



**TEAM MEETING #1**  
**Tuesday September 20, 2011**  
**6:30 – 8:30pm**

**AGENDA**

- I. Opening Prayer**
- II. Introductions/Prayer Page**
- III. Intro to Praying Pelican Missions - DVD**
- IV. Some Trip Details**
  - 1. About the Trip**
  - 2. Passports**
  - 3. Immunizations**
  - 4. Travel Insurance**
  - 5. Online Registration with PPM**
- V. Fundraising**
  - 1. Support Letters**
  - 2. Group Fundraisers**
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  - 4. Payments**
- VI. Intro to Ministries**
- VII. Assignments**
- VIII. Closing Prayer**



## **PRAYER PAGE**

**My name is:**

**My mailing address is:**

**I signed up for the 2012 Belize Mission trip because:**

**Something about the trip that makes me excited is:**

**Something about the trip that makes me nervous is:**

**As our team prepares for our trip, I will be praying for:**

**Other prayer requests in my life right now include:**

## **PASSPORTS:**

To obtain a passport for the first time, you need to go in person to one of 6,000+ passport acceptance facilities located throughout the United States with proof of U.S. citizenship such as a birth certificate and a valid form of photo identification, such as a driver's license. Acceptance facilities include many federal, state and probate courts, post offices, some public libraries, and a number of county and municipal offices. Visit the United States government website for more details and locations to obtain your passport at <http://travel.state.gov/passport>.

You'll need to apply in person if you are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time. Each passport usually takes at least 8 weeks for delivery, so allow plenty of lead-time to secure your passport. If you currently have a passport please check to make sure that the date of expiration is not within 6 months of the time you will be departing the country you'll be visiting on your mission trip. If it is, you will need to renew your passport prior to your trip.

Obtaining a passport is an investment in your future travel. The U.S. government is now requiring passports to visit Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean, as well as almost all other countries around the globe. One of the benefits of having a U.S. passport is that it is your most official form of identification and is accepted world-wide.

- **If you don't have a passport, apply for one!**
- **If you do have a passport, locate it and check the expiration date...after 4/7/12!**
- **PLEASE APPLY FOR YOUR PASSPORTS A.S.A.P. At our January meeting we will confirm that everyone has a passport.**

## **IMMUNIZATIONS/MEDICATIONS**

- **Make an appointment to visit a travel clinic at least one month prior to the trip.**
- **At the travel clinic, tell them you are going to Belize, about 30 miles west of Belize City.**
- **They will let you know what you need for immunizations/medications.**
- **Generally, you should have:**
  - **Up to date poliovirus, MMR, TdaP**
  - **Hep A, Hep B, Typhoid**
  - **Malaria prevention**
  - **An antibiotic to bring along in case of travelers' diarrhea**
  - **Rabies (optional and probably not necessary for our trip)**

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Your medical insurance will be your primary insurance while on the trip. PPM carries secondary insurance on all travelers that will cover any gaps in your personal coverage. If you are concerned about a medical emergency or travel complications such as lost baggage, you might look into purchasing a personal travel insurance policy. These policies cost about \$80-100 for an individual (and some companies have family rates) and cover a range of circumstances including lost baggage, emergency evacuation, medical expenses, lost items, etc.

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION with PPM**

Each team member needs to complete online registration with Praying Pelican Missions.

Follow these instructions as soon as possible. I will be able to see when you have completed your registration, and so I will hassle you if you don't!

- 1. Go to <http://registration.prayingpelicanmissions.org>**
- 2. Sign in using NHUMC12 for the login and 9920 for the password.**
- 3. Select your name from the drop down box. You will need to put in your birthday in a mm/dd/yyyy format to verify who you are.**
- 4. Fill out the form completely.**

At our January team meeting we will go through the Praying Pelican Missions Policy Agreement and sign a Liability Release and Acknowledgement Form. You will not be able to go on this trip unless you have filled out this registration form and have signed the Liability Release and Acknowledgement Form.

**FUNDRAISING!**

<b>Total COST for 31 participants:</b>	<b>\$62,145.00</b>
<b>Total RAISED as of 9/20/2012:</b>	<b>\$12,619.58</b>
<b>TO BE RAISED:</b>	<b>\$49,525.42</b>
<b>Approximate cost per person:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**SUPPORT LETTERS:**

Support letters will be one of our primary ways of raising funds for this trip. This is a way for people who care about you to take the trip along with you, even if they don't travel with our team. Please consider all the people who might help you if you asked them, and remember that every little bit helps! Consider asking for support in lieu of gifts or in honor of a special occasion. Brainstorm here 20 people to whom you could give or send a letter:

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## **SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER:**

### **Tips:**

- **Keep it short and simple**
- **Talk about where you are going**
- **Talk about some ministries we'll be providing on our trip**
- **Talk about why it's important to YOU to go**
- **Let people know how much you are trying to raise**
- **Let people know that they are supporting your whole team**

Dear Family and Friends,

Recently, a challenging and exciting opportunity was presented to me, and I would love to share it with you. I am feeling called by God to travel to Belize, Central America March 31 – April 7, 2012 with a team from Normandale Hylands UMC. I will be traveling with a dedicated team of children, youth, and adults ranging in age from 6 to 68!

Belize is located in the southern portion of the Yucatan Peninsula and borders Mexico and Guatemala. We will travel to a small village that has been in partnership with NHUMC since 2007. Over the years the ministry in the village has grown incredibly, from only 5 members to over 80 members! The ministry also serves surrounding villages helping to meet basic needs for food, shelter, and God's love.

Our team will plug in to the ministries in Bermudian Landing, Belize by leading worship, Vacation Bible School, labor and construction projects, home visits, helping with the food shelf, and more. I am excited to get to work in Belize!

Each team member is helping to raise about \$2000.00 to contribute to the total cost of the trip and our ministry supplies. Would you consider partnering with me as I prepare to go to Belize? Every amount helps as I try to do my part for the team.

If you are able to make a contribution, checks can be made payable to "NHUMC" with "Belize" in the memo line. Please mail checks to:

YOUR NAME and ADDRESS

Your donations are tax deductible.

Most importantly, I ask that whether you are able to contribute financially or not, you would hold me and the entire team in your prayers as we prepare and during our trip.

Love,  
TEAM MEMBER

**GROUP FUNDRAISERS:**

We have some things on the calendar that we NEED you to participate in! Also, we welcome more ideas for fundraisers.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNDRAISER</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
09/24/11	Movie Night	SubMission Team	6:00pm – 10:00pm
10/16/11	Soup/Sandwich Lunch	Kendra/Jeanne	8:00am – 1:00pm
10/19-23/11	MEA Odd Jobs	Rachael	All Days
12/10/11	Cookie Walk	Shirley S/Sheilah K	10:00am – 4:00pm
Ongoing	Calendar Sales	Rachael	Take some to sell!
TBD	Peace Coffee	Ann A.	
TBD	Strudel Sales		
TBD	Garden Path		
TBD	Dinner/Talent Show		
ASAP	Postcards/Buttons	Warners	
TBD	Winter Carnival		
TBD	Gold Fundraiser		

**INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS:**

**Be creative! Do you have a skill or talent? Sell candy bars, hold a garage sale, etc.**

**PAYMENTS:**

**As you are able, please continue to make payments toward your trip. We do not have a payment schedule, but we will not reach our goal if we don't contribute.**

*Hello Rachael,*

*Greetings from Bermudian Landing Village. Pray all is going well with you, Jon, Stella and our wonderful friends at NHUMC. To tell you the truth, we consider you as family. Everyone here at our church knows you guys so well. Your names are often being mentioned community.*

*It's been some time since we last communicated with each other and as we are currently doing an overview of ministry activities for the new year, I wanted to hear from you as to whether we are factored in your plans for the Spring. So many things have happened since your last visit with us a few years ago. Our building projects are not fully completed as we have drafted the plans for our new church buildin and are planning on breaking ground next year. As you are aware, our building is very small and is not able to seat everyone that attends church services with us. Recently we had several events and there were people standing around on the outside of the church building as there were not space enough for everyone inside.*

*We have begun a food distribution program at our church where we distribute grocery items to the poor and needy families in our community. This program started in June and we would like to see this ministry be established fully to help the needy in our church and community. This is an ongoing challenge for us but one that we know is so very needed for the community.*

*The Belize Government is working on getting potable water to our community. This project has already started and should be up and working by early next year. We are also working towards completing two bathrooms(below the pasonage) as the situation with bathroom facilities remain the same since your first visit five years ago.*

*Our church is trying to acquire a transport bus for use in ministry to transport our church whenever we go on ministry outreach. We should get this bus soon and it should be operational by the next few months. There is one problem though, Dhalia and I need to have a **personal vehicle** to use in our pastoral visits to our parishioners and other ministry events. We have not been able to minister fully to the flock because of travelling constraints. Sister Rachael, this is one of the areas that we would like to ask if NHUMC can assist us with. We are planning on purchasing a used sports utility vehicle(\$5,000 U.S.). If you are able to help us with this need we will be so grateful. It would be a great step forward for us in ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated.*

*In closing, Deb and Dhalia and I have been in contact regarding a visit by us to Minnesota next few months. We don't know if this will be possible as we need to apply for U.S Visas and there is no guarantee that those will be approved. Also Dhalia has to have her passport renewed. Dhalia sent to Sis. Deb in the mail a note from her eye doctor who saw her and first diagnosed her condition twenty years ago. She is awaiting a response from Sis Deb as to how to proceed.*

*Anyway Rach, that's all for now. Please let us know what to expect as we plan for the next year of ministry.*

*Warmest greetings from Belize!!!*

*pastor floyd bood*



#### 9/20/11 ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Visit <http://prayingpelicanmissions.org/misc/doclibrary12/Belize%20Participant%20Handbook.2012.pdf> and read through the PPM participant handbook. Find all kinds of good information there. Take notes if you have questions. Email me if they are urgent or bring them to our January meeting.
2. Get your online registration completed right away.
3. Look at your calendar and plan to help with as many fundraisers as you can! They help us raise money AND help you get to know your teammates better.
4. Get your support letters out – THIS IS ESSENTIAL!!!
5. Get our next meeting on your calendar and be there: THURSDAY JAN. 19, 6:30pm
6. Start thinking and praying about what ministries you'd like to share in Belize. At our next meeting we'll get into heavy duty ministry planning.