

Nehemiah Team 2020

Homeschool Teacher Packing List



Clarify all question with your field supervisor!!!

Clothing (this is just a guideline not mandate)

- A pair of easy on/easy off comfortable slip on/of sandal/flip flops...and a pair of comfortable tennis shoe I used chaco & an old cross training tennis shoes for everything but up to you.
- 1-2 pair of breathable, wicking, or dry fit pants (Columbia, Academy of brand) or other pants (quick dry are good its hot and wet)
- 2 pair shorts light weight (inside use)
- 3-5 T-shirts (Don't bring anything that has the name of a church on it.)
- 1-2-Blouse/dress shirts below knee (remember the heat) with at least 3/4 length sleeves for women and shoulders covered
- Conservative pajamas or sleep shorts (your restroom may be outside your house)
- Bathing suit (one piece or tankini for girls)
- For girls, a dark t-shirt and conservative shorts to go over your bathing suit
- Hat or polarized sunglasses, neckbuff (the tube thing that covers your neck and face in the sun)
- Underwear/socks/sports bra

General guidelines for clothing (This may be more help than the clothing section above)

- PUBLIC
 - Outside the house "in public" teams members will generally wear long pants, long dresses, & t-shirts or long sleeve shirts. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted in public (This includes tank tops).
 - Modest shorts can be worn in your home, working out, or at the beach.
 - Tight fitting pants/shorts/skirts are NOT permitted. NO short skirts everything below the knee unless covered by other clothing. (Examples: tight leggings/pants with hips, butt, and crouch covered by a long loser shirt, or tight shirt with chest covered by a shawl/scarf.)
 - Clothes exposing the midriff, cleavage, shoulder, back or thigh are not permitted in public.
- Private
 - The Idea is..."Inside = private" so be comfortable, shorts and comfortable clothes for teaching you will be inside and its hot. Also, sometimes in your homestay you may not be the only guest so be comfortable but conservative and maybe have to go back to public dress code), hostel or hotel where there are community rooms with mixed gender,
- Female team members should wear dark colored clothing when bathing or swimming with nationals.
- 5 pairs of pants/dresses, your inhouse clothing, and 7 shirts/blouse should be sufficient for everyday clothing.

General guidelines for clothing: if in doubt contact your field supervisor.

Other Important Items

- Your team will be issued a backpack by Nehemiah Teams which will be your checked piece of luggage. You will want to have a smaller backpack that can be used for 2-3 day trips. This can also be your carry on during travel.
- If you are required to bring specific equipment or asked to bring personal items for supervisor, these can be packed in a 2nd piece of checked luggage. Good idea to pack these as a team after arriving at orientation.
- Sea bands or Dramamine (for seasickness, some medication also available here)
- Flashlight/Headlamp (good batteries available here)

- Camera (optional: you won't have your personal phone to use for camera)
- Nalgene bottle, canteen or other water bottle.
- Pepto bismol tablets/Ibuprofen/Aspirin/Prescription medications (if you take them)
- Tampons, if you use them (hard to find here, but pads are readily available)
- Backpack or "beach bag"
- Hammock (optional: if you like those and have one)
- Wash cloth & Bath Towel (may prefer a gym or camping towel that is lighter weight and dries faster than regular towel)
- Bible/Devotional materials/Journal
- 2 photocopies of passport picture page (kept somewhere other than with passport, like in your checked luggage)
- Bug repellent (just get a small bottle, b/c you can get more here. If you are allergic to DEET, then bring your own.)
- Wet wipes (optional: can also buy here)
- Sunscreen – you're on the equator – you're going to need this.
- Soap/Shampoo/Shower gel/Lotion/Deodorant/Toothpaste (optional; can buy here)
- Pictures of your family to show others here
- List of important phone numbers/e-mail addresses
- Bring your required field money in crisp \$100 or \$50 bills (if bringing cash)
- \$200.00 optional spending money or ATM card to access spending money
- 1 set single bed sheets to sleep on with a sleeping mat, or a sleeping bag. Sleeping bags are usually too hot, you might be moving from place to place every week
- Toiletries, Hand sanitizer (optional: can also buy here)

Money

- At least \$200.00 US dollars cash...crisp \$100 bills. Must be 2005 or earlier.
- ATM card to access remaining field budget and spending money. Call your bank and let them know where you will be so they will not freeze your account.

Orientation/debrief items

- Bedding during orientation/debrief: self-inflating sleeping pad or foam pad, sheet/lightweight blanket, small pillow (no electricity on site for blowing up air mattresses)
- Outdoor bathing stations: All students will need dark colored shorts & shirts to wear while bathing. Flip-flops recommended.
- All students need a towel for bathing.
- Personal water bottle (recommended 1 qt capacity)
- Headlamp/flashlight
- Watch w/ alarm or battery-operated alarm clock
- Rainjacket/poncho or umbrella
- Handheld mirror
- Mosquito repellent w/ DEET
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper (2 rolls) or disposable wipes

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOME-SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED IN MALAYSIA

TEACHING: We are looking for someone to teach our daughters in pre-k, 1st, 3rd and 4rd grade (5, 7, 9, 10yrs old). We are using up-words reading and Singapore math curriculum, which is quite easy to teach. Each subject hour has a clear lesson plan and gives each student lots of one-on one reading development work. Although each lesson is already prepared, you will need a working knowledge of the material and about 1-2 hours of prep weekly when you are on site. Teaching would begin in soon after you arrive and finish before your departure early August2018. The teaching hours would be approximately 4-5 hrs a day. (usually 9:00 am -12:00pm, and 1:00pm to 3:00pm as needed. Of course there are also days off and short excursions between.

LOCATION: We are situated in the small coastal city on the east coast of the Malaysian peninsula. It is surrounded by many small villages and is a relatively conservative Muslim area. The language spoken is Bahasa Malayu but it is possible to function in English.

LIVING: the teacher will be treated as family (Auntie) and will be living in local guest house within the city. This room would serve as your private living space and you will be working in a classroom in our home during the day. For local transport and daily life teacher would be welcome and free, but not obligated, to join our family in our local excursions, shopping, leisure, and errands or would be free to explore on your own as you feel comfortable. When exploring on your own, the teacher could use local transport (grab car or bicycle) as needed to access most places.

BUDGET: (NT TEAMS FOLLOW NT FUND RAISING GUIDELINES)

WHAT A TEACHER CAN EXPECT OF US: The teacher can expect that we will help him/her settle in, get adjusted, and make connections/introductions as appropriate...but they are also expected to take initiative. We will try to offer the security/care of living under our shepherding while giving them the freedom to live independently. They will be accepted as part of the team and invited to our weekly worship meetings, strategy meetings, fun times, retreats that we have as a team. They would be welcomed and encouraged to join us in ministry as much as they like but it is not required of them. A teacher can expect that we will be responsible to see that our girls will treat them with respect and honor.

WHAT WE EXPECT OF A TEACHER: We expect that the teacher would be a good role model for the girls and take their teaching role fairly serious. They would also be expected to live by biblical values, do their best to live and dress appropriately in the Malay culture, and be a positive reflection for the Kingdom. We expect they will free us up from the responsibility of home-schooling so we can invest that time/energy more directly in our ministry. They are not expected to take the full responsibility of a team-member but we do hope they will be interested in learning some language and developing local relationships. We realize that this is quite a commitment for anyone to make...so they need to know that this is something God wants them to do. It is an opportunity to see what life is like on the field, and directly work with people living on the field. We look forward to talking with you more and see yo over here soon if all parties are in agreement.