

MISSIONS TEAM PACKET

SAMUEL'S SANCTUARY MINISTRIES

BELIZE, CENTRAL AMERICA



THE GREAT COMMISSION:

MATTHEW 28:18-20 GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS....TEACHING THEM TO OBEY.

THE GREAT EXPANSION:

ACTS 1:8 YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES... TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

Samuel's Sanctuary has over 30 years of missions experience, serving in Belize since 2011. We provide diverse ministry opportunities including a UN Refugee Village with 550+ families and a school with over 400 children ages 3-14. We maintain consistent and long-term relationships with local and national agencies. Mission Teams and Guests receive full-service facilities with cabins, dorms, on-site chefs, meeting areas, river, hiking and more!



*2-3 hour direct flights from many US airports



*Only 18% Evangelical
*Only 10% attend Church



*English-Speaking
*Safe for churches & families



*50% of population is under 17 years of age

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SAMUEL'S SANCTUARY

MINISTRIES

Samuel's Sanctuary Ministries (SSM) is a registered Belizean Christian non-profit ministry started in 2011. Our vision is to minister the Love of God and the Word of God to at-risk children and adults of Belize and mission teams who serve with us. SSM now encompasses three separate ministries working together to establish a sustainable, long-term, loving legacy in Belize.

Samuel's Sanctuary is an 18+ acre Mission Team Hosting Facility as well as Retreat Center for Belizean groups. It is located in the Maya Mountains of Central Belize on the scenic Hummingbird Hwy. 20 miles south of the capital Belmopan. We have a full-service facility capable of accommodating up to 45 people with Dormitories, Cabins, Kitchen, Dining/Meeting Hall, and Hang-out areas, surrounded by tropical rain forests with a beautiful river flowing through the property. Meals are provided onsite by acclaimed 5-star chefs.

The Country Barn is a Christian non-profit Business as Missions 45+ acre working dairy farm, shop, and restaurant. Homemade products such as ice cream, yogurt, and cheese, are made daily with our fresh milk. In our Cafe, award winning chefs Juan & Marina Rosales serve up classic favorites with a tropical twist. The Country Barn employs young men and women from our local village with the goal of providing them with a steady wage, on-the-job skills training, and discipleship through daily Bible studies.

Two-Can Ministries is focused on providing for the physical and spiritual needs of St. Margaret's our local UN refugee village, primary school, and other ministries to at-risk children and adults in Belize. This includes evangelism/discipleship, pastor/leader training, water wells, food distribution, medical, construction, and literacy programs to name a few.

MISSION TRIP COSTS

ALL INCLUSIVE

\$90 PER NIGHT

INCLUDES LODGING, MEALS,
DRINKS/FILTERED WATER & ICE CREAM

PRICES ARE PER PERSON IN USD

CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE

TEAM PROJECT/OUTREACH FEE

\$150 PER PERSON

GOES TOWARDS IN-COUNTRY SUPPLIES FOR
PROJECT/OUTREACH FEES

NOT APPLICABLE TO VISION TRIPS

TO RESERVE YOUR DATES:

\$1,000 NON-REFUNDABLE BOOKING FEE

BOOKING FEE WILL BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE TOTAL

DATES FILL UP QUICKLY ESPECIALLY OVER HOLIDAYS AS WE USUALLY HOST
ONE TEAM AT A TIME WITH A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 45

50% OF TOTAL IS DUE 60 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL AND
THE REMAINING 50% WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ARRIVAL

TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- Airplane tickets
- Vehicle rental at the airport (Crystal Auto Rental)
- Optional Adventure Day (approximately \$100 for snorkeling, ziplining or cave tubing and \$50 for beach or Mayan ruins)
- Restaurant meals on arrival and departure day
- Laundry Service (\$10 per load) in case of emergency

HOSTING FACILITIES

DORM #1:

7 BEDS
WITH 2 PRIVATE
BATHS
AND A/C

DORM #2:

7 BEDS
WITH 1 1/2 PRIVATE
BATHS
AND A/C

DORM #3:

5 BEDS
WITH 1 PRIVATE
BATH
AND A/C

DORM #4:

4 BEDS
WITH PRIVATE
BATH
AND A/C

DORM #5:

6 BEDS AND A/C
BATH HOUSE NEXT
DOOR WITH 2 FULL
BATHS

DORM #6:

8 BEDS AND A/C
BATH HOUSE NEXT
DOOR WITH 2 FULL
BATHS

CABIN #1:

1 QUEEN AND
2 TWIN BEDS
1 PRIVATE BATH
AND PRIVATE PORCH

CABIN #2:

1 QUEEN AND
2 TWIN BEDS
1 PRIVATE BATH
AND PRIVATE PORCH

**SAMUEL'S SANCTUARY CAN HOST A MAXIMUM OF 45 PEOPLE.
ALL LODGING HAS HOT WATER AND LINENS ARE PROVIDED.**

FACILITIES ALSO INCLUDE:

Full Kitchen

Outdoor toilets and showers

Large Screened Dining Hall/Meeting Room

Palapa with hammocks and chairs

River Access

Laundry Room

PACKING LIST

CLOTHES

- Lightweight pants
- Lightweight long sleeve shirts
- T-shirts
- Clothes for church services
 - Girls=knee length or longer skirts/dresses
 - Guys=nice pants and shirts
- Modest pajamas
- Modest swimsuit
 - Girls=one piece or tankini with shorts and/or t-shirt to cover
 - Guys=swim trunks and shirt)
- Socks
- Tennis shoes or work boots
- River/water shoes or sandals
- Light rain jacket or poncho
- Hats (for sun protection)

*Light weight pants, long sleeve shirts, socks and closed-toe shoes are recommended for sun and bug protection.

OTHER

- Passport
- Driver's License
- Bible
- River/Beach towel
- Personal water bottle
- Toiletry Items
(shampoo, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.)
- Reef friendly sunscreen
- Non-toxic bug repellent
- Flashlight (with fresh batteries)

RECOMMENDED

- Sunglasses
- Work gloves
- Umbrella
- Plastic bags for dirty laundry/shoes for the return trip
- Toilet paper
(some rest stops do not provide)
- Hand wipes/travel size hand sanitizer
- Notebook and pen

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Arrival: Sunday

Meals: Breakfast 8:00 Lunch 12:00 Dinner 5:00

Project/Outreach Days: Monday- Friday

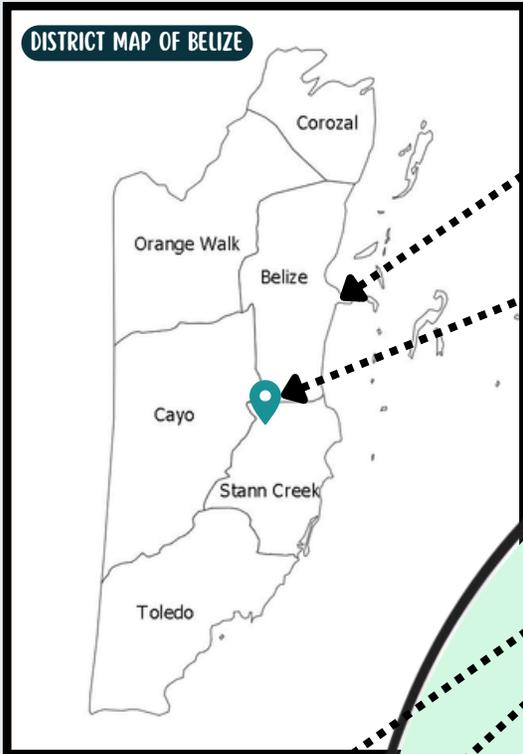
07:00 AM	Coffee and Devotions
08:00 AM	Breakfast
09:00 AM	Bible Study
09:30 AM	Project/Outreach
NOON	Lunch and Ice Cream
01:00 PM	Project/Outreach
04:00 PM	River and Relax
05:00 PM	Dinner
07:00 PM	Team Devotions, Outreach or Church Service
10:00 PM	Lights Out

Adventure Day: Saturday

Departure Day: Sunday

***Sample schedule. Each team's schedule will be based on travel dates and will be covered during orientation on your first day.**

SITE MAP



BELIZE CITY AIRPORT

Plan approximately 90 minutes of travel for the 70 mile drive from the airport to Samuel's Sanctuary



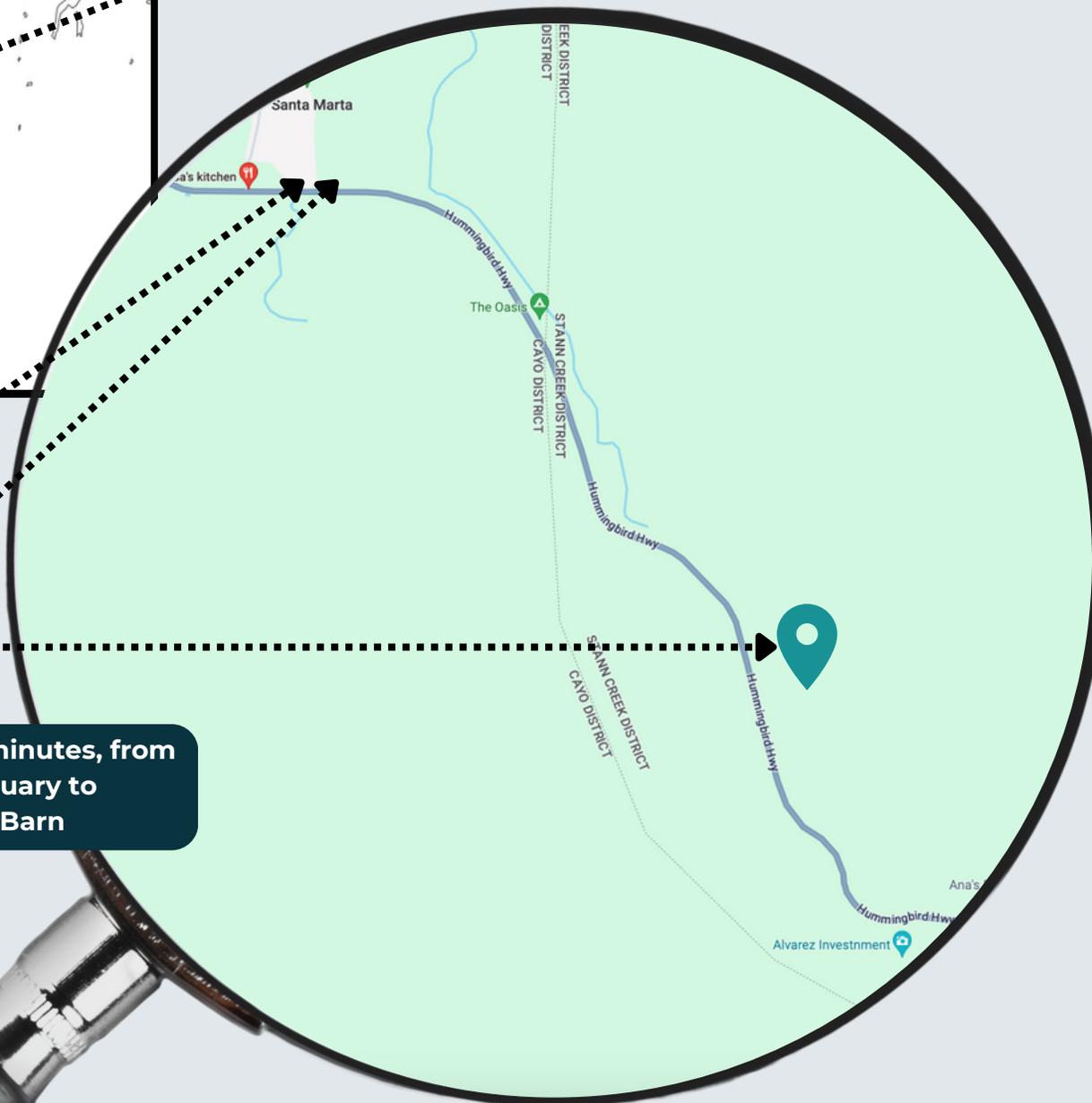
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ST. MARGARET'S VILLAGE

THE COUNTRY BARN

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It's about 2 miles, 3 minutes, from Samuel's Sanctuary to The Country Barn



St. Margaret's Village is just 1/4 mile West on Hummingbird HWY from the Country Barn

MISSION TRIP FAQ'S

Q: WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN BELIZE?

A: Belize is a tropical climate with an average temperature of 85°F during the day and 75°F at night with 85% humidity. Rainy Season is June-January and February-May is considered Dry Season.

Q: WHAT IS THE CURRENCY? WILL I NEED TO EXCHANGE MONEY?

A: The Belize dollar has a set exchange rate of \$1US=\$2BZ dollars. There is no need to exchange money as US dollars are accepted everywhere.

Q: DO I NEED TO SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

A: While Belize is home to many cultures and languages, the official language is English. Our local UN refugee village of St. Margaret's is home to people from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. We provide Spanish translators when necessary for church services and outreaches, but most people you meet will be able to speak at least some English.

Q: WHAT WILL I BE DOING ON THE MISSION TRIP?

A: While every trip is different based on the skills and goal of the team, you can expect to do outreach and/or work projects and enjoy an adventure day.

MISSION TRIP FAQ'S CONT.

Q: HOW SHOULD I DRESS WHILE IN BELIZE?

A: The culture in our village judges whether a person is a Christian or not based on how they dress. We ask that girls not wear shorts and that skirts/dresses be knee length or longer. We encourage everyone to wear lightweight pants and long sleeve shirts for sun/bug protection.

Q: CAN I BRING ELECTRONICS AND WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO WIFI?

A: Your mission trip is an opportunity to “unplug” and focus on God and others. Please bring only necessary electronics. Team leaders will have access to limited wi-fi at Samuel’s Sanctuary and The Country Barn and team members in case of emergency.

Q: WHY SHOULD I BRING REEF-FRIENDLY SUNSCREEN AND NON-TOXIC BUG SPRAY?

A: Belize is home to the world’s 2nd largest barrier reef and miles of tropical rainforest; we would like to do our part to protect them and the health of your team members and hosts.

Q: CAN I BRING GIFTS TO THE BELIZEANS?

A: Please ask for authorization from your host family before bringing or giving gifts.

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MINISTRIES CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

Anyone serving with Samuel's Sanctuary Ministries must commit to conduct themselves in an honorable and loving way as representatives of Jesus and out of respect for the culture of Belize.

- **I agree to speak in and act in a way that demonstrates my love for God and others. This means no cursing or crude speech or actions.**
- **I agree to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs while serving with Samuel's Sanctuary Ministries.**
- **I agree to dress modestly in accordance with the dress code provided on the packing list.**
- **I agree to follow all other spoken and written rules and guidelines to the best of my ability.**

As team leader, I _____ have reviewed the Mission Team Packet with my team and we are committed to abiding by the Conduct Agreement during the duration of our time serving with Samuel's Sanctuary Ministries.

Team Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____