

# MAN-SASUK CONFERENCE MISSION TRIP APPLICATION 2013



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MARCH 24- APRIL 2, 2013



### THE PROJECT:

We will be working at an Adventist school in Belize. This year we will begin work on a new school about 4 miles from the one we worked on over the last two years. The school is meeting in a community center as they have no building of their own. The Belize Conference is presently purchasing land for the school, and we will be working on a building for them. In addition, we will be involved in radio broadcasting each night on the Christian Radio station.

It will be wonderful to bless the school with a building but the participants themselves will receive some benefits. First and foremost, it will be an opportunity to be a set of helping hands doing a job for Christ. This trip will also present the experience of serving others and learning about a new country and culture. Our participants will witness firsthand the impact of their actions, and how their blessing will benefit young people like them for years to come.

**The date of the trip is March 24– April 2, 2013.**

### PARTICIPANTS:

We are looking for youth, young adults, and those who are young at heart, to participate. Participants must be at least 16 years of age or older. The maximum number of people that can be accommodated on this trip is 25. In determining eligibility to participate in this project, we will be looking at the following:

- 1) Commitment to Service
- 2) Recommendation of a Pastor
- 3) Commitment to the project as indicated by fund raising for the project

People interested in participating in the trip will recognize that when the expenses for the trip are totaled and divided by the number of participants, the average per person cost is \$1,850.00. Each participant will want to do his or her best to raise funds that will enable those costs to be covered. It is essential that each deadline be met as plane tickets must be purchased and funds to purchase materials for construction must be sent to Belize prior to our arrival. Therefore, if you are interested in participating in the trip, you will need to ensure that you meet the following deadlines:

#### **DEADLINE 1      December 7, 2012**

Your application form, along with a recommendation form from your Pastor or Spiritual Leader and an initial \$500.00 raised towards the project must be received by Pastor Richard Williams at the:

**Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.  
1004 Victoria Avenue  
Saskatoon, SK  
S7N 0Z8**

#### **DEADLINE #2      January 11, 2013**

Those wishing to participate in this project will have ensured that a total of \$1,100.00 has been sent to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference as well as a **copy of the front page of their passport.**

#### **DEADLINE #3      February 5, 2013**

On this date the airline tickets must be purchased. Those wishing to participate in this project



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will have ensured that a total of \$1,850.00 has been sent to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

### APPLICATION FORMS:

The application form attached gives vital information that is necessary when booking plane tickets, making hotel reservations, as well as important contact information. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that every participant complete an application form fully. Please fill it out carefully and accurately, spelling names properly, etc.

### COMMUNICATION:

The simplest and easiest method of communication is via the internet. Please ensure that the e-mail address you provide on your application form is clearly legible and checked on a regular basis. If you do not have access to the internet – please consider finding someone that is willing to receive the information and pass it on to you, or provide a fax number that information can be sent to.

### PARTICIPANT'S RECOMMENDATION FORMS:

Attached, you will find a recommendation form. We would like to hear from the people that surround you that you are interested in being a part of this trip. We want to ensure that your church is aware of your plans to travel to Belize, and want to know that others believe you will make a positive contribution to our group. So we have a form for you to pass along to your pastor or spiritual leader.

You need to place your name in the blank at the top of the form and then pass it along to the person that will be giving you a recommendation. It is also proper etiquette for you to give him/her a stamped envelope so that the form can be mailed to the Man-Sask Conference. They should not be returning that form to you – they need to feel no pressure that you will be seeing that form. And you will demonstrate your interest in their returning the form if you provide a stamp to make it convenient for them.

### TRAVEL PLANS:

Travel plans must be flexible, depending on airlines schedules. Current plans are for participants to meet in Calgary on March 24, and to leave from the **Calgary** airport early on the morning of March 25, 2013. The return flights are booked to arrive back in Calgary April 2, late in the evening. A place to stay will be provided if needed before and after flights to assist your travels.

### PASSPORTS:

Each participant **MUST** have a valid passport to travel to Belize. It is important that you apply for one, if you haven't already, early in order to get it in time. Your passport should not expire for 6 months after we leave. Traveling with a birth certificate and other picture identification is **NOT** acceptable for Belize.

### STATUTORY DECLARATION:

Only participants **under the age of 18** are required to make an appointment with someone who is a **NOTARY PUBLIC** to fill out and sign a Statutory Declaration, giving permission for a child to participate in traveling to Belize and being part of a mission team. The form will be sent to any attendees under 18. Notary Public officers can be found in a lawyer's office.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Volunteers traveling to serve overseas will receive travel insurance through Adventist Risk Management and the Conference office will get this for you. The cost for this insurance is included in the amount that needs to be fundraised.

**REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH CANADA'S MEDICINE PROGRAM:**

Requirements for immunization change periodically. **The recommended procedure for travel outside of the country is for you to schedule an appointment with the Public Health Nurse in your community.** She/he will be able to provide you with all of the current information and recommendations and can provide you with the prescriptions necessary to fulfill the requirements. There is a charge associated with this visit; those costs must be covered by the individual participant. You will need to make those arrangements soon – very often the clinic is booked up well in advance.

Health Canada maintains a website that enables travelers abroad to obtain information regarding travel abroad. Further information can be obtained by visiting that website: [www.TravelHealth.gc.ca](http://www.TravelHealth.gc.ca) The following is a quotation from that website. You need to visit a health clinic that will enable you to understand the immunizations that you need in order to visit the country of Belize.

If you are planning to travel outside of Canada, you may require immunizations, depending on your travel destination, the length of your stay and whether or not your routine immunizations are up-to-date. Since it can take several weeks for an immunization to protect you against a disease, you should consult a travel health clinic or your family physician 2 to 3 months before your trip in order to allow enough time for the vaccines or immunizing agent to take effect.

The actual immunizations you may require will vary according to your age, health, and any pre-existing medical conditions, as well as the nature of your travel, whether you will be staying in city hotels or traveling in remote rural areas. A travel health clinic or family physician should assess your individual circumstances and provide any vaccines that may be required for your trip. This is especially important if you plan to travel with infants or young children. Specific changes to the routine childhood immunization schedule, as well as additional vaccines that may be recommended for infants and young children who travel are outlined in the Canadian Immunization Guide, Sixth Edition, 2002.

**MONEY:**

It is easiest for the entire group if you travel in Belize with either **Belize currency or US dollars.** I like to travel with a bit of both. Changing money in the parts of Belize that we will be visiting will be difficult and **Canadian money will be next to impossible to use there.** You will need to bring some money for food, as we will try to go to the beach one day and meals will be your responsibility. We will also try to provide time to shop for souvenirs.

**FUND RAISING METHODS:**

Please remember that if you really feel that God can use you to meet the needs of our friends in Belize that He will enable you to raise money so the trip can take place. You may want to use some of the following ideas that have worked for others that have gone on similar trips:

1. Contact your Pastor and ask him for the assistance of your church in this project.  
This might include:



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- a. A special announcement made during the church service
  - b. A special afternoon program where you collect an offering
  - c. A donation that may come from the church through the church board
  - d. Opportunities for you and others from your church to conduct a fund raising event.
2. Join together with all participants from your church and organize a special fund raising event such as a meal (friends could donate the food and assist you with preparations).
  3. Photocopy several copies of the fundraising letter attached below. Then mail or give the enclosed donor information document to potential donors. Please read the document carefully so that all donations follow this process. This method works really great. You might want to personalize your letters.
  4. Donors will be returning all funds to you for you to forward to the Man-Sask Conference. This will enable you to have an accurate record keeping of the funds you have raised. Ensure that you are meeting the guidelines of fund raising as indicated further down in this document.

**PACKING INFORMATION:**

It is extremely important as you prepare to travel to Belize, that visiting another culture as a part of a mission trip requires a willingness to adapt to the culture of the country being visited. The people of Belize are conservative in nature, and we will want to ensure that we leave Belize having provided help to the people, not offending them. It is also best if you leave your jewelry at home as it will make you appear to be rich and might attract unwanted company.

**WORK CLOTHES:**

You will want to ensure that you have plenty of appropriate clothing for work purposes. Clothing to be washed is likely to be washed by hand and hung to dry. As a result you will want to bring lighter kinds of clothing that dry easier – denim does not dry easily! When working, you will need to wear shoes or work boots rather than sandals!! In addition, some jobs will be more pleasant if you have longer sleeves, and pants to wear. Work gloves will be needed as we will be working mostly with cement blocks.

**SABBATH CLOTHES:**

Generally, most countries tend to really dress up for Church, often much dressier than we do here. It will be important for girls to have modest dresses and for guys to be prepared to wear dress pants, a dress shirt, and a tie.

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**After the December 7 application deadline, I will be sending you an INFORMATION PACK, giving you more detail of all aspects of the trip, including packing lists, etc.**



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# BELIZE MISSION TRIP

## MARCH 24 - APRIL 2, 2013

### APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name as it appears, or will appear, **on your passport**)

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*(if you currently do not have an e-mail address please provide the address of someone that would be willing to pass information along to you – this is the best means of communication in preparation for a trip like this)*

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yr) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial Health Insurance Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Notify in case of emergency:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions of leadership you have held in church or school activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Previous outreach activities you have been involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What size of T-Shirt would you like us to order for you? \_\_\_\_\_

What Languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any food, or other allergies or medical conditions that we should be aware of?

Yes  No If yes, please describe:

By signing this application form, I hereby indicate my desire to participate in this mission trip to Belize. I agree to support and uphold the guidelines and direction given by the coordinators of this project, and pledge to do my best to make this an enjoyable and successful trip for all involved.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*(required for all applicants under the age of 18)*

RETURN THIS APPLICATION FORM, TO:

**Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of SDA  
Youth Mission Outing  
1004 Victoria Avenue  
Saskatoon, SK  
S7N 0Z8**

**INCLUDE \$500 TRIP DEPOSIT**



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### YOUTH MISSION OUTING RECOMMENDATION FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ is making application to take part in a short term mission trip to the country of Belize in March of 2013. Your honest appraisal will assist the Man-Sask Conference in evaluating participants. Please fill in this form and return it to Richard Williams at:

Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of SDA  
Youth Mission Outing  
1004 Victoria Avenue  
Saskatoon, SK  
S7N 0Z8

Richard Williams

email: [rwilliams@mansask.org](mailto:rwilliams@mansask.org)

Fax: 306-244-0032

Directions: Please circle the option that best describes the applicant.

| Characteristics:               | Options:                                   |                                    |                        |                                     |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                |  |                                    |                        |                                     |
| 1. Health                      | Weak, often incapacitated                  | Low vitality                       | Good, Average health   | Vigorous health                     |
| 2. Personal Appearance         | Undesirable                                | Careless                           | Neat, Clean            | Well Groomed                        |
| 3. Influence upon Associates   | Detrimental                                | Passive                            | Helpful                | Strong influence for Good           |
| 4. Integrity                   | Frequently dishonest; steals and/or cheats | Questionable at times              | Basically honest       | Consistently trustworthy and honest |
| 5. Friendships                 | No standards of choice                     | Careless in choice                 | Usually discriminates  | Chooses friends with high standards |
| 6. Social Relationships        | Disliked                                   | Small circle of friends            | Generally well liked   | Exceptionally                       |
| 7. Judgment                    | Poor sense of values                       | Jumps to conclusions               | Uses good common sense | Uses very good judgment             |
| 8. Reliability trustworthiness | Often irresponsible                        | Must be supervised                 | Dependable             | Conscientious and reliable          |
| 9. Industry                    | Lazy                                       | 'gets by'                          | Works well             | ambitious                           |
| 10. Cooperation                | Self-centered                              | Cooperates at times                | Cooperative            | Always tries to please              |
| 11. Emotional Stability        | Tense, excitable, often loses control      | Occasionally over-emotional, moody | Fairly well balanced   | Self-controlled, serene, happy      |
| 12. Spiritual Interest         | Negative                                   | Passive                            | Participates           | Active, leader                      |
| 13. Intellectual ability       | Below average                              | Average                            | Above average          | Superior                            |

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

in what relationship? \_\_\_\_\_



### RECOMMENDATION FORM (page 2/2)

To your knowledge, has the applicant used any of the following in the past year:

Alcoholic Beverage      Yes      No      Unsure

Tobacco      Yes      No      Unsure

Illegal Drugs      Yes      No      Unsure

Please note any disciplinary action, censure, suspension, expulsion, arrest or probation:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would:

Highly recommended

Recommended

Not Recommended

... this applicant to participate in this mission trip.

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Position \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Dear

I am going to participate in a mission trip to Belize in March, 2013. This is a trip that is sponsored by the Manitoba Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Along with others, I will be working on a project that will provide a classroom(s) to a local school in Belize.

The only way that I will be able to participate in this project, and for this project to be completed, is if I do my part by asking friends and relatives to help financially. I'm wondering if you'd be able to help. My contribution goal is \$1,850.00 and it is anticipated that I will have the bulk of these funds raised by January 11, 2013. Please look at the guidelines below for contributions.

It would be greatly appreciated by me, as well as the children at the school, if you could help.

Thank-you, and God bless you.

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**CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES:**

Because of Revenue Canada regulations of nonprofit organizations, cheques made payable to individuals are not tax deductible. Therefore, please do not make cheques payable to a participant OR put their name on the cheque.

Receipts will be mailed to the address below.

**Instructions:**

- 1. If you want a tax-deduction receipt, **make cheque payable to Man-Sask Conference of S.D.A.**

**DO NOT MAKE CHECKES PAYABLE TO THE INDIVIDUAL  
DO NOT PUT THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME ANYWHERE ON THE CHECK**

- 2. Complete the form below. Mail cheque and form directly to participant. (they will get it to us)

..... **Cut here - mail with check to mission trip participant.** .....

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt will be issued to person named below:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission trip  
Participant's Name:**