



November 14, 2017

Dear Friend,

I would like to invite you on an adventure of a lifetime to the Amazon!

Join Builders International Rep, Manny Martinez, and South Texas District Council Men's Ministry Director, Pastor Shane Klinkerman, as they embark on an exciting opportunity to build a church for a community of believers along the Amazon River!.

You will board a river boat in Manaus, Brazil and travel along the Amazon to a place where you will build a church that will hold 150 people. Mark Lemos will be hosting the team, where your efforts will help in the building of 100 churches in hard to reach places!

Register today as there are only 22 spots available for the unique opportunity! Limited spaces are available to fly out of Houston or San Antonio.

**Registration deadline is January, 31st 2018**

Cost: \$2,350 (If the team is below 20 people the price will vary)

Dates: June 2 - 9, 2018

To register:

- Visit <https://buildersintl.org/events/teams/>
- Call Betsy at 417.582.0003
- Email [betsy@buildersintl.org](mailto:betsy@buildersintl.org)

If you have any questions, please let us know!

Your South Texas Missionary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Moore".

Ryan Moore,  
Serving with Builders International



## **Amazon River Church Construction Trip Information**

Team: South Texas District Men's Team  
Trip Dates: June 2-9, 2018  
Team Leader: Manny Martinez  
Host Missionary: Mark Lemos  
Trip Coordinator: Betsy Martin, Builders International

### **LODGING AND MEALS**

1. Lodging in Manaus. The team will stay in a 3-star hotel the first two nights in Manaus. The hotel amenities include free wifi and internet access, room service and a pool. (Any charges made by team members at the hotel that are NOT covered in the trip cost must be paid upon check-out the next day.)
2. Lodging on the river. For the remainder of the trip, the team will be staying on an all-inclusive river boat. Most sleeping rooms are double occupancy and contain bunk beds. The rooms are just big enough to hold the bunk beds and have a bit of space for luggage.
3. There will be 3 boat crew and 3 cooks/housekeeping staff onboard to take care of the team
4. Each sleeping room has a window A/C unit.
5. There is ONE bathroom on the boat for the team to share. It is about the size of a phone booth. The shower does not have hot water.
6. Laundry service will be provided by the boat. There is no charge for this service, however, plan on providing a tip for the housekeeping staff.
7. There is no wifi or internet access on the riverboat.
8. There is 110 voltage electricity.
9. All meals while staying along the river will be cooked on the boat by the staff. Meals may consist of rice, beans, noodles, fish, and beef. Plenty of water and soda will also be provided.
10. The team will get to enjoy an authentic Brazilian steak dinner in Manaus on the last day.

### **MINISTRY**

The team will be building a church for the local community. The work will take place in one of the many communities that are located right along the Amazon River. The work will include putting up columns, trusses, roofing, and laying block walls.

Additional ministry opportunities:

There will be opportunities to interact with the local people during the trip. Team members who aren't actively engaged with the church construction can minister to children, help paint the local pastor's house, or teach any skill that can be taught in 3 days. One example is a team that built pews for the church. Providing water filters to families in the community is another option.



## **FREE TIME**

There will be time each day for rest and relaxation, as well as lots of time to fellowship with the people in the community. Free time activities could include swimming with dolphins, fishing, swimming in the Amazon, exploring the jungle and riverbanks, and just relaxing in one of the hammocks on the boat. If you want to fish, you will need to pack your own fishing gear.

## **VACCINATIONS**

***Required:*** Yellow Fever. ***At this time, there is no vaccine available. The company that produces the vaccine hopes to have it available sometime during the summer of 2018.*** The cost for the vaccination ***may*** be covered by your health insurance provider.

***Recommended:*** Malaria and Tetanus. Please visit the Centers for Disease Control for more health information for travelers to Brazil at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/brazil>.

## **PASSPORT**

Team members are required to have a U.S. Passport to travel outside of the United States. Please apply for or renew your passport if:

1. You do not have a passport
2. Your passport will expire on or before December 10, 2018
3. You do not have any blank visa pages left (a partial page WILL NOT work)

**All team members MUST have a valid passport by February 15, 2018.**

## **TOURIST VISA**

A Tourist Visa is required to enter Brazil and must be applied for in advance of the trip. *The Builders International Trip Coordinator will work with the team members to get all the required documentation ready for submission.*

Visa Requirements:

1. Valid U.S. passport.
2. Professional color passport-style photo, taken within the last 6 months.
3. Confirmation of round-trip booking. Builders International will provide this.
4. Clear copy of driver's license or state-issued ID. (Address on driver's license must match the address used on the visa application.)
5. Proof of sufficient funds to support your stay.
6. Complete and sign the Sworn Statement waiver.
7. Minors (under age 18) must provide a Travel Authorization for Minors Form.
8. Completed Brazilian Online Visa Application Form.

**All team members MUST have all visa requirements ready for submission by March 1, 2018.**



South Texas District  
**CONSTRUCTION MISSIONS TRIP**  
**APPLICATION PACKET**

- Builders International Missions Trip Application
- Health Questionnaire
- AGWM Application Paperwork

**Please return your completed Builders International Application, Health Questionnaire, AGWM Application and \$200 trip deposit to:  
Betsy Martin, Builders International Teams Coordinator.**

**Email paperwork to [betsy@buildersintl.org](mailto:betsy@buildersintl.org) or mail to:**

**Builders International  
Attn: Teams Department  
PO Box 1969  
Ozark, MO 65721**

**Your trip deposit can also be paid online at:  
<https://buildersintl.org/events/amazon-river-brazil-with-south-texas-district-council/>**

# **BUILDERS INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FORM**

## **PERSONAL DATA**

Print: Full Legal Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date of issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

List previous citizenships, if any \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **HOME CHURCH**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your position/involvement at the church: \_\_\_\_\_

## **AIRPORT CHOICE**

I want to fly out of: Houston \_\_\_\_\_ San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_

***Important: You need to have a passport, valid for at least 6 months AFTER the end of the trip.***

***\*\*\*If you do not yet have a passport, please apply for one as soon as possible. You can apply online at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>.***

# HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Blood type: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes	No	DO YOU HAVE, OR HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DISEASES OR PROBLEMS?	Yes	No	ARE YOU REGULARLY TAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?
___	___	1. Rheumatic fever	___	___	1. Anticoagulants (blood thinners)
___	___	2. Heart trouble, Heart attack, Angina	___	___	2. High blood pressure medications
___	___	3. High blood pressure	___	___	3. Cortisone (Steroids)
___	___	4. Chest pain	___	___	4. Anticonvulsants (Seizure medicines)
___	___	5. High Cholesterol	___	___	5. Insulin or other drugs to control blood sugar
___	___	6. Lung or breathing problems	___	___	6. Thyroid Hormone
___	___	7. Asthma	___	___	7. Nitroglycerin
___	___	8. Hives or Eczema	___	___	8. Digitalis or other drugs for heart trouble
___	___	9. Allergies (foods, animals, medicine, pollens)	___	___	9. Hormone supplements
___	___	10. Fainting spells	___	___	10. Antidepressants
___	___	11. Seizures	___	___	11. Sedatives or Antipsychotics
___	___	12. Liver disease	___	___	12. Any other regular medication
___	___	13. Thyroid problems			
___	___	14. Arthritis or Autoimmune disorder			IN THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE YOU?
___	___	15. Joint replacement	___	___	13. Been admitted to a hospital
___	___	16. Ulcers	___	___	14. Been in an accident
___	___	17. Kidney problems	___	___	15. Been under medical care for serious illness
___	___	18. Kidney or other organ transplant	___	___	16. Been in psychiatric care
___	___	19. Tuberculosis (TB)	___	___	17. Seen a counselor regularly
___	___	20. Anxiety or Depression	___	___	18. Adopted a child
___	___	21. Chronic Fatigue			
___	___	22. Are you pregnant/ think you might be pregnant?	___	___	19. Do you have any health problems or physical limitations that might hinder your work in a
___	___	23. Do you have any other disease, condition or problem you think we should know about?	___	___	different climate, high altitude or adverse living conditions?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please give a brief explanation on the reverse side of this form.

- \_\_\_ Please list any medications that you will be taking: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Please list any medically necessary dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Please list any allergies, physical disabilities or medical information we should know about: \_\_\_\_\_



## Team Member Signature Form

Team members who hold a volunteer card do not need to complete this form. For those who take multiple missions trips per year, this form only needs to be signed once per year.

### TEAM MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Trip ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (must be someone *not* going on trip)

Name of Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Team Member \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Team members under the age of 18 do not need to complete the sections below.**

### ACE/CHUBB INSURANCE BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

Benefits payable for loss of life are payable to the first surviving classes of the covered person: spouse; children; parent; siblings; or estate, unless otherwise indicated below.

Policy Number: ADDN10846419

#### Beneficiary Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Insured \_\_\_\_\_ If you are 65 or older, do you receive Medicare?  Yes  No

### SIGNATURE

By signing my name below, I hereby state that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Assumption of Risk, Code of Conduct, and the above ACE/Chubb Insurance Beneficiary Designation. I also opt into Builders International communications.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INSURANCE AGREEMENT

*AGWM Personnel and Member Care*

In consideration of my acceptance as a short-term volunteer with Assemblies of God World Missions of The General Council of the Assemblies of God U.S.A., I represent and agree that:

1. I am a volunteer worker and acknowledge that I am not an employee of Assemblies of God World Missions or The General Council of the Assemblies of God U.S.A.
2. I am aware of the hazards and risks to my person and property associated with serving in a missions capacity, such hazards and risks including, but not being limited to, injury, increased stress, accident, disease, inadequate medical services and supplies, death, criminal acts— including terrorism—natural disasters, government action, and relocation due to any of the above. I accept my assignment with full awareness of these risks, and subject to the insurance coverage described in the AOG GTL insurance brochure, I voluntarily assume all risks of death, injury, illness, and damage to myself or any member of my family associated with such risks and any damage to my personal property. I further recognize that such risks have always been associated with missionary service (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).
3. I attest and certify that I have no medical conditions that would prevent me from performing my duties.
4. Subject to the insurance coverage described in the AOG GTL insurance brochure, I waive and release any and all claims for damages which I or my heirs or successors may have against Assemblies of God World Missions, The General Council of the Assemblies of God, any district council of the Assemblies of God, the local church sponsoring the trip, or any agent or employee of any of such organizations, arising from my death, injury, or illness, or any property damage or loss occurring during the term of my assignment or as a result of my assignment.
5. In the event I have minor children who will accompany me on my assignment, I, acting both on my own behalf and on their behalf as their parent and legal guardian and subject to the insurance coverage described in the AOG GTL insurance brochure, do hereby assume all risks of death, illness, or injury that they may suffer as a result of said assignment, from those causes described above.
6. I understand and accept the following policy of Assemblies of God World Missions regarding ransom payments:  
  
The Assemblies of God World Missions Executive Committee has determined that it will not pay ransom nor yield to the demands of anyone who takes one of our missionary family or staff hostage. The Assemblies of God World Missions pledges itself to every effort in prayer and all other appropriate means to obtain the release of one taken hostage, should it ever occur. This policy was made after sufficient study of the policies of other evangelical missionary societies and after considering the advice of the United States State Department.
7. I expressly waive any defense to the enforcement of any provisions of this commitment arising from a claim of lack of consideration and warrant that this commitment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation upon me enforceable against me in accordance with its terms.
8. I expressly agree that this assumption of risk and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law.





## CODE OF CONDUCT

AGWM Personnel and Member Care

*"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."*

Romans 14:19 NIV

As a follower of the Lord Jesus, our conduct should be a witness to others of a transformed life. Paul wrote to Titus,

*And show your own self in all respects to be a pattern and **a model of good deeds and works**, teaching what is unadulterated, showing gravity [having the strictest regard for truth and purity of motive], with dignity and seriousness. And let your instruction be sound and fit and wise and wholesome, vigorous and irrefutable and above censure, so that the opponent may be put to shame, finding nothing discrediting or evil to say about us."*

(Titus 2:7-8, *Amplified Bible*, emphasis added)

As a MAPS team member,

- I realize the important role I serve as an example to those in the United States and abroad. I understand that I represent not only my local church, but also Assemblies of God World Missions, and most importantly, Jesus Christ.
- In respect to this assignment, I will refrain from anything (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, unwholesome speech) that may distract from my Christian testimony, cause division, or demonstrate disrespect to the national church, missionary personnel, my team, or the Assemblies of God.
- I promise to forgo my personal convictions on these subjects in order to maintain unity and to avoid controversy in the body of Christ.
- I affirm that I do not have any criminal convictions or allegations related to sexual misconduct with an adult or minor, nor do I know of any reason I should not be allowed to work with adults or minors as a short-term missions volunteer.

*"It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall."*  
(Romans 14:21, NIV).

*"Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* (Ephesians 4:1-3, NASB).

*"You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory."* (1 Thessalonians 2:10-12, NIV).

See also Romans 12:1-2, Titus 2:11-14, John 13:12-17, 1 Corinthians 11:1.