraising

We strongly encourage you to prayerfully consider the sacrifices that God is asking you to make to be a part of this team and how much you should contribute of your own money. We will offer a few opportunities for you to raise money for this trip. Some ideas we have include:

- * Support Letter Writing (required)
- * Bracelet Fundraiser
- * Pancake Breakfast for Belize
- * Babysitting for Parents' Night Out
- * Car washes

Once the team is formed, we will be brainstorming other ideas so that we can raise money and help with the cost.

NOTE: You are responsible for the cost of the trip. If you have not raised the entire sum needed by each due date, you are still required to make a full payment. If for any reason your donations come in after a payment is made, you will be reimbursed.