

Philippine Frontline Ministries, Inc.

Basic Arrival Advice for Incoming Visitors

Greetings! Here at Frontline we have a great time hosting visiting mission teams, and we are blessed to know your team is coming over (or considering it at this time).

Following has some basic advice outlining important items and concerns for those intending to visit Frontline.

COSTS

For teams of 5 persons or more, that are planning no less than 4 days ministry visit/involvement, the cost is US\$50.00/day/person (US\$40.00 student) which is payable upon settling into the ministry center. This daily cost covers meals at the ministry camp, lodging, airport pickup and transport to commonly scheduled events throughout your stay. (Special trips to select places commonly requires additional funds).

For those who prefer not to carry cash, or are interested in receiving deductible credit for your mission trip costs, you can pay your costs - *in advance of your trip* - in the following ways.

USA visitors:

ONLINE:

Go to www.thefrontline.asia/donate, and select "General Fund" from the drop down menu. Enter payment amount and add a note of what the payment is for.

BY CHECK:

Send check payable to *Philippine Frontline Ministries, Inc.* to:

Philippine Frontline Ministries, Inc.
PO Box 208
Sandwich, IL 60548

CANADA Visitors:

ONLINE:

Go to www.worldfocusinc.com, and select Philippines, General Fund. You may also add a note in the provided field.

BY CHEQUE:

Write your cheque payable to *World Focus Inc.* and send to:

World Focus Inc.
1399 Buffalo Pl,
Winnipeg, MB R3T 1L6

CASH:

We encourage Canadian visitors, however, to please bring cash. Canadian currency is acceptable here. You can submit your payment to our Visiting Team Coordinator (Mike Gordon) or to the Finance Administrator (Rhoda Beloso). A receipt will be issued to you (in Philippine Pesos equivalence).

NOTE: If you have a team of 4 or less the cost is still US\$50.00 /day/person(US\$40.00 student), but transportation to and from the airport will be charged additionally at US\$85.00 for each required trip to the airport.

NOTE: The Philippine government is currently considering a visa entry fee. This is to advise you, in advance, in case they impose such a fee.

PASSPORT VALIDITY REMINDER

Please ensure that your passport renewal requirements are followed. We have experienced a visitor being denied access to the country because their passport was expiring in less than six (6) months. Most international travel now requires a passport that is valid for at least six (6) months.

SPECIAL DAYS / SHOPPING

If your team is wanting "special" days off (for shopping, touring, etc) please let us know in advance so we can schedule it.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Our basic ministry opportunities are with the *Face The Children* (FTC) residential care facility, hospital ministry (current health restrictions prevent access to hospitals), community development programs (formerly called "feeding programs"), evangelistic outreach meetings (if currently scheduled), and in the churches of *Frontline Worship Center*. Other special projects may be taking place while you are here, but it is difficult to predict what will be ongoing and what might be suitable for participation in. It can include anything from medical missions, building a church, pouring cement, painting a building, or a number of other things.

HOW YOUR TRIP CAN BE MORE MEANINGFUL

Often there are projects that await resources to initiate or complete. They can be small (e.g. - financing a community development program for a year) to large (e.g. - funding and putting up a building). We extend the challenge to you and your team to target a specific project and raise

funds to implement the project while you are with us. As a common target level we suggest each member of a visiting team be challenged to raise an additional \$500 to contribute towards a team project. This would greatly impact the ministry here, helping advance the mission of *“reaching and helping people find their way back to God,”* and will add additional memory and meaning to your trip. Any amount, greater or lesser, will be received with a heart of gratitude. If you and your team might rise to this challenge, please communicate with us in advance so we can target a suitable project together, prior to your arrival.

TEAM STRUCTURE

From our experience, we highly suggest that incoming teams decide on two primary roles: 1) Spiritual leader, and 2) Team Administrator. During the first day orientation we ask that you identify these individuals to our team host. This will assist us in various communications and coordination concerning schedule, schedule changes, and any other matters that may arise.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

We need to know if anyone on your team has allergies or other personal medical concerns that should be known for planning, and for any emergency situations.

MOTIVATIONS

Frontline is a mission organization focused on the mission of *“Reaching and helping people find their way back to God”*. As such, we strongly discourage coming to visit Frontline while at the same time pursuing romantic interests with someone you may have developed a relationship with via the internet or other sources.

DISCLAIMER

Though we provide advice on normal security precautions for your personal belongings, and live most of the time in a guarded, walled compound, Frontline will NOT accept responsibility for any items lost, misplaced, damaged, or forgotten during your trip. (ex: cell phone, laptops, personal items, etc.)

LAUNDRY

A laundry day will be provided for each Visiting Team; extra laundry day(s) can be provided upon request or as necessary. Visitors are charged p200/person for their laundry to be done. This money should be handed only to the person in charge of visiting teams.

REQUIRED VISITOR DETAILS / INFORMATION

We ask that every visitor, whether coming alone, as a couple, or as part of a larger team provide us with basic essential information. By following the link below each person can quickly provide the information needed. As a team leader, we ask that you send this link to all the members of your team (you can cut and paste it into an email) and ensure that each team member fills up the online form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yWe6ynSWrf68XHFbbrR5G23z86HHP9lqonsdeKZ4dZk/viewform>

PREPAREDNESS

At Frontline we are constantly *reaching and helping people find their way back to God*. While here, we encourage each one on your team to be prepared to share their personal testimony. In various outreach programs there are many opportunities to share skits, special music, and devotional teachings. Please let us know the particular strengths of your team in these areas as well as those capable to preach/teach the Bible or other strengths you may have.

YOUR TRAVEL INFORMATION - *We need to know your travel details!*

- How many people are in the team?
- How many married couples? (And whether or not the married couples are willing to be separated so as to possibly bunk in males with males, females with females)
- What airline you will use... including flight number and LOCAL arrival date and time
- What is the LOCAL date and time of your return flight?
- What terminal will you arrive in? (There are 3 main terminals at the Manila airport)
- A picture of your team leader if this is your first visit. (This will assist our driver in identifying you upon arrival at the airport)
- Any particular skills that you might want to use while here (are you an Optometrist? Physician? Mechanic? School Teacher? Builder? Etc.)

AIRPORT / ARRIVAL INFORMATION

When you arrive in Manila it will be at one of three terminals. The following are instructions that may assist you while waiting:

- Terminal 1 - Go outside, cross the first (covered) street, go down the ramp (turn right or left) to the "Arrival Extension Area" and wait at Bay 6
- Terminal 2 - Proceed outside and just wait along the street side
- Terminal 3 - Proceed outside and wait by pickup area #5 or #6 at street side.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Upon arrival these numbers may be used to contact Frontline. If you are calling internationally (from outside the country) omit the "0" and add "+63". If you need to call, try to contact us in the this order:

- Michael Gordon – 09674056288
- David Covic - 09959646413
- Rhoda Beloso – 09175729939
- Jeff Pessina – 09175729941

After your arrival the team coordinator will conduct a brief orientation session, and will also check in with you in the mornings during your stay.

We hope this helps with preliminary questions. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact the Visiting Team Coordinator, Michael Gordon at mike.gordon@thefrontline.asia.

Thank you and may God bless your mission team efforts!

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