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Mission Trip proposed dates and plans for construction of the Literacy Center / Combined Sanctuary Building (date changes may need to be made based on ticket prices and availability)

Date: September 28 - October 16, 2009

Costs: Flights from Chicago or Cincinnati to Madang PNG are at this time approximately \$3000 round trip. Food in the village and town will be provided by OIPNG. Housing will also be provided unless the group wishes to stay in the Madang Resort while in town and then the individual will assume those costs. Rooms at the resort are usually given at 50% for missionaries, average cost of about \$85 a night.

Agenda: Total length of trip is approximately 3 weeks. After your arrival in Madang we plan to stay a night or two in town before your little hopper flight in a 206 to the village. (This is an MAF, Mission Aviation Fellowship, flight; we will arrange this). The plane is a 6-seater; just be aware it is small, but a good flight of about 1 hour over the mountains and jungles to the village of Samban. There is also a possibility that we could get a bigger plane call the Twin Otter, but depends on size and availability. You will spend 2 weeks in the village working on the construction of the Literacy Center/Combined Sanctuary. When the 2 weeks are up we will go to town for 2-4 day of RR and seeing the sights of Madang, swimming, snorkeling, etc.

Living arrangements in the village: We have our house which has indoor plumbing and toilet and shower facilities and the clinic which has an extra bedroom that could sleep 4–5; it does not currently have indoor plumbing and only has a bucket toilet (you have to take it outside and empty into a pit.) and there is a bucket shower. But we hope to have the water into the clinic by that time. We have a gas stove for cooking and a solar freezer for food storage.

Things you should know about PNG: It is hot – 85+ everyday, and very humid. We are 4 feet about sea level. Depending upon the season we may have excess water or we may be rationing water. We will likely be rationing at that time of year. We are known

for mosquitoes which can carry malaria. You can check with your doctor to prescribe anti-malarial medicine which might help you not to experience that fun illness. Culturally women do not approach men to talk in public; there is NO PDA (public display of affection) – the only exception to this rule is with small children 5 and under and elderly. Women dress modestly. I would recommend skirts or very, very baggy coolats that are mid-calf length. I wear men's athletic shorts that are under the knee. The clothing requirements are more enforced among younger girls (unwed). Older married women with children are usually free to wear skirts/shorts at the knee as long as it is baggy. Wear one-piece swimsuits preferably with long shorts covering the suit even in town.

Before you go, we will need to know basic medical information. Anything that might be pertinent such as pre-existing problems, heart or respiratory conditions, any medications our clinic would need to have as precaution, any allergies food or medical. We do have a trained nurse in the village but she has about a CNA level of training. We would also need an emergency contact number and name.

Souvenirs: The market goods are priced fairly reasonably; baskets from about \$20-40 dollars each, t-shirts and ladies dress from about \$5-15, carvings start around \$15 and go to about \$40. Other item: If team members are interested in getting their scuba divers card, it is a 3-day course about \$200. We would need to know that in advance.

Disclaimer: By traveling to the village you realize you are taking a number of abnormal risks. There are not medications or treatments available for all the risks you might encounter. Realize we will not put you in any position in which you feel uncomfortable and if at any time you wish to return to town that can be arranged. We strongly recommend a visit to a doctor before you leave just to check up on any suggested precautions. Your biggest risk in PNG will be heat exhaustion and dehydration. When we take break in PNG please enjoy the rest. We want to send you home in one piece!

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^{*}We do have purified filtered water available in the village.

^{*}We have email in the village, but no internet, and we have a satellite phone for emergencies only.