Mike Keyes Ministries International

2027 Philippines Mission Tours

Information Packet

2 Tours in 2027:

TOUR #1: JULY MISSIONS TOUR. July 13-23, 2027.

- Tour Group leaves the USA on Tuesday, July 13.
- Tour Group returns to the USA on Friday, July 23.

TOUR #2: AUGUST MISSIONS TOUR. August 3-13, 2027.

- Tour Group leaves the USA on Tuesday, August 3.
- Tour Group returns to the USA on Friday, August 13.

GENERAL AIRLINE TRAVEL INFORMATION

- Exact departure and arrival times for each Tour will not be set until several months prior to departure. Contact our Tucson office for updated information when needed. Contact Information is found on the last page.

COST OF THE MISSIONS TOUR (same for both tours)

- **$3,895 US per single adult, or $7,400 US per married couple.** This amount will cover all of the Tour expenses to/from Ozamiz City, Philippines. This includes international airfare, hotel, food, local transportation and hosting expenses while in-country for the duration of the Tour. This amount is inclusive of all expenses to/from Ozamiz City FROM THE USA WEST COAST.
- **ADDITIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES**. Please note that any additional travel costs incurred to make the connecting international flights that leave the USA West Coast will be your responsibility to pay, such as airport hotel and dining accommodations. These expenses will be in addition to the Tour Group costs as outlined above. Our ministry's travel agent can assist with these things if needed.
- USA international departure airports will either be LAX (Los Angeles), or SFO (San Francisco).

- International departure airports from other countries will be determined as their itineraries are selected and secured.

- **IMPORTANT!** Parents bringing a minor or minors can work with MKMI to negotiate a lower overall Mission Tour cost for their family.

- **Deadlines for submission of payments:**

  - MKMI must receive payments for bank deposit no later than the payment schedule listed below.

  - Initial Deposit: **$1,500 US.** As of March 31, 2027, our travel agent has advised us that this will be the estimated cost of your international air-ticket from the USA West Coast. For airline booking purposes, this deposit amount must be in our hands no later than 90 days before departure. If you cannot pay the full amount of $3,895 on or before the initial deposit date, the air ticket portion of the overall tour cost must be paid by that time, so your seat on the airplane is bought and secured.

  - Here is the payment schedule for the July Tour:
    - Initial deposit: $1,500. Due on or before March 31, 2027.
    - Balance: $2,395. Due on or before July 1, 2027.

  - Here is the payment schedule for the August Tour:
    - Initial deposit: $1,500. Due on or before April 30, 2027.
    - Balance: $2,395. Due on or before July 23, 2027.

  - Deposits are non-refundable. They are needed for the many things needed to prepare for your arrival. We ask you to send at least this deposit amount to us as soon as possible if you're serious about going on either of these two tours.

  - **Important!** Your place on the Tour is not secured until the total amount as stipulated in these guidelines has been received by MKMI in Tucson, AZ.

  - **Important!** If you're having difficulty raising your funds on time for these deadlines, please don't despair! Call us and we'll do our best to work with you to make sure you're on the Tour of your choice!

WHERE SHOULD FULL PAYMENTS OR DEPOSITS BE SENT?

- All payments should be sent to Mike Keyes Ministries International.
- If by U.S. Mail, send to: Mike Keyes Ministries International, PO Box 91916, Tucson, AZ. 85752-1916

- If by private shipping (UPS overnight or FEDEX overnight), send it to Ethel Keyes, 4900 N. Desert Tortoise Place, Tucson, AZ 85745-9188. Tel: 520-331-9976.
- If by electronic bank deposit: send by ZELLE. Address: MIKE KEYES MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL. Email: ekeyes@mkmi.org
- If by international bank to bank wire transfers, contact Rev. Ethel Keyes for instructions.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- **AMERICAN TRAVELER.** Each Tour Group participant who is an American citizen 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! Don't wait!

- 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).

- Bring your USA Driver's License on the Tour as an additional picture I.D.

- **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 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 OUR MINISTRY TRAVEL AGENT IMMEDIATELY.

- **INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER.** Each Tour Group participant who is a citizen from another country besides the USA is responsible for researching the current entry requirements from your home to/from Ozamiz City, Philippines.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- Each Tour Group member MUST go online to register with the Philippines government BEFORE you leave home. This applies whether you are an American or an International Citizen from another country. You CANNOT enter the country without doing this BEFORE your arrival into the Philippines. You must have a smart cellphone to do this.

- This program is called **eTravel – Philippine One-Stop Electronic Travel Declaration System**. Here is the link to follow: http://etravel.gov.ph/

- When you go to this website, go to the FAQ tab at the top, so you can refer to FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS for additional information. Some key questions/answers:
    - You need an internet connection to register with eTravel.
    - You must have a cellphone so that you can download the required information after registration.
    - You can only register with their eTravel WITHIN 72 HOURS (3 days) before your arrival into the country.
    - You must download their eTravel QR CODE to your phone or print the QR code before closing and exiting the eTravel website. This is what they will scan that allows you entry into the country. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND PRINTING THE QR CODE as a back-up just in case there are problems with your phone upon arrival.

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 cards 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 and Personal 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.

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

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

    - For souvenir shopping, or for taking care of the unexpected, we suggest bringing at least an extra $700 US. You can always take your money 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. We suggest exchanging at least $500 US at our bank in Ozamiz City once you arrive. 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 Ozamiz, be advised the bank there will not 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 there 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 there for exchange.

    - To get the best exchange rate, bring $100 or $50 bills. Anything less gets a lower exchange rate from the bank.

    - **INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER.** If you are planning to exchange currencies from another country besides the USA, be sure to research this issue online before leaving home.

AMERICAN CITIZENS: TRAVEL TO USA WEST COAST IF REQUIRED

- **Each Tour Group member must book his or her own flights.**

    - Every Tour participant traveling from another airport or location is responsible for securing their flights to either LAX (Los Angeles) or SFO (San Francisco), where the larger West Coast group will assemble. We strongly recommend this be done as soon as possible to avoid any problems meeting up with the rest of the group.

    - If you fly in from another city, you must have a flight arrival time that is *at least 3 hours* before the Tour Group departs on the flight for the Philippines. If you can't get that kind of connection time from your home city, you will need to arrive the day before, and overnight at one of the many hotels next to the airport, so you can meet up with the group assembled at the airport in plenty of time for final briefing and group check-in. If there's any chance you'd miss a same-day connection for the international flight, we recommend that you arrive the day before. We don't want you to miss your Philippine flight!

    - Our ministry's travel agent can assist you in making these reservations at preferred rates.

- **Hotel bookings in Los Angeles or San Francisco**

    - Major hotels serving both airports are all within a few miles, and can be reached via their hotel airport shuttle services.

- **Assembly point inside the airport**

    - All Tour Group participants will assemble at a pre-determined location for group check-in. The specific time and location will be announced as the departure date draws closer. MKMI designated Group Leaders 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. Important! We ask you to wear the OFFICIAL TOUR GROUP t-shirt we sent to you, so our Group Leaders can locate you quickly.

- **Notify Tucson of your travel itinerary if you arrive from out-of-town**

    - If you travel to LAX or SFO airports from another airport or location, once you have secured your travel itinerary, we request you e-mail the itinerary to our Tucson office. If this applies to you, this must be

done no later than one month before date of USA departure. Our contact information is provided later in this packet.

- **Our Travel Agent is available to help**
    - If you need or would like our assistance in booking your travel itinerary, our ministry's travel agent is available to help. Her name and contact information are:
    - **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/
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INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS: TRAVEL FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

- **Each International Tour Group member is responsible for booking their own flights to OZAMIZ via MANILA.**
    - International Tour Group members are responsible for researching and complying with any requirements or guidelines from their home country for travel to the Philippines.
    - This is especially true if a minor or minors will join the Tour. Secure written parental permission from both parents if required.
    - At the present time, there are 2 airlines that serve Ozamiz from Manila. 1) Philippine Airlines and 2) Cebu Pacific Airlines. No matter which international carrier you use to reach Manila, you will have to stay at least one night in Manila before flying to Ozamiz City. Therefore, be sure your international flight into Manila gives you enough time to check in to a nearby hotel or Air BNB, so you can make your connecting flight to Ozamiz City the next day.
    - **IMPORTANT!** When booking your air itinerary, make sure your arrival into Ozamiz City is on the first day of the published Tour Group schedule. That means for the July Tour, you must arrive in Ozamiz on July 13 and leave on July 23. For the August Tour, you must arrive in Ozamiz on August 03 and leave on August 13.

- If you have family or friends in-country you want to visit while in the Philippines, those plans should be scheduled before the first day of the Tour, or after the last day of the Tour. Thank you for your understanding.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR LUGGAGE?

- Avoid bringing too many pieces of luggage. Pack efficiently and bring only what you need. For packing tips, a good rule of thumb I've used for over 46 years of international travel is this: *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. Please check with your air carrier of choice 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 or Cebu Pacific Airlines, or any other international carrier you 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.

- Whichever airline is used for the international portion of your itinerary, double-check their luggage policies and weight limits, not just for your flights to/from Manila, but also for the domestic flights from Manila to/from Ozamiz City. These will be the guidelines you should follow when packing for the trip. Policies 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!

- Philippine Airlines allows you to buy extra baggage allowance for their domestic flights to/from Ozamiz City. If you're using Cebu Pacific Airlines, check to see if they offer the same. If this is something you want to take advantage of, it is our recommendation to buy extra baggage allowances BEFORE you depart from home.
- You can purchase extra baggage allowance up to 40 kilos (88 pounds) per passenger on Philippine Airlines, but these rules can change, so check to be sure. For Cebu Pacific Airlines, their extra baggage allowances vary, so go to their website to determine what you want to do.

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 its 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 about locking your baggage upon check-in.

- **AMERICAN TRAVELERS**. 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 them.

- Once you begin your journey, never carry your cash, wallet or other valuables in your back pockets. Always keep your hands on your purse or clutch bag, 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: 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.

- When walking through congested areas during the Tour, keep your hands on your purse or clutch bag at all times. And unless you absolutely need to, we suggest you leave all your valuables and money with us inside our Compound for security before leaving each day to go out for ministry work. (More about this will be covered in the General Orientation meeting the first day after your arrival).

CAMERAS AND VIDEO CAMCORDERS

- We recommend bringing a good camera or camcorder to record and document your ministry outreach activity while on the Tour. In addition, the Tour will take you to some beautiful and scenic areas where you would enjoy taking pictures for your photo albums back home.

- If 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 using at least a 16GB memory card.

- Also, be sure to bring devices that have plenty of battery power, and a charger which you can use each day to re-charge your batteries.

- These days, most cell phones can take pictures and record video that's as good, or almost as good as digital cameras and camcorders. If your cell phone can 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 charged each day.

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 or devices (electric shaver, curling iron, blow dryer, battery charger, laptop computer, phone, etc.), be sure the unit is either dual voltage capable, or you have 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 about 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, think 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 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 is no health shots required for travel to the Philippines, and praise God, proof of COVID vaccination and the wearing of masks is no longer required for entry.

- Keep in mind the Philippines is found in the tropical climate zone and therefore is hot and humid all the time. We will provide 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.

- Bring a bottle of potent sunscreen, and plan on using it every day. The tropical sun is very strong and sun-sensitive people burn easily.

- Bring a bottle of insect and mosquito repellent as well. Our lodging quarters are sprayed consistently for mosquitoes and other pests, but when we go out for ministry work, repellent will be needed.

- 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 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.

- Due to the number of people participating in these Tours, we don't have enough air-conditioned rooms to offer everyone individually, 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, easy to pack, easy to clean.

- Short-sleeved 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 washed, dried and folded in commercial laundromats near the compound. Soiled clothing will be collected each morning, and returned by the end of the same day..

- Before leaving home, use a black permanent magic marker and put your name (or initials) on your clothing to clearly identify them, so what belongs to you won't be lost or misplaced. The back of the collar, or the hemline at the bottom are good places to do this.

- Dry cleaning is available but there's no need to bring such items. You won't need them here.

- Bring your bathing suit, as there will be time spent in beach areas for outreach, and we usually have a group beach or pool excursion at the end of your Tour before your departure for home.

- 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.

- Provide your preferred t-shirt size(s) as soon as you place your initial deposit. **Once we have received your full payment,** MKMI will furnish you with two t-shirts per person, that we will be wearing as our official "crusade uniform". 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 pack these t-shirts when packing up for the Tour!** Don't forget! And remember, you will need to wear one of them for the international check-in and group assembly at the LAX or SFO airport.

- T-shirts for international travelers will be delivered to you upon arrival in Ozamiz City.

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 in the Philippines. They know 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 many 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 we would never place you in harm's way no matter where we go for the Lord's work. <u>Your safety is our top concern when praying and securing locations for our daily Tour Group outreaches.</u>

PAST TOUR GROUP RESULTS

- **2016**, three Mission Tours conducted. The "official & confirmed" results:
  - Total number of salvations: 6,271
  - Total number of confirmed healings: 2,213

- **2017**, three Mission Tours conducted. The "official & confirmed" results:
  - Total number of salvations: 4,800
  - Total number of confirmed healings: 1,578

- **2018,** three Mission Tours conducted. The "official & confirmed" results:
  - Total number of salvations: 6,208
  - Total number of confirmed healings: 2,070

- **2019,** the last set of three Mission Tours conducted before COVID. The "official & confirmed" results:
  - Total number of people reached: 6,182
  - Total number of salvations: 5,235
  - Total number of confirmed healings: 1,986

- **2024,** the first set of two Mission Tours conducted after COVID. The "official & confirmed" results:
  - Total number of people reached: 1,890
  - Total number of salvations: 1,571
  - Total number of confirmed healings: 1,092

- **2025,** two Mission Tours conducted. The "official & confirmed" results:.
  - Total number of people reached: 2,467
  - Total number of salvations: 1,990
  - Total number of confirmed healings: 1,424

- **2026**, two Mission Tours conducted. The "official & confirmed" results:
  - Total number of people reached: 5,527
  - Total number of salvations: 4,735
  - Total number of confirmed healings: 2,524

- 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 does through us in 2027! Plan now to attend and partner with Him and with us to win thousands to Jesus. *The Philippines is waiting for you!*

AMERICAL CITIZENS: GIVE US A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR USA PASSPORT

- When you send your deposit or the total amount for your Tour of choice, please provide a photocopy of your current USA passport as well. This is important for several reasons.

35 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR EACH TOUR

- Space for each tour is limited. We can only accommodate up to 35 participants for each Tour. If you plan on going, we recommend sending in your funds as soon as possible.

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 Group coordinator for answers. She is:

  - **Rev. Ethel C. Keyes**
    - MKMI Mission Tour Coordinator
    - PO Box 91916. Tucson, AZ 85752-1916
    - Tel: (520) 743-8336 (office)
    - Tel: (520) 331-9976 (cell)
    - Fax: (520) 743-3132
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