

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## Pre-Mission Preparation Steps – MT Missions 2019

We seek to help our MT Missioners to prepare spiritually, mentally, and logistically for the mission. While in the big scheme of things, logistics may seem the least important and least exciting, without an attentive eye to these details, the mission cannot happen. In this document we will try to take you step by step through the major aspects of the preparation process, leading up to the mission.

**It is important to note here that the Mission Begin Date is [June 4, 2019](#) for all MT Missioners!** Yet, in a very real sense we believe the mission begins right now, and even more so once the formation program begins. It is critical that we have all your documentation in four weeks prior to the Mission Begin Date. Why is this important? Well, first of all, it makes it easiest on us with our limited manpower when all deadlines are consistent for everyone. Secondly, and more importantly, we have a number of short-term missions going on during the summer which requires a great deal of our (Stateside) attention and resources. Having the MT Missioner candidates essentially “taken care of” allows us to better serve these other Missioner ministries.

	Action	Responsible party	Completed by...
1	Submit Passport application to State Department	MT Missioner ( <i>that's you!</i> )	Immediately!
2	Obtain Flight Tickets	MT Missioner	Immediately!
3	Develop/Initiate Fundraising Plan	MT Missioner	6 weeks prior
4	Formation Program begins	Missioners of Christ	5 weeks prior
5	On-line Team Building begins	Missioners of Christ	
6	Obtain Physical Exam and recommended inoculations	MT Missioner	4 weeks prior
7	Complete & submit final documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liability Release</li><li>• Hold Harmless</li><li>• Medical Exam</li><li>• Medical History</li><li>• Passport (scanned copy)</li></ul>	MT Missioner	
8	Complete all fundraising	MT Missioner	2 weeks prior

## 1. Submit passport documentation

You will need a passport to travel to Honduras. Passports generally take four weeks to process, or three weeks if expedited – however, recent situations have caused these timeframes to often be extended. *We strongly recommend you consider expedited processing if your time for departure is within a 12 week timeframe.* Passports can be obtained through the State Department Passport Agency in your area and also many U.S. Post Offices and Clerks of Court. The toll-free number for the National Passport Information Center is 1-877-487-2778. For a list of Passport agencies in your area, please check the State Department web site: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) . You can also check the Blue Pages section of your local Yellow or White Pages phone book.

If you already have a passport, be sure to check its expiration date. In many countries your passport must be valid for six months beyond your return date, so renew your passport if necessary

You will need the following items to apply for your passport:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship, e.g., an official birth certificate, a previous U.S. passport, or naturalization papers.
- Two identical recent passport photographs, 2” square.
- \$67.00 to \$97.00. Please contact the office you will be using for acceptable forms of payment and confirmation of fees. Add \$60.00 for expedited service.
- Personal identification that includes your photograph and signature, e.g., driver’s license or employee identification card.

Official Passport Application: [www.travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms\\_847.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html)

## 2. Obtain flight tickets

Flight tickets are the responsibility of the MT Missioner, and must be purchased on the dates and to the particular airport identified.

Mission Begin Date: **June 4, 2019**  
Departure Date: **August 1, 2019**

It is important to stay with these specific dates, as the airport is over an hour away from the mission site, and in an attempt to be good stewards of our limited resources, we attempt to not make unnecessary trips back and forth. You will need to fly into the Tegucigalpa (TGU) airport in Honduras, which is primarily serviced by American Airlines (via Miami), United/Continental Airlines (via Houston), and Delta Airlines (via Atlanta). There are generally two flights between these airlines that arrive within a few hours of each other... please target the flights that arrive between 10 am and 3 pm.

As soon as you obtain your flight tickets, please forward us your itinerary at [MTmissions@missioners.org](mailto:MTmissions@missioners.org) .

### 3. Develop/Initiate Fundraising plan

While individuals are encouraged to be creative in this area, the most common way people have raised funds is through personal letters to family and friends. It is important to remember that fundraising is intended to also be an opportunity for education and evangelization. We encourage people to write letters to friends and family asking for prayers, even if they are self-funding the mission. With this document, you should also be receiving our **Fundraising for Missions** document, as well as **Sample Fundraising Letter – MT Missions**. In addition, we will supply you with a template to use for mission support cards, which are to be included with your letter.

For 2019, summer MT Candidates are expected to raise a minimum of \$2,400, which covers their room, board, in country travel, and other general living expenses. This does *not* include the cost of the flight ticket, which again is the responsibility of the MT Candidate.

### 4. Formation Program begins

Remembering that this entire process is meant to be an experience of discipleship, we begin the formal formation five weeks prior to the Mission Begin Date. This program takes you through some basic Church Teachings on mission, and also assists you in the preparation for the mission. We also strongly encourage keeping a journal throughout this process.

### 5. On-line Team Building begins

We will begin the process of team building by having the MT Candidates share with each other (briefly) their faith journey and a brief bio which each of the other members. Then, utilizing the formation program questions, we will take the opportunity for each member to share something on a weekly basis that struck them from the preparation documents.

### 6. Obtain Physical Exam and Necessary Inoculations

It is importance to get clearance from a doctor stating that you are fit for the rigors of missionary work in a Central American country and climate. You do not need to supply proof of inoculations while traveling to Honduras. However, we strongly recommend that you fully review the CDC recommendations, as well as speak to your doctor, sharing where you will be traveling.

The Center for Disease Control → <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationHonduras.aspx>

Generally, MT Missioners do not take the anti-malarial medicine, due to the fact that extended usage can cause other health problems, and malaria itself, though unpleasant, is treatable. We do strongly recommend having had a tetanus shot within the past five years. In addition, over the years, most doctors have recommended inoculations for Hepatitis A and Typhoid. Again, talk with your doctor about what he/she recommends for you.

## 7. Complete & submit final documentation

- Liability Release
- Hold Harmless
- Medical Exam
- Medical History
- Passport (scanned copy)

Each team member must complete the **Liability Release Form** and the **Hold Harmless Form**; both must be notarized. In addition, copies of passports are held by the Missioners in the event that a passport is lost or stolen while in Honduras (the most readable form of a passport copy is a scanned passport using “grayscale” mode).

## 8. Complete all fundraising

All of the minimum funds needed to be raised must be in by 2 weeks before the Mission Begin Date.

As you can see, our goal is to have the vast majority of the paperwork completed by the time the Pre-Mission Formation Program begins. We know there are many additional questions which individuals may have regarding the mission – we have incorporated the most frequently asked questions (such as what to bring, emergency contacts, etc.) into this training.

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