

## **Nehemiah Teams 2026 Tropical Traveler Packing List**



Most of the people you will be interacting with wear pants every day. Shorts are acceptable when at home, exercising, or swimming.

### **Clothing**

- 2-3 pairs of pants/capris/long skirts, lightweight are recommended. One pair of black pants
- 2-3 pairs of shorts
- 4 t-shirts
- 2-3 polo/collared shirts – can wear when leading a training at church or teaching English.
- Weeks supply of underwear, socks
- sleep clothes
- modest swimsuit or t-shirt and shorts for swimming (Muslims here swim in clothes)
- knee length shorts for traveling, day off, & around the house
- Flip flops or comfortable easy on/off shoes/sandals because most take off sandals in the house
- 1 pair of shoes for sports
- Hat
- Lightweight rain jacket
- Cross shirts/jewelry will not be helpful here.

### **Personal Toiletries and Basic First Aid**

- prescription medicines.
- Sunscreen
- Meds for upset stomach
- Top/flat Sheet
- 2 sets of towels (bath, hand and washcloth. Quick dry can be helpful too)
- Deodorant (not all U.S. brands are available here)
- Toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotions, etc can be purchased here. (If you prefer a certain brand, you may choose to bring enough for the summer)
- Insect repellent, bug spray

### **Other Items**

- Bible/journal
- Bring \$35 cash USD exact change for visa on arrival
- ATM card to access spending money
- Camera (optional)
- pictures of family & friends to show
- "Oleh-Oleh" small gifts to give away. The people will be very touched and feel loved with just a small, inexpensive gift. Candy like starburst, or key chains, memorabilia like ball cap from your school/city, etc. are enough. A t-shirt from your state or university or something from Lifeway will be a nice gesture to give to the national partners/translators you will work with
- personal water bottle – MUST stay hydrated (at least 1 qt)
- Small flashlight or headlamp for when the power goes out
- travel pillow (optional)

### **Orientation/debrief items**

- Bedding during orientation/debrief: self-inflating sleeping pad or foam pad, sheet, lightweight blanket/sleeping bag, 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.
- 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
- Toilet paper (2 rolls) or disposable wipes

### **Carry On & Checked Luggage**

- Be sure to pack what you would need to survive for a few days in your carry on in case your luggage is delayed. Use a backpack as a carry-on as this will be helpful during your time for day trips.
- Nehemiah Teams will issue a backpack/duffle bag to use as your checked piece of luggage. The size of the bag is 4300 cubic inches or 70 liters. The cost for using this bag is included in your field expense. Upon arrival at orientation, you will re-pack your belongings into this bag. There will be a place to leave your bag over the summer. If you can't get it all in that... then you've got too much! Laundry facilities will be available in the housing and hand washing is another option.
- Leave extra room in your suitcase for souvenirs, especially if you are a coffee or tea lover.

**Important Documents and Money** – Passport, credit card, ATM card, and shopping money. ATMs are easily accessible. Check with bank about possible fees. If you prefer you can bring cash in crisp \$100 or \$50 bills. We can keep your money for you in a locked safe.

Additional photo ID other than passport (drivers license/student ID/etc). Make a photocopy of your passport to put in your checked baggage.

### **Foodstuff:**

- Many new exciting foods and spices await you. Depending on your stomach, you may see yourself spending extra time in the inner sanctum. May want to bring filling snacks like granola bars to hold you over.
- Only bring what you can't live without. Indonesia is a land full of culinary delights and food is available at all times of the day. If you have any specific questions don't hesitate to ask.

**Most important is to bring a teachable, servant spirit. Do not forget this in America. Other temporary items are available here if you forget something but your attitude is the most important. (Phil 2:5)**