

# BOLIVIA 2018

— JUNE 17–23 —





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# FROM THE TEAM LEADER

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Thank you for your interest in Coastal's mission trip to Bolivia. While in Bolivia, you will be Christ's hands and feet. Construction is our primary task, but while there, you will no doubt touch the hearts of the people with whom we came into contact.

This booklet includes helpful information that you will need to prepare for your trip. First, you will find the biblical foundation and framework for Coastal Missions. It will help you to understand our priorities and trip selection.

Next you will find trip-specific information. Hopefully you will have your questions answered in this booklet, but if not, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is [cw1973l@gmail.com](mailto:cw1973l@gmail.com).

If you are interested in taking this trip, please fill out the forms in the response booklet and return the booklet to the church. You can drop the booklet off at the Welcome Desk on a Sunday or you can mail or deliver it to 101 Village Avenue, Yorktown, Virginia 23693.

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# BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

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## Revelation 5:9–10

And they sang a new song: "Worthy are You to take the scroll and open its seals, because You were slain, and **by Your blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation**. You have made them into a kingdom, priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

**Jesus Christ and His Gospel is the goal of all of our missions.**

## Matthew 28:19–20

"Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**The church has been commissioned to go and make disciples everywhere.**

## Ephesians 4:11–16

"And he gave the **apostles**, the **prophets**, the **evangelists**, the **shepherds** and **teachers**, to **equip the saints for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to **mature** manhood, to the measure of the stature of the **fullness of Christ**, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in **love**, we are to **grow up** in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds **itself up in love**."

**The church has been equipped by God, the Holy Spirit, to complete the tasks of spreading the gospel and making disciples.**

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# COASTAL'S FRAMEWORK

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## Coastal Missions will...

- support ministries and other efforts connected exclusively with other theologically compatible local churches here and abroad.
- be strategic to support ministries that have an authentic relational component with the leadership of Coastal and transparent accounting practices.
- focus their financial and human resources on a few ministries and countries with the goal of long-term relationships.



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# PASSPORT & VISA

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## OBTAINING A U.S. PASSPORT

To avoid rush charges or delays in trip planning, the first thing you need to do is obtain a valid passport. You will need a passport with an expiration date more than six months after your travel dates and with at least one blank page. Whether you need to get a passport for the first time, you need to renew, or you need a supplement with blank pages, you can visit this link:

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

As soon as you have your passport, we will need a color copy for planning purposes and back up while you are gone. It will be kept under lock and key at all times.

## OBTAINING A VISA

To obtain a Bolivian visa, you must apply online AND mail in proper documentation. The cost of your visa is covered in the trip cost, so we ask you to apply online, prepare the proper documentation, and then bring it to the church office where we will mail it in with a money order, your flight itinerary and letter of recommendation. This process can take 2 weeks or longer, so you will want to get this done as soon as you have a passport. To apply online, go to <http://www.boliviawdc.org/consulate/visas/tv>. Here are instructions for applying for a visa:

1. Register your email: You will find "Register Email" at the bottom of the web page listed above. Enter this to start your application.
2. You will receive an email with the code that must be entered to continue your application.
3. Select the type of Visa according to your purpose of travel. This MUST be Touris.
4. Upload your picture with the following specifications:
  - 3cm x 3cm (2" x 2") Passport Picture
  - JPEG format
  - Maximun size 150Kb
  - To upload the picture press the BROWSE button, select your picture file on your computer or device, press the insert image and the photo will be inserted in the form.
5. You will also need to upload proof of economic solvency. (This can be shown with a photocopy of a bank statement or the front side of a credit/debit card. A parent's economic solvency is sufficient for minors.)
6. Copy of flight itinerary.
7. Letter of invitation. This will also be emailed to you.
8. Complete the online "SWORN STATEMENT FOR VISA APPLICATION." Write the required information in the spaces provided on the form. All fields marked with an asterisk are mandatory (\*).
  - Check to make sure the information provided is correct.
  - Once you have completed filling out the form click the "Finish Visa Application Form" found at the bottom left.
  - Immediately you will see a confirmation message, which which will allow you to confirm or modify the information provided.
  - Once you have confirmed the information, the system will assign an process number for your application, visible at the top center of the form.
  - The "SWORN STATEMENT FOR VISA APPLICATION " is automatically filled with the information provided by you.
  - Then press the button "Print Visa Application Form." This option allows you to print and/or save documents in PDF Acrobat Reader.

Applying for a Bolivian visa can be a complicated process. Do not get frustrated. Please feel free to connect with your team leader for assistance.

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# IMMUNIZATIONS

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**YELLOW FEVER IS CURRENTLY REQUIRED TO ENTER BOLIVIA FROM THE UNITED STATES EVEN THOUGH WEBSITES SAY THE CONTRARY. THESE ARE RECOMMENDED:**

Routine Vaccines | Tetanus | Hepatitis A and B | Typhoid

Some websites may say that Yellow Fever and Malaria are recommended in Bolivia. These statements are made because the eastern half of Bolivia is Amazon River basin and in these tropical lowland areas these immunizations are important. The western half of Bolivia, including Cochabamba, is arid and mountainous. Our risk encountering a single mosquito (not to mention one that carries an infection) are extremely low. While recommended on the websites, team members have been turned away at the border for not having the yellow fever shot. If you choose not to get this shot, be advised that you may not be given entrance into Bolivia.

We would like to emphasize the health risk that a team member may be exposed to if not immunized. While the boys at the orphanage are now cleaned up and cared for, they have come from much worse situations. Going into the streets for Sidewalk Sunday Schools poses risks in that the health state of the people and children we work with will be completely unknown. This is why we recommend immunizations as well as washing and disinfecting hands thoroughly and frequently, not sharing food or drinks, and exercising caution when "cleaning up" a child.

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## CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION

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As you travel, it is very important to keep all forms, carbon copies, and ticket stubs with you until you have returned to the US, collected your checked luggage and gone through the final customs check.

On your flight from the US to Bolivia, each team member will receive several forms from the flight attendants. Even though much of the information is repetitive, everything should be completed while on the flight. Forms will be collected in different places.

Here is some information that you will need to know:

The purpose of our trip is: Tourist

The address where we will be staying is:

Ave Humbolt 1190 (street address)

Cochabamba (city), Cochabamba (state)

102 (zip/postal code)

Bolivia (country)

424-5076 (phone number)

Emergency Contacts:

CIN Stateside Office (English and Spanish Speaking): (561) 304-3400

Allie Gabriel Cell Phone (English and Spanish Speaking): 011-591-7676-2603

Pastor David and Lita Vargas in Bolivia (Spanish Speaking): 011-591-4424-5076



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# ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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Flexibility is a necessity on a mission trip. Other countries do not hold as tightly to time as we do in the United States. The following is a basic schedule that we follow while on the field, but it could shift a little depending on the time of travel, country conditions, and team aspects. Your team leader will keep you abreast of any changes as soon as they are available.

## **DAY 1**

Travel day

## **DAY 2**

Greet BLC boys  
Orientation/tour  
Lunch  
Down Time  
Dinner  
Youth Group  
Debrief with team

## **DAY 3**

Breakfast and Team Devotions  
Church  
Lunch with boys at LIFEhouse  
Time with BLC boys  
Dinner  
Debrief with team

## **DAY 4**

Breakfast and Team Devotions  
Construction Project  
Lunch  
Sidewalk Sunday School  
Dinner  
Bonfire and Sports with boys  
Debrief with team

## **DAY 5**

Breakfast and Team Devotions  
Construction Project  
Lunch  
Sidewalk Sunday School  
Dinner  
Time with BLC boys  
Debrief with team

## **DAY 6**

Breakfast and Team Devotions  
Construction Project  
Lunch  
Sidewalk Sunday School  
Dinner  
Pizza Party with boys  
Debrief with team

## **DAY 7**

Breakfast and Team Devotions  
Goodbyes  
Christ Statue  
Lunch  
La Cancha Market  
Dinner  
Flight home



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# WHAT TO PACK

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## BASICS

- Passport
- Driver's License/alternate photo ID
- Spending Money (souvenirs, airport food, etc.), (small bills: \$5, \$10 and \$20)
- Water bottle
- Bible/Journal/Pens
- Backpack
- Wash cloth & bath towel

## CLOTHING

- Comfortable, close-toe shoes
- Shorts/Pants/Long skirts
- Under garments
- Pajamas/Sleepware
- Socks
- T-shirts
- Comfy clothes for evening down time
- Hat
- Sandals/Flip-flops/Water shoes
- Swimsuit (modest please)
- Rain Jacket/Poncho

## TOILETRIES

- Basic toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brush/paste, deodorant, razor, shaving cream)
- Hair brush/comb & hair styling products
- Women: extra feminine products
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen & Skin Lotion
- Bug spray
- Hand sanitizer/wipes
- Powder
- Mouth wash
- Medications (vitamins, Tylenol, aspirin, allergy meds, anti-diarrhea meds, Cipro antibiotics, Band-Aids)
- Tissues
- Q-tips

## EXTRAS

- Ear Plugs (for better sleeping)
- Work gloves
- Travel coffee mug
- Glasses/Contacts/Sunglasses
- Flashlight (Power might go out)
- Camera/Cell Phone (extra memory card)
- Watch/Alarm
- Detergent

## YOUR CARRY-ON

Several team members like to exclusively take a carry-on. However, you are allowed to check one bag if you wish. If you do check a bag, be sure to pack enough clothing, medication, toiletries, etc. for two days in your carry-on just in case baggage is delayed. Your team leader will let you know of any TSA regulations and tips for travel.





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# ABOUT OUR PARTNERS

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The Bolivia Life Center (BLC) provides housing, food, health care, mentoring, skills training, educational support, and therapy to the boys God has brought to our doorstep. The boys come from a variety of backgrounds: some are genuine orphans with no known family, others have been rescued from abusive homes, and many were simply found abandoned in a field, an empty building or on a park bench. The BLC strives to be the final stop in the boys' upbringing, a family where the staff are aunts and uncles, and godparents and friends visit from overseas. The boys' needs are met and their dreams cultivated thanks to the donations of sponsors, BLC Partners and other friends in the US.

## **WHO DOES THE BLC BENEFIT?**

We open our doors wide to the boys who need it most. The Bolivia Life Center (BLC) houses boys ages 3 to 18 from the Bolivian equivalent of Child Protective Services, and maintains legal custody of the boys until they reach adulthood. Once the boys reach adulthood they can choose to live in our LifeHouse, a transitional home that provides mentorship, support through college or vocational school, and job opportunities. The boys at the BLC are here to stay, to form life-long relationships with one another, with staff and with visitors from the US. They are not available for adoption, and are not sent to another home unless the child specifically requests it. The BLC provides a stable, reliable, and nurturing environment for boys who have already spent so much of their lives moving, running and surviving. It gives them a chance to rest, to heal, and to start dreaming again.

## **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AS A SHORT-TERM MISSIONARY?**

The BLC was specifically designed to house short-term mission teams. Since before the BLC began housing boys in 2003, teams have served there. During these trips, teams participate in work projects to better the BLC and are also able to spend valuable time with boys and take part in their healing process. Not only do the teams spend time at the BLC, but they also participate in Sidewalk Sunday School and outreach to children in local villages.

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# GIVING GUIDELINES

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## **GIVING GUIDELINES FOR THE BLC**

- Monetary gifts given while in Bolivia go directly to the BLC (not CIN) and therefore are not tax deductible once you are back in the States. If you would like to make a sizeable donation and tax deductibility is desired, please talk with a CIN staff member about how you can make a donation once you are back in the United States.
- To give a monetary gift or any item while in Bolivia, please speak with a staff member.
- If you are interested in making a donation, we encourage you to talk with CIN staff about the best use, time and methods.

## **GIVING GUIDELINES FOR THE BOYS**

- Please do not give gifts or money of any kind directly to the boys. Rather than promoting healing relationships with team members, gifts promote competition between the outgoing boys and the shy boys to see who can "win" the most "stuff" from groups. This goes for large gifts, small gifts, used gifts, homemade gifts, ALL gifts.
- Sponsors may take photos to leave with their sponsored child. They may also give them a tshirt to remind them of you (ie. your church, state, university, school or other club). All photos and t-shirts must be presented to your sponsored child in the presence of a CIN staff. Remember that your presence is the best gift!
- Gifts may not be given to "favorite" boys, brothers of sponsored boys, or friends of sponsored boys.

## **GIVING GUIDELINES FOR THE BLC STAFF**

- If you would like to bless and thank the staff, please speak with a CIN staff member. At the end of each year, we pay the staff an extra month of salary, give them Christmas gift baskets and share in a celebratory meal. We also send our staff to conferences and retreats from time-to-time.
- Your donation will help us bless our staff through these organized ways and avoid some workers feel less appreciated than others. We have many staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes and have little interaction with the team.



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# B L C W I S H L I S T

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There are many items regularly needed at the orphanage. Please know your visit will be a blessing enough, but if you are interested in collecting and bringing items to bless the orphanage, this is their list of needs:

- Underwear Briefs (Dark Colors/ Ranging sizes for ages 5-18 years)
- Socks
- Shoes (tennis shoes, black leather dress shoes and sandals)
- Backpacks
- Hooded Sweatshirts
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Notebooks (60 page and 100 page varieties)
- Geometry sets
- Dry Erase Markers
- Pens (Red, Blue and Black)
- Packing Tape
- Red Pencils
- Hand held pencil sharpeners
- Glue (bottles and sticks)
- Fine point markers
- Construction Paper
- Folders
- Color markers
- Color pencils
- Tylenol
- Ibuprofen
- Multi-Vitamins

**NOTE:** Are you cleaning out your kids closets? Getting rid of gently worn jackets, sweatshirts and jeans... these are great ideas to bring with you and donate!

We are currently working to provide bedding for each boy. A pillowcase and quilt per boy is our goal. You can donate the supplies for this effort or come and help us assemble them. Quilt for Missions meets every second Saturday morning of the month. For more information email [getinfo@gocoastal.org](mailto:getinfo@gocoastal.org).

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# CULTURAL HELPS

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## **GREETINGS IN GENERAL**

Greetings are very important. Even if you are in a hurry, or just passing through, it is expected to greet each other. When passing by someone you say, Buenos Dias (good morning) Buenas tardes (good afternoon) or Buenas Noches (good evening) depending on the time of day. Skipping a greeting is very rude. When joining a group, it is expected that you will greet each individual.

## **MEN GREETING MEN**

A first meeting or very proper meeting will be a typical right hand shake. A more friendly meeting will begin with a right hand shake and move towards a hug, stopping before body contact is made, but including a left hand pat on the back and then finish with a second right hand shake.

## **MEN AND WOMEN GREETING**

A first meeting or formal meeting may begin with a typical (but gentle) right hand shake. All greetings will include a light kiss on the cheek. Rarely will this actually be a kiss on the cheek, but more of a light touching of the right cheek to the right cheek while softly kissing the air (no loud smacking!) Some older adults, especially those who are overjoyed to see you, will kiss first the right cheek and then the left.

## **WOMEN GREETING WOMEN**

A first meeting or formal meeting may rarely begin with a typical (but gentle) right hand shake. All greetings will include a light kiss on the cheek. Rarely will this actually be a kiss on the cheek, but more of a light touching of the right cheek to the right cheek while softly kissing the air (no loud smacking!) Some older adults, especially those who are overjoyed to see you, will kiss first the right cheek and then the left.

## **SAYING GOODBYE**

Goodbyes are just as important as greetings and basically done in the same form as the greeting. The verbal goodbye in Bolivia is "Chau" pronounced "Chow" for a goodbye-for-now, or "Nos Vemos" for "See you later." "Adios" is generally only used in a "Goodbye forever" sense. You can feel free to add a blessing to any goodbye. "Que Dios te bendiga" means "May God bless you," or you can simplify to "Bendiciones" which just means "Blessings."

## **OFFERING AND ACCEPTING**

You are generally expected to offer to share, whether it is half your seat on a crowded bus or the bag of chips you are snacking on. This can make snacking in a group dangerous, as it is always considered rude to turn down something that you have been offered!

## **KEEP YOUR PROMISES**

Do not make promises that you are not certain you can keep. This goes for small things, like offering to send a copy of a photo you have taken, as well as big things, like "if you are ever in the USA we would love for you to stay at our house." Bolivian culture expects all promises to be kept. Not doing so is not only a poor reflection on you, but also on your group and the BLC or local church that you are with.



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# CULTURAL HELPS

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## **MEALS**

Bolivians live to eat! A typical Bolivian will have a large breakfast, mid-morning coffee and snack, a giant lunch with dessert, mid-afternoon coffee and snack, a smaller dinner, and often a late evening snack. And it is all so delicious!

## **TRAFFIC**

Pedestrians never have the right of way. If you are in the road and a car hits you, it's your fault. And the drivers aren't scared of you, so be careful!

## **MONEY**

Known as "Bolivianos," "B's," or occasionally as "Pesos." The exchange rate is approximately 7 Bolivianos per \$1.00. There are 100 "centavos" per Boliviano. Coins may be 20 centavos, 50 centavos, 1B, 2B, or 5B. Bills may be 10, 20, 50, 100, or 200. Team members will have one opportunity early in the week to exchange dollars for Bolivianos. US coins and single dollar bills will not be exchanged. No bill with marks, tape, or tears of any size will be exchanged. \$100 bills are ideal for a better exchange rate.

## **WEATHER**

June and July are winter months in the southern hemisphere. Afternoon temperatures can still reach into the 70's, but the temperature drops as soon as the sun sets and will be in the 30's and 40's most evenings and mornings. Winter is also the dry season, so no rain or snow is expected. December is in the middle of the summer. The temperatures are typically in the 80's during the day and drop down to the 60's at night. There are a few occasional chilly days since they are in the rainy season.

## **WATER**

Tap water in Bolivia is not safe to drink. The BLC has its own well and the water is safe to use for brushing teeth but not good for drinking because of its high salt content.

## **TOILET PAPER**

Toilet paper cannot be flushed anywhere in Bolivia. A trash-can will be located beside all toilets for your used paper. The BLC apartment bathrooms all have toilet paper, but you should not expect to find it in any of the bathrooms at the church, restaurants, etc. You are encouraged to keep a toilet paper stash with you when off property.

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# BASIC SPANISH PHRASES

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Hello	¡Hola!
Welcome	Bienvenido
How Are You?	¿Cómo estás?
What Is Your Name?	¿Cómo te llamas?
My Name Is	Mi nombre es ...
Where Are You From?	¿De dónde eres?
I'm from...	Soy de...
Pleased to Meet You	Mucho gusto
Good Morning	Buenos días
Good Afternoon	Buenas tardes
Good Evening/Good Night	Buenas noches
Goodbye	Adiós
See You Soon	Hasta la vista, Hasta mañana, Hasta luego
God Bless	Dios Bendiga
I love You	Te amo
Please	Por Favor
Thank You	Gracias
Thank You Very Much	Muchas gracias
Your Welcome	De nada
Excuse Me	¡Perdón!
I'm Sorry	¡Lo siento!
Do You Speak English?	¿Habla inglés?
Do You Speak Spanish?	¿Hablas español?
Yes, A little	Sí, un poco
How Do You Say ... In Spanish?	¿Cómo se dice ... en español?
I Understand	Comprendo
I Don't Understand	No comprendo
How Much?	¿Cuántos?
What Time Is It?	¿Cuánto cuesta?
Bathroom	Baño
Water	Agua
Drink	Beber
Man	Hombre
Woman	Mujer
Boy	Chico
Girl	Niña



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# WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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## COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOYS

- Remember that all written communication with the BLC boys must first pass through the CIN office. Not only does this allow adequate time for translation, but helps us to keep our boys safe.
- As the love for the BLC boys spreads beyond our own close circle, we often have sponsors whom we do not personally know. Consider what you would do if an adult you did not know well began exchanging letters with your son or daughter. Wouldn't any good parent want to read those letters too? Thank you for helping us to always protect our boys in every situation!

## FACEBOOK

- Only public wall posts are permitted. Please do not chat or send private messages to the boys. The boys have signed a contract agreeing to the same guideline.
- If you are a parent of a teenage or young adult female, please discuss appropriate communication boundaries. Anything that could be considered flirting is absolutely discouraged.
- Our boys have been deeply scarred by past abuse. What we may consider harmless banter could be very hurtful to our boys.
- Do not promise to visit.
- Do not agree to give gifts or money.
- If a child is asking for something or expressing a need, please let us know. The boys have signed an agreement to not make requests of their friends in the States. This is unhealthy behavior and something we need to help them work through.
- If your child entrusts you with a problem, please communicate this with us. We will keep our conversation confidential while also helping the child work through the issue.
- Our boys consider you role models and missionaries. If you choose to be friends with one of the boys on Facebook, please keep them in mind when posting personal photos and comments.



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# HOUSE RULES

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## **COME ON IN**

The BLC boys are not allowed inside the team apartment without special permission from a host or BLC staff. Not only does this help safeguard our things from curious little fingers, but it helps us to teach healthy boundaries and respect to the boys. We return the respect, and team members are asked not to be in the boys' dorms outside of the scheduled times that have been approved by the staff.

## **FEEL AT HOME**

We want team members to feel at home in the apartment, but maybe not too at home! Remember that we have staff cooking, cleaning, and even living with us in the apartment and we want to leave a good impression. Please keep bedroom doors closed and common areas fairly neat.

## **DISHES**

All meals will be prepared for the team, but we do ask that the team wash dishes afterwards. This is a tremendous blessing for the cook as they are usually starting the next meal just as you finish eating!

## **KEEP YOUR CLOTHES ON**

You probably weren't considering doing otherwise, but we do want to extend this to the journey from the shower to your bedroom. Please make that short trip fully clothed rather than in a towel or boxers. No need to scare our staff or any boys who may be helping out in the apartment!

## **WANDERING OFF**

Wandering off can be dangerous. Team members should not leave the BLC property without a host. When the team is out in the villages, a host or team leader will give directions in regards to boundaries and whether or not it is better to stay in groups.



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# TEAM GUIDELINES

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It is so easy for us, and the BLC staff as well, to look at our boys all cleaned up and healthy, generally behaving well and getting good grades in school, and to completely forget where they came from. And, when we do remember, we are quick to suppress it with assurances of their current good care and protection.

Unfortunately, the boys do not so easily forget this. Their pasts, their trauma, their abuse, their confusion, will never completely fade away and disappear. As we receive instruction and journey with them through their healing, we are finding that we often provide some of their greatest stumbling blocks. These things must be prevented!

Below is a list of rules that has come directly from our counseling and training sessions as well as the culture we live and work in. Some will seem like no-brainers; others will require great discipline to conform to. All will be enforced for the protection of our children. These are not meant to be frivolous rules. They are meant to protect our boys and create an environment in which they can heal.

Thank you for valuing the children.

## **PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH BOYS**

Because many of these boys have faced serious neglect and other issues before coming here, it is important to be careful of how they touch you and you touch them.

1. Only give and allow side hugs. No full-frontal hugs.
2. Do not ever let the boys touch or sleep on your chest (for women).
3. Use discretion and care when picking up and carrying the boys.
4. Do not allow the boys to sit in your lap.
5. Do not dance provocatively or inappropriately with or in front of the boys.
6. A team member is never permitted to be alone with a child.
7. Women, especially teenage girls, are strongly recommended to keep interaction with teenage boys extremely brief.

## **DRESS FOR TEAMS**

1. No tank tops – all shirts must have sleeves
2. No low cut shirts – you shouldn't be able to see cleavage when you bend over
3. No short shirts – no midriff or back shown when bending over and reaching.
4. No lowrise pants – we should never see underwear
5. No short shorts – SHORTS MUST COME TO THE KNEE
6. No tight fitting clothes -- extremely important to protect our older boys
7. If your clothes are inappropriate we will ask you to change
8. Minimal jewelry and no visible body piercings besides your ears (nose ring, tongue ring, lipring etc.)

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# DATES, COST, & RAISING SUPPORT

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**TRIP DATE | JUNE 17-23, 2018**

**TRIP COST | \$1,700 PER PERSON**

Cost includes: Bolivian visa, airfare, housing, meals in-country, transportation both here and abroad and supplies for projects and outreach. Cost does not include your passport, meals while traveling in the United States, and souvenirs.

## **FINANCIAL DEADLINES**

Application & \$100 non-refundable deposit due: January 31

50% due: March 15

100% due: May 15

## **RAISING SUPPORT**

As you prepare to go on this missions trip, God may have others He would like to involve in your journey. Raising support may seem awkward, but keep in mind that it provides an opportunity for others to participate in taking the Gospel to every tribe, tongue and nation. Ask your friends, family and others in your circle of influence to support you in prayer, and if possible, financially. A sample letter is on the next page to help you.

If you are a member of Coastal Community Church, you are able to receive financial assistance. Please talk to your team leader for details.

## **TEAM MEETINGS**

Our team will meet each month to prepare for our trip. We will do team building exercises, answer questions, and prepare for the various projects in which we will engage. Team meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

## **DONATION SLIP TO ACCOMPANY SUPPORT LETTER**

(Several copies can be made available to you. Please email your team leader to acquire them.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ For: \_\_\_\_\_

Information collected is only to produce a giving statement. Your gift is tax-deductible. Please return it along with this slip to Coastal Community Church, 101 Village Avenue, Yorktown, VA 23692 by: \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for sharing in this amazing opportunity.



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# SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I would like to share an opportunity that has been put before me. God has been working in my heart to go on a short term missions trip. My church, Coastal Community Church is taking a trip to \_\_\_\_\_, and I have the opportunity to join them.

While in \_\_\_\_\_, our team will be sharing the Gospel through work projects, services, and personal interaction with the men, women and children who live there. Our hope is that as we reach out, we will be able to connect the people to a local church where they can have continued discipleship opportunities.

The trip is \_\_\_\_\_. I believe that this opportunity is not just for me, but that God has called some of those in my sphere of influence to join me.

You can join me in prayer. This will lay the foundation for our work and a support while we are in the country. Please pray for the people of \_\_\_\_\_ to be receptive to the Gospel. Pray for the health and safety of our team. Pray that in all that is done, God will be glorified. Please pray that I will be able to receive the financial support that I need to participate.

The cost of the trip is \_\_\_\_\_. While this number can be overwhelming to me, I know that God will provide what is needed, and I understand that He may call you to be a part of that. Your investment is not just for a short term trip on my behalf. It is an eternal investment in the lives of people who do not know Christ. You can join me in fulfilling the Great Commission.

If you are lead to give, please send your donation with the enclosed giving slip to Coastal Community Church, 101 Village Avenue, Yorktown, VA 23693. You may also give online at [www.gocoastal.org](http://www.gocoastal.org). Please do not write anything in the check memo section if you choose to write a check. All donations are tax-deductible.

While we are in country, we will do our best to post information and pictures about our trip so that you can join us on the journey. You will find this on Coastal's Facebook page. (Search Coastal Community Church Yorktown.)

Thank you for prayerfully considering to provide prayer and/or financial support. I look forward to seeing what God is doing around the world to grow His Kingdom, and I am excited to have you join me.

Sincerely,



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