

Hey Casey,

We are still plugging along with Brazil plans. There have been some travel rules implemented that include a covid test before re-entry to the USA. We have a clinic that will do this for us in Brazil so we're good on that. I do expect that rule to change for those who get the vaccine.

So far no requirement from Brazil for the vaccine. I'll update you if that happens. I have had the vaccine as have several in our group. Some refuse to take it and that's America. We'll work with anyone who wants to go.

Here's the latest update...

Mission Trip participants are expected to be active members of First Baptist Oxford (or their home church) and to be displaying a growing relationship with Jesus.

The purpose of the trip will be to share the Gospel. Every trip participant will be expected to pray and prepare. Preparation will include training meetings that will cover logistics, spiritual preparation, and culture training.

Everyone is expected to attend all training meetings.

We need a few more folks to go so please pray for more workers.

Cost will be estimated max \$2400 per person and includes all expenses except some meals and tourist activities. First Baptist Oxford members will receive \$800 discount. Cost could be less depending on airfare cost.

Payment schedule will be:

- \$500 is due January 15. (This is past, but that's ok)
- \$500 is due February 15.
- \$500 is due March 15.
- \$500 is due April 15.
- \$400 is due May 15.

If you plan to get your own airfare the cost is \$850 per person and is due April 15!

If you don't have a passport, now is the time to get one. Don't wait.

Brazil 2021 dates are July 15 to 25. Location is Juazeiro do Norte. State of Ceará. This is in the northeast corner of Brazil.

We will have a Construction team, Medical team, and a Children's ministry team. Construction team will be building a chapel building for a new Baptist church plant. It will be built from ground up in six days. We will worship in the new building on Friday night. Construction team members are expected to share the Gospel when the opportunity arises. Medical team will provide basic medical services. Blood pressure, Blood sugar, basic medicines, vitamins, possibly reading glasses. Medical team members are expected to share the Gospel when the opportunity arises.

Children's Ministry Team will be conducting a bible club for area children and also visiting local schools and presenting a Good Choices school program. Children's Ministry Team members are expected to share the Gospel when the opportunity arises.

Lodging will be in a local hotel. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant and lunch and snacks will be served at the work site. Food is generally rice, beans, chicken or beef or pork, bread, potatoes, veggies. Brazilian food is generally compatible with a Mississippi diet. You won't lose weight on this trip.

What to bring:

Airline tickets and itinerary and passport.
Your cash and your credit/debit cards.
Extra glasses..especially if you wear contacts.
All medicine prescriptions in original containers. Little bags of pills set off big alarms in Brazil and you get sent to the pokey.
One nice outfit (Business Casual).
Casual clothes. Jeans are fine. Keep everything modest. Church dress is business casual.
Women wear skirts to church. Blouses/shirts must cover the shoulders.
No shorts at ministry sites. Ever.
You can wear MODEST shorts around the hotel. No problem.
A backpack or tote to use during the day.
Good, sturdy shoes.
Good, small flashlight.
A copy of your passport in EVERY piece of luggage and carry-on.
Photos of your family and friends for conversations.
Rain jacket.
It's sunny in Brazil...bring a hat and sun glasses.
It can get chilly in Brazil..bring a light jacket.

Remember...

The Electricity in Oaxaca is 220 volt. You will need a converter.
Vaccinations. If you are up to date on your USA vaccinations then you are all set for Brazil.
None of you will be working in Malaria areas.

Here is the possible itinerary...

Thursday, July 15

1:30 am.. Depart FBC Oxford

6:07 am.. American #4796 to Miami (arrive 9:29 am)

**All day in Miami.

7:50 pm.. American #955 to Sao Paulo (arrive 5:15 am)

Friday, July 16

9:15 am.. Gol #1874 to Juazeiro do Norte (arrive 12:00 pm)

**To hotel. Rest day.

Saturday, July 17

Orientation / Work day

Sunday, July 18

Worship / Work day

Monday, July 19

Work day

Tuesday, July 20

Work day

Wednesday, July 21
Work day

Thursday, July 22
Work day

Friday, July 23
Work day
Chapel dedication

Saturday, July 24
1:00 pm.. Gol #1875 to Sao Paulo (arrive 4:05 pm)
8:45 pm.. American #962 to Dallas (arrive 5:10 am)

Sunday, July 25
7:56 am.. American #3674 to Memphis (arrive 9:34 am)
Noon.. Arrive FBC Oxford

Please respond to this email if you are interested in the trip and want to continue to receive information.

Thank you!
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