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## THINGS TO KNOW

THE BASICS, THE NEXT STEPS, THE WHAT TO EXPECTS



Greetings from Grenada,

We're excited that you're thinking about joining us on a mission trip!

Every summer we organize bible camps called SUMMERBASH. We gather the kids in the village, play games, share stories, show them love and teach them about Jesus. When we first started this ministry, they didn't know basic Bible stories or even why we celebrated Easter. Since then, we've seen kids give their life to Christ, let Christ change their lives, and we see God do the miraculous on a regular basis.

We see this ministry as not just bringing the good news of Jesus, but also shaping the future leaders of the nation. Statistics also show that most Grenadians will eventually leave the island, therefore not only are we sharing the Gospel and shaping future leaders but we're also training the hearts and minds of future missionaries. However, we can't do this without the help of mission teams.

That said, it's easy to think that having a good heart and a passion for Jesus is all that matters on a mission trip. However, there are certain factors and logistical realities that make visiting Grenada harder for some people than others. This booklet is designed to prepare you for what to expect— as well as help you plan accordingly.

*On Earth As It Is In Heaven,*



*Gerry Keens-Douglas*  
*Grenadian Chairman, Board of Directors*



# FIRST OFF...

## YOU NEED A PASSPORT!!

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IT NEEDS TO BE VALID  
FOR AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS  
AFTER THE DATE OF THE TRIP

This means that if you're visiting in July,  
your passport needs to be valid until  
(at least) February 2023

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Getting a passport can take up to 2 months...  
If you don't currently have one,  
you want to start that process ASAP!



## HOW DO I GET A PASSPORT?

Simple... ✓ Visit your local post office  
or

✓ <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

*Passports are not free...  
expect to pay about \$150 if you don't currently have one*

- \* If you don't have a valid passport by the time of the trip \*
- \* the airline will not let you fly, they will not refund your ticket, \*
- \* and you will miss out on the mission trip \*

# IS THIS TRIP RIGHT FOR YOU?



It's easy to think that having a good heart and a passion for Jesus is all that matters for a mission trip. However, there are certain factors and logistical realities that make visiting Grenada harder for some people than others.

Above all else, you'll be safe and well fed. You will also probably have an experience that will change both your life and the village kids you minister to... forever!

That said, Grenada is not the United States.

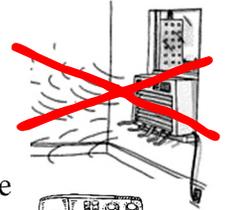
DO NOT EXPECT THE COMFORTS OF HOME OR THE SERVICES OF A RESORT.



- ✓ Safe accommodations
- ✓ Very low crime rate
- ✓ Water is safe to drink
- ✓ No water-borne diseases
- ✓ No insect-borne diseases



- ✓ Always 86° and no air-conditioning
- ✓ Tons of mosquito bites
- ✓ Very limited internet
- ✓ Sleeping on bunk beds
- ✓ Sharing a room with 5-10 people
- ✓ Sharing a bathroom with 5-10 people
- ✓ No hot water for showers
- ✓ No washing machine



## CAUTION

### ARE YOU AN EXTREME INTROVERT?

Realize, first off, the whole purpose of the trip is to ENGAGE... with Grenadians as well as others on the mission team. Many of the activities with the village kids will be 'high energy' and their need for social interaction is very demanding. If an individual is "painfully shy" or very uncomfortable with social interactions (and are unable to overcome that or "step outside of themselves" for the trip) they're going to have a hard time fitting in and finding a role. The other issue is that the schedule doesn't allow for much extended downtime, especially if that downtime needs to be in complete isolation. Also, we're going to have a house packed with people and kids (day and night), so there will be nowhere to go "escape". If an individual is unable to do without extended personal time (for the length of the trip), they're going to feel VERY OVERWHELMED FAST.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH/MEDICAL CONCERNS?

If an individual has trouble "getting around" or being active (i.e. unable to walk 1/2 a mile at a time, maybe 2-3 times a day) it's going to become an issue for them. Also, Grenada has HORRIBLE healthcare, we're at least an hour from any hospital and 'good luck' finding specialty medications. If an individual needs to make sure that they always have quick access to medical facilities or has delicate on-going health issues... it may be too dangerous or risky for them to be on the island.

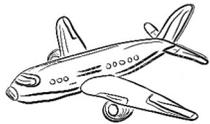
### DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP TO A STRICT DIET?

Most of the meals are going to be some variation of chicken and rice (i.e. BBQ, stewed, curry, etc). We don't have access to much variety in our diets and when we do it's VERY expensive. If an individual has strict dietary restrictions, it's going to be very hard for them to find food. Also, due to the logistics of group meal planning and preparation, it's just not possible to have participants on their own individual meal plan.

# \$\$\$ QUESTIONS...

## WHAT DOES THIS TRIP COST?

\$900--\$1200 + \$500 (GROUND COSTS)

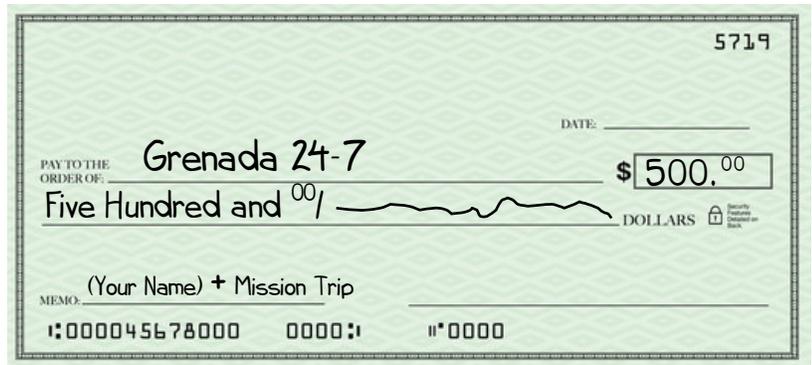


(FLIGHT COSTS)

*Includes (but not limited to) hosting and organization, food and lodging, ground transportation, travel insurance*

## HOW DO I PAY GROUND COSTS?

- ✓ WRITE CHECK to "Grenada 24-7"
- ✓ IN MEMO put your name and "Mission Trip"  
*\*Do this even if your name is on the check*
- ✓ MAIL IT to:  
Grenada 24-7  
P.O. Box 209,  
Alexandria, KY 41001
- ✓ SEND US AN EMAIL to confirm payment  
[missiontrip@grenada247.org](mailto:missiontrip@grenada247.org)



## WHAT IF I AM FUNDRAISING?

Your donors should follow the same steps as above.

However, *they should put your name in the memo (not theirs)!*

\*As soon as you have the total needed for airfare, we'll write you a check so you can purchase the ticket.

### Donations are non-refundable...

So if you don't raise the total amount needed (and don't personally go on the trip) the money you raised will still go to the mission for camp supplies and extra costs.

## WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

**AIRFARE:** YOU WANT TO BUY YOUR AIRLINE TICKET ASAP!

**GROUND COSTS:** PAYMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY **June 1st**

# A WORD ON FUNDRAISING...



## BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY!

When you promote your trip on social media... watch what you post! Anything you put on-line will be seen and spread. And we've had issues in the past of Grenadians seeing stuff on-line and getting offended.

It's okay to share that you're joining missionaries to help them run a summer camp. **HOWEVER... WATCH YOUR ADJECTIVES!!** Meaning, don't say anything (on social media) about "poor black kids", "saving the lost", "bringing hope to the hopeless", etc...

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*Below is the fundraising letter we suggest you use.*

- ★ *It gives all the important details-- short, sweet, and to the point.* ★
- ★ *We suggest NOT posting your fundraising letter on social media for everyone to see.* ★
- Instead, send it as a private message (personally) to people you feel would be interested.*

Dear [enter name]

I have an awesome opportunity to go overseas on a mission trip this summer. This is something I really feel called by God to be a part of, however I need help raising funds to make it happen. Would you pray and consider donating to my trip?

In 2013, the missionaries we're helping moved to the nation of Grenada (in the Caribbean) and started a ministry for the kids in the villages. This is how they explained it:

*"When we first started this ministry, the kids in the village didn't know basic Bible stories or even why we celebrated Easter. Since then, we've seen kids give their life to Christ, let Christ change their lives, and we see God do the miraculous on a regular basis. Keep in mind, that the majority of our island is youth. Therefore, we're not just bringing the good news of Jesus, but we're also shaping the future leaders of this nation. However, there's much we can't do without the help of mission teams."*

As part of the ministry, every summer, teams are invited to help with a Bible camp they call "Summer Bash". Our team will be personally connecting with the Grenadians and teaching them about Christ; as well as doing "fun kid stuff" such as crafts, sports, reading and skits.

I am very excited about how God is going to use me, in other people's lives, through the ministry this summer. I do, however, need your help. As you can imagine, a trip like this requires financial support from several people. **I need to raise \$1500 by May 1<sup>st</sup>.** This cost includes everything (airfare, food/lodging, ground travel, insurance, etc).

Will you pray about donating to my trip? It would be such a blessing. If you decide to give, checks must be written to "Grenada 24-7" and in the memo please write my name and "Mission Trip". If mailing a donation send it to: Grenada 24-7, P.O. Box 209, Alexandria KY 41001

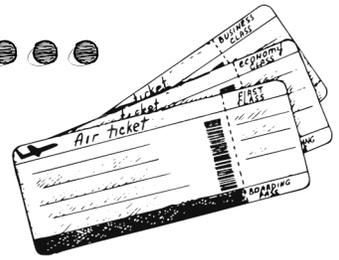
Thank you so much,

[Your Name]

P.S.—If you'd like to learn more about the ministry check out the website: [www.grenada247.org](http://www.grenada247.org)

# TRAVEL STUFF...

## HOW DO I BOOK MY TICKET?



We use a travel agency called CITY EXPRESS TRAVEL that specializes in mission trips. You can check them out online (<https://cityexpresstravel.net>). The reason we use them is because they'll make sure you have the proper itinerary and will "take care of things" when issues and problems arise (i.e. flight cancelation, bad weather, etc).

When you're ready to purchase your ticket, **call 800-678-5340**

Tell them you're calling for the Grenada trip and they will take care of the details.

## DO I HAVE TO USE THE AGENCY?

Nope. Not at all. You can purchase your ticket however and wherever you want.

**However...** If your itinerary differs from the rest of the group, it's your responsibility to pay for any and all extra arrangements and accommodations.

*FOR EXAMPLE:*

- \* If you arrive in Grenada at a different time [from the rest of the group], you'll have to pay for a taxi to drive you to our home. *This will cost you \$75.*
- \* If you layover and over-night in a different city, you'll have to book and pay for your own hotel arrangements. *This will cost you \$75 -- \$200.*

Keep in mind, if you don't use the agency, then you're on your own in dealing with the airline to figure out solutions to any travel issues [flight delays, changes, cancelations] and will not be included in the option the agency finds for the rest of the group.



We know how tempting cheap tickets are. Just realize, the cost of paying for a taxi or hotel room will easily wipe out any savings you found on a cheap flight.



## CAN WE MAKE OUR OWN GROUP PLANS?

Absolutely. Many of the groups and churches that visit us organize their own travel arrangements. We just ask that your whole group shares the same itinerary. Otherwise, those individuals may have to pay for extra arrangements or accommodations.

# WHAT WILL I DO...

SUMMERBASH is a series of fun, highly interactive Bible camps that we run in multiple villages. Each camp averages 35-75 kids. We will most likely do 2 camps a day (which last 3 hours each) and each camp is broken into different sessions and activities. Below is a short explanation of each session that will give you an idea of the purpose and expectation.

## CRAFT TIME

The kids will have a simple craft, such as a coloring sheet or play-doh. Team members will sit with the kids and do the craft with them. This is a platform for **encouragement!** Praise them for their creativity and colors and good work. Most kids don't get encouragement or kindness in their home. If we're going to bring the good news of the Gospel we need to BE that good news and the first part of that is being kind, loving and encouraging.



## INTRO / MC

This is a time to get the kids hyped-up for the day's activities. It's always fun to have characters in costumes with accents and funny voices, rather than just somebody being themselves. It could be the same person or group every day, or it could be different.



## SKITS

Time for the team to act goofy and embarrass themselves to make the kids laugh! Grenadians find physical, slap-stick humor very funny. The skits don't have to give a lesson. In fact, the skits don't need to have a "Christian point" at all.

## PERSONAL STORY

Each day a different team member will share (5 minutes) about their personal experience, journey, revelation regarding whatever the camp's theme is.

## VERSE AND CHEERS

We use games and relays to help the kids learn and memorize Bible verses. We also make up cheers with hand and body motions.



## BIBLE STORY

We use costumes and props to dramatically act out the day's Bible story. The village kids love to get involved and take turns being various parts.

## CONNECT THE DOTS

This is "the lesson" of the day. Remember, these are young kids, so keep in mind 1) short attention spans, 2) lack of education, and 3) no background or previous understanding of Scripture, Bible stories or church life.

Messages should be plain, simple and to the point. Teachers should project lots of enthusiasm in their voice, even if their talking about a serious matter.



## PRAYER GROUPS

This is usually the last thing we do each day. Team members will be designated a number of kids and they will meet with the same group all week. They will interact with the kids, get their thoughts and feelings on the day, and pray with them. We give the kids a piece of paper, that they take home, that has different prayers on it that they can pray, depending on where they are in life.

- ★ We need people of all ages, personalities and talents... ★
- ★ Not every member of the team comes to play an active speaking role. ★
- ★ We also need those who come to sit with the kids and show them love, ★
- ★ or those who help us organize and manage a houseful of guests. ★

# DO NOT FORGET...

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!

### WWW.GRENADA247.ORG

MOST OF YOUR QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED THERE.  
WE HAVE LOTS OF PHOTOS, VIDEOS, LISTS AND MAPS.

LEARN ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND WHAT DRIVES US.

CATCH A GLIMPSE OF PAST CAMPS AND MISSION TRIPS.

AND... WE HAVE A PAGE ALL ABOUT WHAT TO PACK  
AND WHAT NOT TO PACK. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



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