



## **2020 Philippines Mission Tours Planning & Travel Information**

### **Tours in 2020**

TOUR #1: JUNE MISSIONS TOUR. June 16-26, 2020.

- Tour Group leaves Los Angeles Tuesday, June 16.
- Tour Group returns to Los Angeles Friday, June 26.

TOUR #2: JULY MISSIONS TOUR. July 14-24, 2020.

- Tour Group leaves Los Angeles Tuesday, July 14.
- Tour Group returns to Los Angeles Friday, July 24.

TOUR #3: AUGUST MISSIONS TOUR. August 11-21, 2020.

- Tour Group leaves Los Angeles Tuesday, August 11.
- Tour Group returns to Los Angeles Saturday, August 21.

### **GENERAL AIRLINE TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR EACH TOUR.**

- Exact departure and arrival times for each Tour will not be set until several months prior to departure. Call our Tucson office for updated information when necessary. Our phone numbers are listed later on in this packet.
- Once the air itinerary to/from Los Angeles has been confirmed by our travel agent, you will be notified immediately. And if there are any changes to that itinerary, you will be notified immediately as well.

**COST OF THE MISSIONS TOUR (same for all 3 tours)**

### **MISSION TOUR COSTS**

**\$2,950** (inclusive of all international expenses to/from LAX airport, Los Angeles, CA.) This amount will cover all your expenses from flight departure in Los Angeles going to Ozamiz City, Philippines, to flight departure from Ozamiz City going back to Los Angeles, USA. This amount includes your trans-pacific international airfare, plus all hotel, food, lodging, transportation and/or miscellaneous expenses while in the Philippines during your Tour. It also covers the cost of your two official crusade t

shirts, which MKMI will produce and send to you prior to your departure for the Philippines.

Plus, the cost of your flights to/from Los Angeles, if applicable, and any hotel expenses incurred in Los Angeles, if applicable.

### **TOUR PAYMENT SCHEDULE (if total cost isn't paid initially)**

If you cannot pay the full amount initially, an installment schedule is in place for each tour, to make it easier for you to raise your funds in a timely manner for you as well as for us. This enables us to purchase your international air-tickets, an expense which must be paid long before the actual tour takes place. Please refer to the schedule below to plan your installment payments accordingly.

The first two installments are non-refundable, and are required to secure your seat on the airplane for ANY OF THE THREE 2020 Mission Tours. Although we have established deadlines for each of the three installments, we recommend you send the amounts for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> installments (\$1,400) as soon as you can, even prior to the deadline dates given below, if possible. This is a great help to us in planning and booking the group's air-tickets to/from the Philippines.

Your place on the Tour is not secured until the amounts for the first two installments (\$1,400) has been received. The payment deadline schedule is listed below for your planning and fund raising:

#### **June Tour:**

**\$500 1<sup>st</sup> installment (airfare deposit): Mar 22**  
**\$900 2<sup>nd</sup> installment (airfare balance): Apr 14**  
**\$1,550 3<sup>rd</sup> installment (Ozamiz hosting): June 1**

#### **July Tour:**

**\$500 1<sup>st</sup> installment (airfare deposit): Mar 22**  
**\$900 2<sup>nd</sup> installment (airfare deposit): Apr 14**  
**\$1,550 3<sup>rd</sup> installment (Ozamiz hosting): July 1**

#### **August Tour:**

**\$500 1<sup>st</sup> installment (airfare deposit): Apr 7**  
**\$900 2<sup>nd</sup> installment (airfare balance): May 11**  
**\$1,550 3<sup>rd</sup> installment (Ozamiz hosting): Aug 1**

#### **Additional Notes:**

If you are participating in one or more of these tours as part of a church sponsored group, payment deadlines and installment amounts can vary or be adjusted, depending upon factors that your group leaders work out and agree upon ahead of time with MKMI.

## **WHERE SHOULD PAYMENTS BE SENT?**

Whether it be for individuals, or lump sums for church groups, all payments using the U.S. Mail should be sent to: Mike Keyes Ministries International, PO Box 91916, Tucson, AZ. 85752-1916

If using private shipping companies like FEDEX or UPS overnight, the address is: Mike Keyes Ministries International, 4900 N. Desert Tortoise Place, Tucson, AZ 85745-9188. Tel: 520-331-9976. Attn: Ethel Keyes

## **HOW CAN PAYMENTS BE MADE**

- **Personal or ministry checks.** Made out to MKMI, or Mike Keyes Ministries International.
- **Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT):** Contact Rev. Ethel for the necessary bank routing information.
- **Credit Card.** Contact Rev. Ethel to give the necessary info to charge the card of your choice.

## **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

- Each Tour Group participant must have a valid USA passport for international travel to the Philippines. They take some time to acquire, so if you don't have one you need to make application for yours NOW!
- Passport applications can be facilitated at select U.S. Post Offices. (Note: not every Post Office does this, so please check locally to find the ones in your area that do).
- Also, be sure you bring your USA Driver's License on the Tour as an additional picture I.D. besides your USA passport.

## **IMPORTANT!**

Compare the expiration date of your USA passport to the RETURN DATE back to the USA after the Tour of your choice. Even with a paid ticket, airlines will NOT allow you to board any international flight if your USA passport EXPIRES WITHIN 6 MONTHS FROM DATE OF USA RETURN - even by one day! (This has actually happened to Tour group members in the past – they were denied boarding and were left behind in Los Angeles because of this security rule). If your passport expires within any day of this six-month window prior to your return from the Philippines, you must renew your passport BEFORE you leave home. If you are in doubt about the expiration date on your passport, PLEASE CONTACT US, OR OUR MINISTRY TRAVEL AGENT IMMEDIATELY.

## **MONEY MANAGEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES**

### **Credit Cards**

- Bring one or two major cards only. Leave the others at home. Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted in the Philippines.

### **Cash Advances**

- If you are bringing Visa or MasterCard credit cards, check with your local bank BEFORE leaving home, to be sure you are set up and approved to get cash advances in the Philippines if needed. And, be sure you know your credit card's cash advance daily limit, which is usually considerably less than your general credit line. In the Philippines, some bank ATM's offer cash advances, others do not. If you can't use the ATM for a cash advance, you'll need your USA passport to apply for one with local bank personnel inside the bank.

### **Traveler's Checks**

- Do NOT use traveler's checks. The way banks work in the Philippines, the amount of hassle experienced in getting traveler checks cashed isn't worth it. Therefore, do NOT bring traveler's checks!

### **Personal or Ministry Checks**

- Personal or ministry checks are basically useless in the Philippines – nobody will cash them or honor them for payment, so don't bother to bring any.

### **How much money should you bring?**

- For souvenir shopping, or for taking care of the unexpected, we suggest bringing at least \$500 extra. You can always take it home with you, but it's good to have it handy if you need it.

### **Currency exchange**

- The currency in the Philippines is the peso. U.S. dollars are not accepted for payment of goods or services in most places, so an exchange of currency will be required upon arrival. After clearing customs at the arrival airport in the Philippines (which at present is either Manila or Cebu), go to any of the open bank windows (they are only a few feet away from the customs area), and exchange your money. We suggest exchanging at least \$300 at this time, which you can use or have available once you reach Ozamiz City. Additional currency exchanges can be made at our bank in Ozamiz after arrival there. We do not recommend exchanging your U.S. dollars anywhere else with anyone else.

## What condition should my U.S. dollars be in?

- If you plan on exchanging some of your U.S. dollars in either Manila or Cebu upon international arrival, or in Ozamiz after local arrival where you will join up with us for tour activity, be advised the banks here will not accept for exchange any bill that is old, torn, wrinkled, stained, defaced or otherwise damaged in any way. In other words, the bills must be clean and crisp, in order for the banks here to accept them for exchange to Philippine pesos. So, when you are getting your cash ready to bring on the trip, be sure you request new bills from your bank, or at the very least, bills that are still in good condition. Old, used, dirty, damaged bills will not be accepted here for exchange.

## TRAVEL PLANS TO AND FROM LOS ANGELES:

### **Each Tour Group member must book his or her own flights to LA.**

- Every Tour participant traveling from another airport or location is responsible for securing his or her own flights to/from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). We have deadlines for this to be done, to give us plenty of time to plan for your LA arrival, and avoid any problems with you meeting up with the other group members on the day of international departure. If this applies to you, you must email us your travel itinerary to/from the LAX airport no later than:
  - **For the June Tour:                    May 15, 2020**
  - **For the July Tour:                     June 15, 2020**
  - **For the August Tour:                 July 15, 2020**
- Our ministry contact information is provided later in this packet.
- If you plan to arrive in Los Angeles from another city on the same day as the international flight departs - you must have a flight arrival time to the LAX airport that is at least 4 hours before the Tour Group departs from LAX to the Philippines. If you can't get that kind of connection time from your home city, you will need to fly into Los Angeles the day or evening before, to be sure you're at the airport in plenty of time to check-in with the group for the international flights leaving LAX for the Philippines.
- If the international flight leaves Los Angeles for the Philippines in the morning or early afternoon (which has been the case the past several years), for sure you will need to fly into Los Angeles the day before, or earlier, and overnight at one of the many hotels next to the airport, so you can meet up with the other group members at the LAX airport several hours before departure for final briefing and group check-in.
- Our ministry's travel agent can assist you in making these reservations if needed.

## **Hotel bookings in Los Angeles**

- If you need to stay overnight coming in or going out from Los Angeles, these are the following major hotels within a five-minute shuttle drive from curbside at the LAX airport: Embassy Suites (North), Embassy Suites (South), Marriott, Westin, Crowne Plaza and Sheraton.
- Our ministry's travel agent can assist you in making these reservations at preferred rates if needed.

### **Assembly point in the LAX airport**

- All Tour Group participants will assemble in the International Terminal, at a specific time and location to be announced as the departure date draws closer. MKMI designated staff will meet all Tour Group participants there, and coordinate the check-in and security clearances with you before aircraft boarding for the trans-pacific flight to the Philippines.

### **Our Travel Agent is available to help**

- If you need or would like our assistance in booking your travel itinerary to and from Los Angeles, our ministry's travel agent is available to help. Her name and contact information is:
- **Margie Carson**
  - Owner: Carson Travel Services
  - Hours: 24-hour assistance
  - Tel: 800-685-2035 (office)
  - Tel: 909-795-0735 (office)
  - Tel: 951-538-0229 (cell)
  - Email: carsontravelservice@hotmail.com
  - Web: www.carsontravelservice.com/

### **WHAT ABOUT YOUR LUGGAGE?**

- Avoid bringing too many pieces of luggage. With a large group of people on Mission Tours like these, space for the transport of luggage becomes very limited. Therefore, pack efficiently and bring only what you need.
- For packing tips, a good rule of thumb I've used for international travel since 1980 is this: *for clothing, bring half of what you think you need, and twice as much money.* There are also good websites which can help, such as this one:
- <http://www.travellerspoint.com/packing-tips.cfm>
- We suggest a total of no more than 3 pieces of baggage per person. This would be 1 hand-carry item, and 2 pieces of checked baggage. Check with your air carrier of choice to Los Angeles for their policies concerning fees for checked baggage. On most

international flights, no more than 3 bags are allowed – 1 hand carry item and 2 checked bags. If you wish to bring additional baggage, you will no doubt be charged for it, so make your decisions wisely in this regard.

- We suggest you also leave room in your luggage for any souvenirs or local items you may purchase while in the Philippines.
- Leave all your important valuables at home. Precious jewelry, family heirlooms, etc. should not accompany you to the Philippines. Bring only what you wouldn't miss if it was lost, damaged or stolen.
- There are weight limits to your checked and carry-on baggage on Philippine Airlines, and any other international carrier we may use as well. They are very strict about this and will add an overweight fee for each piece of baggage that is over the limit, even if it's just a little. The overweight fees vary from airline to airline per bag, but can definitely add up quickly, so please keep your luggage within the weight limits to avoid these extra fees.
- At the present time on Philippine Airlines, the weight limits for domestic air travel in-country (which may be different than their weight limits for international flights to/from the USA) are as follows: checked baggage should weigh no more than 30 lbs. each and carry-on bag no more than 15 lbs. each. Even though you start and finish your travel on an international flight, you'll take a domestic flight to/from Ozamiz once you arrive in-country, so we suggest using these guidelines when packing and weighing your luggage.
- Weight restrictions can also vary if using another USA carrier to/from LAX, if joining the group in LA from another city or location.
- Policies with regards to weight limits can change without notice, so please confirm all of these things with your chosen travel agent or air carrier of choice, before you leave home to avoid surprises enroute for excess baggage fees!

## **PROTECTING YOUR LUGGAGE AND VALUABLES**

- All checked baggage should be secure, but due to heightened security these days, all checked baggage must be either electronically screened or physically opened for inspection at the time of check-in. Each airport has their own procedures for this, so you should check to see what you will need to do at your home airport. Some airports will allow you to lock your baggage after inspection, while others won't. Some will offer to tape and seal your baggage after inspection, while others won't. Check to see what you can and can't do in regards to locking your baggage upon check-in.
- Your locks should be TSA-approved, in case they choose to open your checked baggage for inspection. If they aren't, they'll cut them off and after inspection, your checked luggage will be unlocked for the duration of the trip, so be sure your locks have the TSA-approved logo on it.

- We also recommend buying and bringing at least one extra TSA-approved lock for each piece of checked baggage, in case our beloved TSA loses or destroys the locks on your baggage upon inspection (this has happened to me personally, which is why I always carry in my carry-on bag an extra set of locks for each suitcase I check).
- Once you begin your travels, especially in the airports, never carry your cash, wallet or other valuables in your back pockets. Always carry them in your front pockets, or in a secure travel bag or carrying case of some kind, which is positioned on the front side of the body, not the back or sides. For the ladies, if you bring a purse, bring one with a zippered opening which can provide additional security against pickpockets. A good rule of thumb to remember for airport and international travel is this: if it's easy and convenient for you to get to your valuables, it's easy and convenient for a thief to do the same.

### **SMARTPHONES, CAMERAS AND VIDEO CAMCORDERS**

- These days, most smartphones can take photos and videos that are as good as (sometimes better than) professional cameras and camcorders. So, unless you're planning to do some serious documentation of some kind, we don't recommend bringing expensive, high-tech gear with you. Your smartphone can do the job, and won't add any additional weight or take up any extra space in your carry-on or checked luggage.
- If your cell phone is able to record your activity (and post it online to the internet via Facebook or other social media outlets), then be sure you bring your phone charger to keep it fully charged each day before you leave the compound. You don't want to have a great picture or video in front of you, and a "low-batt" icon flashing on your phone! And of course, make sure your charging device is 220V capable, so you can plug in and re-charge your devices overnight (more on that in a moment).
- The Tour will take you to some beautiful and scenic areas, and introduce you to some of the most beautiful people on earth. Plan on taking lots of pictures and/or videos while with us. They'll create treasured memories that will last a lifetime.
- If you are planning on using a digital camera or recording device, be sure you bring plenty of capacity on your device's memory card or cards, since those are not readily assessable in our part of the country. We recommend at least a 16GB memory card.

### **POWER CONVERTERS NEEDED**

- All electrical power supplied in the Philippines is 220 volts, not 110 volts, as it is in the USA. It is also very unstable, with big power spikes or surges being commonplace. Therefore, if you plan on bringing anything that needs to be plugged into a wall socket for power, such as personal appliances, phones or other personal electronic devices (electric shaver, curling iron, blow dryer, battery charger, laptop computer, tablets, etc.). be sure the unit is either dual voltage capable, or you have and use a step-down power converter kit.



- Converter kits can be purchased at any reputable electronics store.

### **WHAT ELSE TO BRING FOR TOUR OUTREACH ACTIVITY?**

- Be sure to bring your Bible (a small one if possible), and if you're planning on speaking publicly in our crusades, we suggest you prepare several simple messages on the subjects of salvation and healing. These messages should consist of no more than 1 or 2 verse references, and be limited to one notepad size piece of paper. Also, be thinking about your personal testimony, which can be shared with the people who attend our crusades. (I will go over these things with you after your arrival in Ozamiz, but just be thinking along these lines prior to home departure).
- Even though each of these three tours is designed to be a working "hands-on" event for you, we never pressure anyone to speak or do anything they're not comfortable with, so we want you to feel relaxed while with us. You can participate as much or as little as you want, so don't be concerned about that.

### **HEALTH ISSUES, LODGING & PERSONAL HYGIENE**

- There are no health shots required for travel to the Philippines.
- Keep in mind the Philippines is located in the tropical climate zone, and therefore is hot and humid all of the time. We will provide all Tour Group members with an air-conditioned room to stay/sleep in during the Missions Tour, but 100% of our daily outreach activity will be outdoors in public places, where it's hot and muggy. We will provide bottled water for all, but be prepared for this kind of climate.
- The tropical sun is very strong, and people not accustomed to it can burn easily, especially if their skin type is naturally sun-sensitive. Therefore, bring a bottle of potent sunscreen, and plan on using it every day, along with a wide-brimmed hat.
- Our lodging quarters are sprayed consistently for mosquitoes and other pests, but when we go out for ministry work, repellent will be needed. Therefore, bring insect and mosquito repellent, and along with your sunscreen, apply some liberally each time you go out from your room.
- We also suggest bringing some type of motion sickness medicine or treatment to use if you need it on the trans-pacific flights, as well as for any boat or extended land travel we may take during the course of the Missions Tour.
- If you are using any prescription medicine, secure as much as you will need for the duration of the tour before you leave. Over the counter medicines can be purchased anywhere in the Philippines, but anything special for you should be secured before leaving home.

- Personal care products like razor blades, shave cream, deodorant, feminine napkins, etc. can all be purchased anywhere in the Philippines.
- **Important!** Due to inconsistent security screening at the various airports you'll be going through on your Tour, do NOT bring any aerosol cans of any kind, especially in your checked baggage. Only bring plastic bottles that have a pump-action spray, or a flip-up cap so contents can be squeezed out from the top. On many occasions over the past few years, people have been allowed to bring aerosol cans in checked baggage when checking in at an airport like LAX when leaving for the Philippines, only to have the same cans seized and confiscated when checking in at the Ozamiz airport when leaving to return home.
- Due to the number of people participating in these Tours, we don't have enough air-conditioned rooms to offer to each individual, or to each married couple. Therefore, be prepared to room with other same-sex members of your Tour group.

### **WHAT KIND OF CLOTHING TO BRING?**

- Remember the climate is tropical, so bring light summer-weight clothing which is wrinkle resistant, easy to wear and easy to pack.
- Short-sleeve shirts and shorts are the preferred clothing most of the time, but also bring a couple of lightweight slacks as well. This applies to both men and women.
- All clothing will be hand washed and line dried in the open air, so clothes will take at least 1 full day to be washed, dried, ironed and returned to you. Therefore, plan accordingly to help us manage the task of keeping everyone's clothing clean and wearable throughout the Tour.
- **Important!** Before leaving home, use a black permanent magic marker and put your name (or initials) on your clothing, so what belongs to you can be easily identified. The back of the collar, or the hemline at the bottom are good places to do this.
- Dry cleaning is available if needed, but turn-around time is 3 or 4 days minimum.
- Bring your bathing suit or beach cut-offs, as there will be time spent in beach areas for outreach, and an R+R day at the beach on the final day of your Tour before departure for the USA.
- Bring a hat (wide-brimmed if you're sun sensitive), a good pair of sunglasses, as well as a good pair of walking shoes, sneakers, beach sandals or flip-flops. There will be a considerable amount of outdoor walking involved with the Tour outreaches.

### **TOUR T-SHIRTS PROVIDED**

- We will need your correct t-shirt size as soon as you send in your full payment, or your first two installments towards full payment. MKMI will furnish you with two t-shirts that we will all be using daily as our official “uniform” when going out on our crusades. They will be mailed directly to your home address, or to the group leader’s address if you’re part of a larger group coming from a particular church.
- **Be sure to include these t-shirts when packing up for the Tour!** Don’t forget!

### **ARE THERE ANY SECURITY CONCERNS?**

- There is no need to be worried about your personal safety while in the Philippines, and in particular, while with us in Ozamiz city. Well before your actual arrival, we scout out and canvass every location where your Tour group is scheduled to go, and make sure the peace & order situation there is stable and secure in every way. We have extensive contacts and friendly, working relationships with the Army and local police, so we are in constant touch with them on this issue of personal safety. They are always briefing us if there is anything going on that would be considered “dangerous”, and if so, we always adjust our travel plans accordingly to ensure the safety of all those in our care during these mission tours.
- Please do yourself a favor and ignore all the media “noise” about terrorism, terrorists, etc. in the Philippines. All they care about is making money, and scary headlines with inaccurate, incomplete and exaggerated commentary attract viewership or readership – which makes them money. 95% of the country is safe and peaceful – in fact in our opinion – safer than most places in the USA! As for the other 5% of the country, you’re going to be a long way away from those places, and beyond that, understand that we would never place you in harm’s way no matter where we go for the Lord’s work. Your safety is our top concern when praying and securing locations for our daily Tour group outreaches. Our own children and family relatives live in our compound headquarters, and we would never allow that if we felt they were in any danger. Bottom line – relax! God watches over us, and watches over you!

### **LAST SUMMER’S TOUR GROUP RESULTS: 2019**

#### **June Missions Tour: (3 members). June 18-28. (5 crusades).**

- Number of people reached with the gospel (adults & children): 624
- Number of people receiving salvation (adults & children): 541

- Number of people testifying to their healing after prayer: 209

**July Missions Tour: (21 members). July 16-26. (15 crusades).**

- Number of people reached with the gospel (adults & children): 3,227
- Number of people receiving salvation (adults & children): 2,857
- Number of people testifying to their healing after prayer: 752

**August Missions Tour: (21 members). August 13-23. (13 crusades).**

- Number of people reached with the gospel (adults & children): 2,331
- Number of people receiving salvation (adults & children): 1,837
- Number of people testifying to their healing after prayer: 1,025

**Total for all three summer Mission Tours:**

- Number of people reached with the gospel (adults & children): 6,182
- Number of people receiving salvation (adults & children): 5,235
- Number of people testifying to their healing after prayer: 1,986

These figures are actual – we have the names of each of these people. Plus, we know from experience there are always many others who attend these meetings and get saved and/or healed, but never give us their names before leaving. In short, only God knows how many more received Jesus as Lord and/or Healer in these meetings!

You can be a part of what God's uses us to do in 2020! Plan now to attend and partner with God and with us to win thousands to Jesus. The Philippines is waiting for you!

**GIVE US A PHOTO COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT**

When you send your total payment, or the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> installment payments (\$1,400), please provide a photo copy of your current USA passport as well. This is important for several reasons, in planning and preparing for your participation & travel.

**TUCSON OFFICE ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have any questions this info packet does not address, please feel free to call or contact our MKMI USA contact for answers:

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