



Module 8: Site-Specific Education ~ Jamaica

Jamaica

Contact information:

Site Supervisor (if applicable): Pastor Phyllis Smith-Seymour

Other local church contacts:

Other important local contacts:

Travel information:

Booking international flights: Arrive in Montego Bay

Internal travel: Taxi or rental bus

Any limitations on baggage or items to be carried: as per carrier

Visa information:

Type of visa required: n/a

Cost and process for obtaining visa:

Entry and exit requirements:

Hotel and housing information: Accommodations are provided at Camp Hope

Health concerns and requirements:

Required vaccinations: n/a

Recommended vaccinations and other preventive measures:

Clean water concerns:

Check the CDC website for most up to date information.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/> (fill in applicable country)

Socio-economic context:

Poverty issues: The communities around Camp Hope have a diversity of economic statuses, from abject poverty to vacation homes due to the proximity to the Caribbean Sea.

Demographics: Extended families live together

Local church information:

Provincial chair and / or board members: PEC President Paul Gardner

Information about the province or mission area

Brief description: Jamaican Moravians were established through the arrival of European missionaries.

History:

Worship style: Traditional with demonstrative elements

Theological issues: Primarily fundamental scripture based

General Daily Life Details:

Electric current and type of outlets used: No adapters necessary at camp

Currency / exchange:

Local currency: Jamaican dollars

Current rate of exchange: see currency change on internet

Best way to change money: bank

Recommended amounts of spending money and emergency cash: depends on whether the visitor will be purchasing souvenirs for self, family, and friends. This is a tourist area, which increases costs.

Climate concerns: months of June – September are very hot & humid

Appropriate dress:

Work: causal, lightweight, quick dry fabrics are helpful

Church:

Females: dresses or skirts that touch the knee, not spaghetti straps w/out a cover up, modesty

Males: khakis, nice shirt, tie optional but typical for locals

On the street or about town: modest, casual attire

Running, relaxing, around the house, etc.: shorts & t-shirts

Communication issues:

Phone contact: personal cell phones will not work unless you add to your plan or unlock & purchase a SIM card. Host can provide a phone w/minutes while in country

Internet: Not available at the camp

Food / dietary matters:

Normal daily meals and routine: local foods

Cautions: bring a water bottle to refill from bottled water, do not typically drink from tap but can brush teeth with the water

Snack items to bring along: there are plenty of snack foods provided

Basic conversation skills:

English is the main language

Patois is an indigenous language that is spoken but not written

Additional Notes:

-There are very few stores to purchase personal care items, bring what you need for the time frame you visit

-Speak w/the host prior to serving to access needs for the schools in order to bring appropriate supplies

-When filling out paperwork provided by the airlines prior to arrival state that your visit is for the purpose of seeing friends and/or family. Maintain the section of the document in a safe place w/your passport because you will need this upon departure

-TSA is strict on what goes out of Jamaica. Do not try to slip something by them, i.e. cigars or other restricted items. There is a strong likelihood you will be detained. Not worth it. Respect the rules for the good of the whole.