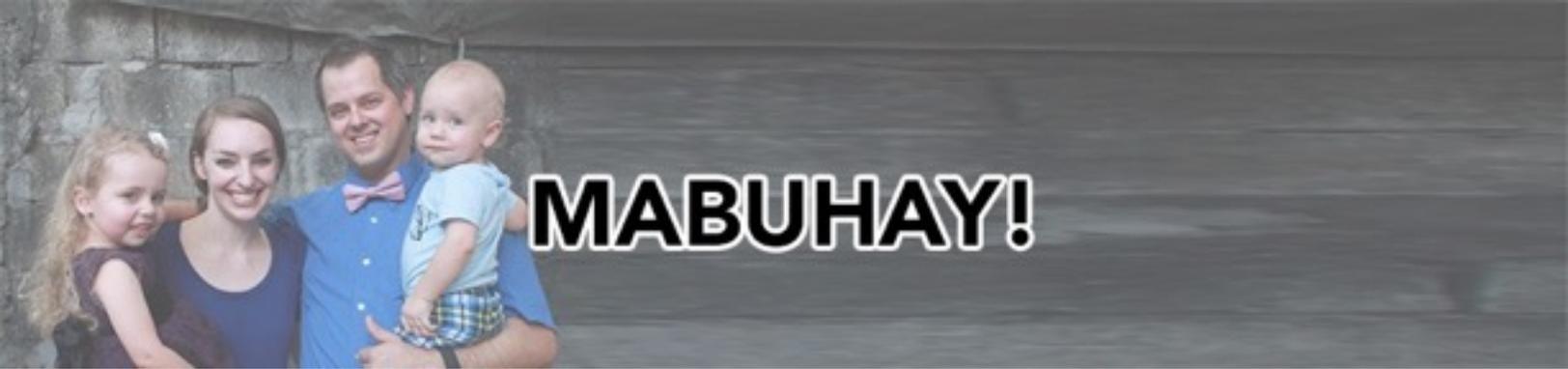


A group of seven children and one woman are posing in front of a light-colored stone wall. The wall features three decorative square openings with a floral pattern. The woman on the left is holding a young child. The children are dressed in casual clothing, and some are making peace signs. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

# MISSIONS TRIP PLANNER PHILIPPINES

**MISSIONARIES MARK & SARAH BROWN**



Mabuhay and Welcome!

It is great that you have interest to bring a team because we love teams! We have had a number of teams and individuals over the 10 years we have been missionaries and have a set network of relationships and experience to help make your trip the best and seamless as possible.

Our heart in having teams is not only to see how your team can help us, but also how we can help those on your team who are praying about what God may have planned for their life, be it in missions or ministry or even how they can still make a difference as business professionals. We provide your team with a Daily Devotional to help reflect on your time and its practical application to how your life is making an impact for the Kingdom. It will help your team members to process what they are experiencing and to what God is doing within them as well.

**Ask us whatever questions may come to mind. Skype us, Facebook us, we are here to help you!**

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\*if calling within the Philippines remove the (011-63) and just put (0) before the area code.

\* Also note that if calling from the States, we are 15/16 hours AHEAD of you! 😊

## STEP 1 : REGISTER YOUR TEAM

Because we are missionaries appointed by the Assemblies of God (USA) there are certain pre-trip forms and approval that need to be completed prior to your team coming.

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
Register your team	Insurance Payment	Submit Forms	Wait for Approval
<a href="http://wideopenmissions.org/go-short-term/teams">http://wideopenmissions.org/go-short-term/teams</a>	Can be made online for the group using debit/credit card.	- Assumption of Risk - Code of Conduct - Guardianship	
Simone Parks <a href="mailto:sparks@ag.org">sparks@ag.org</a>			

# MINISTRY BACKGROUND

## Ministry Summary

The heart of our ministry is the evangelism of the lost to Jesus Christ. We have around 500 kids attending any one of our 9 services in five different locations. 5 kids services, 3 youth and 1 adult service. During the week we make a personal visit to the children while they are on the street and at their homes. As the kids grow in their relationship with Jesus, some may feel a call to the ministry, we have sponsored some to attend Bible College and some of our young people have now become pastors with the Philippine Assemblies of God.

Our team of 6 staff and about 50 volunteers were once kids who themselves were reached through MK.

## How We Started

Mabuhay Kids began in September 2006 with only leadership training and Bible study with some local Christians on Wednesday nights. Then on Thursdays, they would practice what was taught in those leadership lessons. *After several weeks of our practice days it became evident that God was doing something bigger than we had imagined.* The practice of ministry to children developed into having weekly CHURCH services for them. In December 2006, only 3 months later, he had to start having 2 services for the kids because they could not contain them all in one service.

We are now in five separate locations of the slum having 9 services a week!



## Leadership

Since 2006, Mark and Sarah Brown are Career Missionaries sent from the Assemblies of God, USA and are also affiliated as Associate Missionaries with the Australian Christian Churches (AoG Australia).

God has blessed them with an incredible team who all have a passion for what God has given us to do. Each person has different strengths and talents that bring a uniqueness to the team. When the kids know we love them and see how God loves them, they can feel it and they want to become a part of it!

### Our Mission

To be Christ's Ambassador being used in whatever capacity he desires so that Filipino's will come to know Him.

### Our Vision

To be a leading model that trains, equips and empowers Filipino's to effectively reach their people for Christ Jesus.

### Our Strategy

Preach Christ  
Reach Kids  
Train Leaders  
Serve the Forgotten

# — MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES —



# BUDGET

## DAILY BUDGET

We understand the importance to keep the costs of a trip low as we live overseas and always deal with changing economies. With the budget provided, we have done our best to give you the framework you need to best prepare financially for this trip.

**INCLUDED** in this Daily Budget: **Housing\***, **Food**, **Transportation**, **Insurance**, and **Ministry expenses**.

Team Size	Daily Budget Per Person
4-6	\$125
7-9	\$115
10-14	\$100
15+	\$85

\*Housing: Our budget covers a basic use (sleeping hours) of air-conditioning use. However if used in excess (leaving it on all day while gone), you will be charged \$5 per hour to cover the high rates of daytime electricity use.

If the team size changes, the team still needs to come with the full budget. Example: 11 people were planned to come, so the cost is \$100 per person. However two people dropped out, so the team needs to plan to pay the amount for that size of team of \$115 per person per day.

**A church or sponsor may help reduce the cost to \$60 per day PER individual if they may cover the ministry contribution for the team which is \$4,000.**

## Deposit within 90 days

We need a \$2,000 non-refundable deposit for the team within 90 days prior to arrival to secure in advance the Outreach Materials, Food, Housing and Transport. These funds can be deposited to our Assemblies of God World Missions account #293822.

## AGWM Receipt

You will be issued a temporary AGWM-US Receipt for all funds received and any balance remaining at the end of the trip will be deposited to our AGWM ministry account.

## Emergency Funds

When someone gets sick, every expense needs to be paid cash up front. When the person returns to the USA, the insurance will reimburse the individual for the portion as outlined in their plan. For this reason we highly recommend you have access (cash/cards) to 'Emergency Funds' as part of your budget.

## Personal Funds + Fun Day Funds

We recommend that each person have about \$200 for personal expenses (Gatorade, Souvineers, etc.) The "Fun Day" amount depends upon which activities you choose and if your trip duration allows.



# WHEN TO COME

**How Long to Stay:** We recommend that a team come from 12-14 days IN COUNTRY, although shorter or longer are also possible.

- a. The main reason we recommend a 12 day and or a two-week minimum is because of the travel time it takes to get here. *We are just across the International Dateline.* What this means is that even though your direct flight is only 13 hours (via Philippine Air), it advances to the next day. For example: Your flight leaves at 10PM Tuesday night. Following 13 hours, one would think that you arrive at 12 Noon on Wednesday the next day, but this is not the case. You actually arrive at 4AM on Thursday!
- b. Visas are not necessary since you are staying shorter than 30 days. The only thing Philippine Immigration will want to see is that you have an ongoing ticket out of here within the 30 days from entry.

**When to Come:** Your team may come anytime of the year, *ministry happens every day.* The best time to come to minister is during the months of March, April and May because the weather is mostly clear and it is the Summer Break for the students. Again these months may be best but you are welcome anytime - we do ministry year round!

There are several cultural holidays that are worth being here for:

- January 1/5: New Years, Feast of the Black Nazarene
- February 1: Sto. Nino Festival, Chinese New Year
- April: Holy Week (Easter), Summer
- May: Summer
- June: Independence Day
- November 1: All Saints Day
- December 24: Noche Buena, Christmas



**We recommend flying Philippine Airlines because they are the only direct flight to get to the Philippines from San Francisco.** Philippine Airlines also has a great flying record. In preparing your airline, consider the travel time, layovers, and cost value. All amenities of Philippine Airlines are similar to competing airlines (for coach).

**Airport Codes:** SFO = San Francisco MNL = Manila

**The following are prices that are reflective of a trip in May, 2016 for 13 days using Orbitz**

Airline	Web	Cost	Time	Stops
Philippine Air	<a href="http://www.philippineairlines.com">www.philippineairlines.com</a>	\$1,180	13 hrs.	Non-Stop
Cathay Pacific	<a href="http://www.cathaypacific.com">www.cathaypacific.com</a>	\$1,300	18 hrs.	1 stop = Hong Kong
Eva Air		\$850	19 hrs.	1 stop = Taipei
China Airlines	<a href="http://www.china-airlines.com/en">www.china-airlines.com/en</a>	\$860	22 hrs.	1 stop = Taipei, Taiwan
Delta Airlines	<a href="http://www.delta.com">www.delta.com</a>	\$1,500	20 hrs.	2 stops
Korean Air	<a href="http://www.koreanair.com">www.koreanair.com</a>	\$1,200	20-25 hrs.	1 stop = Seoul, Korea
Singapore Air	<a href="http://www.singaporeairlines.com">www.singaporeairlines.com</a>	\$1,470	30 hrs.	2 stop

\* The further in advance you purchase your tickets, the cheaper they will be. For instance, the cost can be half of what is listed above if as early as 8 months ahead!

## How to Book Your Flights

- Visit a travel agent near you.
- AAA can book flights for teams.
- Book up to 7 tickets at a time ONLINE at Philippine Airlines website
- Book up to 6 tickets at a time ONLINE at Orbitz or Travelocity.
- Have a team meeting and everyone buy their own ticket one by one.



# PASSPORT & VISA

We encourage those traveling with the team to observe the following guidelines regarding their passports and other important travel documents.

- a. **CURRENT PASSPORTS!** Each team member is to make sure that their passports are current and that the duration of the trip is not less than within 6 months the passport expiration.
- b. **GREEN CARDS:** IMPORTANT: If there are members of the team who are non-U.S. Citizens, it is CRUCIAL they bring with them their U.S. Permanent Resident Cards (green cards) as well as any other pertinent immigration documents in addition to their passports. There have been situations where missionaries visiting from the U.S. did not bring their green cards, thinking it unnecessary. The immigration officers in foreign countries will detain persons at the airport until they are satisfied the person has evidence proving their residency in the U.S.
- c. **VISAS:** Since most short-term mission trips are less than three weeks long (21 days), it is not necessary to obtain a travel visa for the Philippines. All that will be required of the mission team members have is their U.S. passports and their **round-trip** tickets to present to Immigration at the airport.
- d. **DRIVERS LICENSE:** It would be very good idea to carry several forms of ID. This is especially helpful if someone needs to use his or her credit card for a purchase or an emergency. In rare cases, local police have confiscated ID and it would be much better to have a DL to hand over vs. a passport. Most of the time, ID that is confiscated is recoverable.
- e. **PHOTO COPIES:** Prior to coming on your trip, make 2 back up copies of all your travel documents (photo page of your passport, visas, airplane itinerary, drivers license). Keep one copy hidden in your luggage and another copy for your team leader.
- f. **EMBASSY REGISTRATION:** Registering mission trips with the U.S. Embassy are voluntary, and the registration itself is a free service provided by the U.S. Government to its citizens traveling abroad. Because the political climate in the Philippines can at times be unpredictable, we STRONGLY RECOMMEND that the registration of your mission trip be a part of your travel planning. Our family is likewise registered with the U.S. Embassy, primarily as a security and safety precaution. For more information, please visit the website at:
  - a. <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/home.asp>.
- g. **UNDERAGE TRAVELERS:** You will need to have the appropriate forms signed by yourself and the parents/guardians of the child. Upon arrival, you may be asked to sign a form of guardianship for the Philippine Immigration as well as pay a fee of about \$75 per child.

# LODGING

The facilities are not our own but managed by another ministry whose ministry it is, is to have a safe clean place for people who are only on mission trips to stay.

We can accommodate up to 30 people on a team in lodging and transportation.

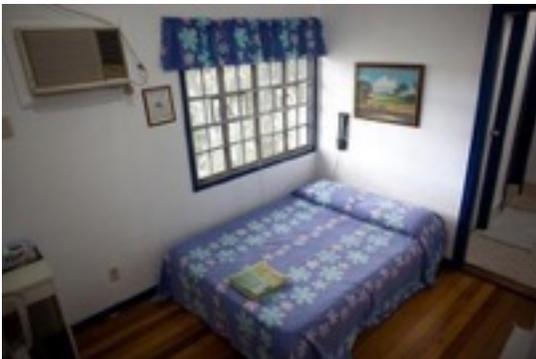
There is a mix of rooms with single bunk beds to private rooms for couples.

All rooms are very clean, air conditioner, have filtered water available and hot water for showers.

Some meals will taken at the guesthouse before the team heads out for the day or when they get back.

Free Fast Wi-Fi.

Prayer Room/Conference Rooms available.





# FUN DAY

Activity	Description	Duration	Cost
Safari	Feed tigers and alligators while touring camels, and other exotic animals of Asia. Experience a native tribal performance of dance and song.	Half Day	\$50
Waterfalls & Hotsprings	Take boat tour up a jungle gorge to a huge waterfall where you can swim followed by a visit to volcanic hotsprings and mountain peak overlooking the valley.	Overnight	\$100
Snorkling Beach Trip	Travel by catamaran boat to beautiful island where you will snorkle at one of the worlds best sites followed by a bbq lunch on the beach. Scuba diving also available for those who are licenced.	Overnight	\$100
Aquarium & Penguins	Tropical fishes of the area along with a special penguin exhibit where you will get to feed the penguins with a souvineer photo.	4 hours	\$25
American Cemetary	Visit the largest national cemetary from WW2 second to Arlington.	3 hours	Free
Mall Tour	Visit 4 of the top 10 largest malls in the world.	Half Day	Free
Fort Santiago	Tour a Spanish fort from the 1500's when Spain was in control of the Phiippines along with two of the oldest churches in the country.	Half Day	\$25
Taal Volcano	The only volcano inside a volcano. Ride across the crater to the smaller volcano and ride by horseback up to the top. Tour the highlands and Zipline.	Full Day	\$75
Carrigidor	Take a boat to a famous WW2 island where you will travel underground bunkers, barraks and eat in a resturant where General MacArthur use to live in.	Full Day	\$75
Girl/Guys Day	Girls Pampering getting their nails done and foot massage while the guys go out golfing in a Spanish Fort from the 1500's.	Half Day	\$20-100

\*\*SOUVINIR SHOPPING TIME is separate to any of these activities.



# PREVIOUS GUESTS

We have hosted TEAMS, INDIVIDUAL VISITORS, and INTERNSHIPS from the following:

Green Valley Christian Center	Watsonville, CA
Hillside Christian Center	Napa, CA
Cornerstone	Antioch, CA
Cornerstone	Manteca, CA
Oak Park Christian	Plesant Hill, CA
Naperville AG	Naperville, IL
Bethel Chapel,	Waipahu, HI
The Lord's Fellowship	Vallejo, CA
New Hope	Galt, Ca
Maranatha	Waianae, HI
I.C.E.A.	Stockton, CA
Cloverdale AG	Cloverdale, CA
Harvest Time	Brentwood, CA
Harvest Church	Elk Grove, CA
New Life	Reno, NV
Valley View AG	Reno, NV
Faith Tabernacle	Smith River, CA
Monterey Assembly of God,	Monterey, CA
Green Valley Christian Center	Las Vegas, NV
Full Gospel Church	San Jose, CA
Grace Church	Pukalani, HI

Global Passion  
Vanguard University  
South Eastern University  
Northern California Nevada District Women's Ministry

Assemblies of God	Japan
Beecroft Presbyterian	Sydney, AU
Hillsong	Sydney, AU
Hope Intl.	Perth, AU
Calvary AG	Singapore
West Papua AG	Indonesia