



Caribbean Children's Ministries Jamaica Mission Trip – 2020 Orientation and trip introduction

Following the great commission as stated in *Matthew 28:18-20* can offer an experience of a lifetime and immeasurable blessings. Serving in another country and culture can be a lot of fun, but anyone who participates in one of these short-term mission trips should be prepared to go as a worker, not a tourist, sightseer or camper. You should be prepared to suffer some inconveniences and be an example of Christian service.

In July of 2020, Caribbean Children's Ministries will be taking teams to Jamaica Christian Mission to assist in their summer camp program. This camp lasts for two weeks with each week designed for a different age group of campers. As a team our duties will include teaching classes, leading music, giving messages at chapel time, campfire devotions, duties in the kitchen, dishwashing, and setting tables, just to name a few. Duties will be assigned based on your ability and knowledge and the needs of camp.

The accommodations are comfortable but primitive compared to the United States. Water and electricity are intermittent. There is no hot water and no air conditioning. You must be at least 15 years old at the time of the trip. We will make an exception to the age requirement if you are accompanied by a parent and on a case by case basis.

If you wish to go on this trip, please fill out the Application and return it together with a signed Covenant of Service and a deposit of \$250.00 (check made payable to Caribbean Children's Ministries, Inc.) to Jeff or Vickie Barnes by January 1, 2020. These documents are available on the website, caribbeanchild.net. (Please note that your pastor's or parent's signature may be required on these documents.)

More specific details of the trip are as follows:

Travel Dates:

Team #1 – Junior Week: We will depart on Thursday, July 9, 2020 and return Saturday, July 18, 2020. This camp will consist of children ages 7 to 12.

Team #2 – Intermediate Week: Jeff and Vickie will remain at camp after the first week to help the Jamaicans facilitate this 2nd week of camp and will be returning the weekend of July 25th.

Trip Cost – The price of airline tickets is an unpredictable cost of this trip. World events can cause airline prices to jump hundreds of dollars overnight. For this reason and the limited availability of flights, we will book tickets for this trip no later than March 1st, 2020. That means that travelers must have at least the cost of their airfare paid by March 1, 2020. A copy of your passport or passport application will also be due at that time. We will take care of booking airline tickets since all tickets need to be booked together to assure the team's arrival in Jamaica on the same flight and to receive any price breaks available. If you are a late addition to the trip, your trip will be priced based on ticket availability and price at the time you sign up. **The cost of the trip is \$485.00 plus airfare.**

Estimated Trip Cost \$485.00 plus airfare

Airline Ticket <i>(Estimated Cost)</i>	\$ 535.00
<i>(This estimated cost does not include any baggage fees you may be charged in Orlando or in Kingston)</i>	
Lodging and meals at Jamaica Christian Mission	250.00
Team Supplies and Travel Expenses <i>(Travel Shirt, Study Material, Porter Tips, etc.)</i>	35.00
In Country Expenses <i>(Fun day trip, on island transportation, etc.)</i>	200.00
Total Estimated Cost	\$ 1,020.00*

* This is an estimated cost and could vary based on the number of travelers and airfare costs.

Payment Plan:

All checks must be made out to **Caribbean Children's Ministries, Inc.**

Deposit which must be paid on or before January 1, 2020	\$275.00
Additional amount due by March 1, 2020	\$260.00
Final Payment due by May 1st, 2020	\$485.00

(Final payment amount will be adjusted after airline tickets are booked)

(If you have a problem meeting this payment schedule please contact us. Don't let finances keep you from making this trip)

Additional funds you may need:

You will need money for any meals, drinks or snacks you wish to buy in the airport either on the way or on the trip home. **The above estimated airline price does not include baggage fees you may be charged at the airport, both in Orlando and in Kingston.** You will also want spending money for the craft market and any other souvenirs you may wish to purchase. Things in Jamaica cost about the same as things here. A t-shirt is \$15.00, a coffee mug is \$5 to \$8, etc. A soda is about \$1 US (\$127.00 Jamaican).

OTHER THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- A passport is required. If you do not have a passport you should begin the process to apply for one **immediately**. The form and all instructions are available at travel.state.gov. We will need a copy of your passport (or passport application) by March 1st, it is required in order to book your airline ticket.
- If you are under the age of 18 and not accompanied by a parent, you must have a notarized statement from a parent giving an adult on the trip permission to take you out of the United States and into Jamaica and bring you back into the US. This form is available on our website, caribbeanchild.net.
- You will be expected to sign a service covenant and disclaimer. This disclaimer is available on our website, caribbeanchild.net. Please return a **complete** (all pages) initialed and signed copy to us and keep a copy for your records.
- You will be required to follow the dress code. Ladies can wear long shorts or Capri pants with t-shirts or blouses during the day and are asked change into a dress or skirt for the evening meal. Guys can wear shorts and t-shirts or polo shirts during the day but are asked to change into long pants and a polo or dress shirt for the evening meal. We will cover very specific details as to what to bring and not to bring during our training sessions. We also have a “What to Bring, What not to Bring” check list on our website, caribbeanchild.net.
- Please remember that they do not allow sleeveless shirts of any type on males or females in the dining hall. You may not have time to change between activities and eating so it’s best just not to wear them.

Training meetings and debriefing meeting:

We will be planning a series of training meetings prior to the trip and possibly one debriefing meeting immediately following the trip. These meetings are very important and your attendance will be required unless you have specific permission from Jeff not to be there. The dates and times will be announced very soon.

A Basic Schedule for the trip:

Thursday or Friday – we will travel from Orlando, Florida to Kingston, Jamaica, W.I. We will arrive mid-afternoon. The remainder of the day will be used for unpacking and organizing supplies. The exact travel times for each team will be discussed once flight reservations have been made.

Saturday – We will have breakfast and get on the bus to travel to the North Shore. (Ocho Rios) On the way we will stop at a hill top market for bathroom use and Jeff will purchase Jamaican foods for the team for the day. You may purchase additional items if you wish. We will spend most of the day at Dun's River. This is a typical tourist destination. In the afternoon we will visit a craft market. We will stop for our evening meal as we travel back to Kingston. We may arrive back at the mission after dark.

Sunday - We will travel to one of the mission churches for worship. This will probably be about a 1 hour trip. Ladies must wear dresses or skirts and blouses and will need to have a hat or a scarf to cover their head. Men will wear slacks and button down dress shirt, minimum. We will return to the mission for lunch. Registration for campers will begin after lunch. We will be helping with this task. We will also help with last minute preparation for camp as well as setting tables and getting ready for supper.

Monday – Friday - We will be responsible for many tasks throughout the week. We will also assign various responsibilities at our upcoming meetings. Note the 2nd team will arrive sometime on Friday. They will be able to participate in the closing ceremonies Friday evening. We will have a lodging shortage that night and some may need to spend one night on a mattress on the floor or in the dorm with the kids.

Saturday – Members of the departing team will travel to the Kingston airport and the team that has just arrived will be heading to the planned outing.

Flexibility is the Key !!!!!!!!!

As the Jamaican staff plans for the summer, they will give us additional instructions and some specifics they would like us to accomplish.

If you have any questions, you may e-mail us at missionslady@att.net or call us at (386) 852-5683. For highlights from previous trips, visit our website – caribbeanchild.net.