

## ***Preparing to Travel***

Label all your bags with your name and address on the outside and inside. It quickens collecting baggage at the airport if all team luggage has identical bright colored name tags. In addition to the identical name tags, you might use a different ribbon for your men's, women's, and ministry suitcases. This will allow for quick sorting once you arrive in León.

- Sometimes luggage is delayed, and you will only have your carry-on. It is important to have all the necessities in this bag. Check with your airline carrier to determine how many pieces of luggage are allowed and the dimensions and weight limits. Many team members carry all their personal items in one carry-on and backpack and use the other for ministry supplies for the team.
- In flight, prior to landing in Managua, each team member will be asked to fill out a "Customs Declaration Form." A pen and passport number will be needed.
- After going through customs in Managua, keep the customs forms in your passport.
- You will need \$10.00 for the entrance fee at the Managua airport upon arrival. To make it easier, have this money set aside before you leave. Remember, crisp bills with no tears, marks, or writing.
- Upon arrival in León, you can put team member's passports and valuables in the team house office safe.

### ***What to Bring***

- T-shirts (no inappropriate slogans, please) / conservative tank tops/ longer shorts / pants / light rain jacket or poncho
- Casual clothing for church (men - long pants and nice shirt, women – longer skirt/dress or Capri pants)
- Please bring enough clothes to last you for the duration of your trip. Laundry is no longer offered to teams. This is one effort to conserve as other prices increase. El Ayudante's electric bills are unreal.
- Tennis shoes or boots / shower shoes
- Hat or bandana
- Sunglasses / Sunscreen / mosquito spray with DEET
- Work gloves
- Toiletries and personal items
- Water bottle (with shoulder strap)
- Bible
- Camera / Film
- First Aid Items / flashlight
- Do not bring jewelry or valuables of any kind.
- Sheets, towels, and pillows are supplied.
- Prescription medicine must be in original bottle with pharmacist's label. Please advise your team members that if they are asked in customs whether they have prescription drugs, they are asking about prescription drugs to be used for ministry. If your team is not a medical team, each member needs to answer "no" if asked.

There will be absolutely no use of tobacco or alcoholic beverages during your week of ministry.