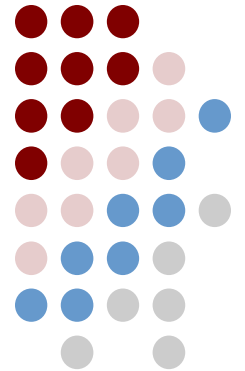


# XJ Jordan 2009

**Dates: June 20-July 22, 2009**

**Cost: Approximately \$3,700**

## Preparation Packet



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Dear iGo Team Member,

Congratulations!

Psalm 96:3 gives us this command: "Declare His glory among the nations; His marvelous works among all the peoples!" We are so thrilled that you have decided to be obedient to this command this summer through iGo Global. This letter serves as the official confirmation of your placement on one of our iGo Teams for the summer of 2009. Please know that we are dedicated to praying for you as God prepares you for the awesome works He has laid out for you this summer (Eph. 2:10). We know that this experience will be one that shapes your life from this point forward, and we are asking God to do that for you specifically.

There are many things that need to be done before we ever get on the plane, and we ask you to pray for us as we prepare as well. Pray also for your fellow team members. We will send a list of those names to you ASAP, so that you will begin to pray for them even now. As you begin to work through the details of your preparation, please remember that we are here for you.

Do not hesitate to call or e-mail us with any questions that come up along the way. On the following pages, you will find more information about your trip and instructions for getting ready for your journey. Please take time to read through everything very carefully. We have enclosed a checklist so you can keep track of different things you need to complete, sign, and/or send back to us. Please pay attention to the due dates.

Our assumption is that most of you have already been through the iGo Challenge. If not, please set aside the next ten days to work through this daily devotional. This will help to prepare your heart for your mission trip this summer. In addition, you will find some other spiritual preparation ideas and recommendations in the information provided within this packet. Once again, thanks for being willing to listen and respond to God's leading for you this summer. Our prayer is that God will use this mission trip to challenge you to become an "On Mission" Christian everyday for the rest of your life.

Making Him Famous,



Lance Shumake



# iGo TEAM MEMBER CHECKLIST

- Immunizations** **Begin now**

You should consult with a doctor regarding the immunizations you need when traveling overseas. You can also get some ideas from the following websites: [www.imb.org/medinfo](http://www.imb.org/medinfo) (International Mission Board immunization suggestions) and [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel) (Center for Disease Control). Note: Shop around for the best price on immunizations. A county health clinic is usually the cheapest, however, you might know a doctor who would be willing to give you the shots at cost in order to contribute to your mission journey.
- Begin fundraising** **Begin Now**

Begin sending out your initial wave of support letters immediately, and begin making follow-up phone calls. Your plans for other fundraising ideas and events should also be underway. If you have not done so already, you need to download the Fundraising Information Packet off of the Website.
- Get Your Parents Involved** **Begin Now**

It is essential that you keep your parents informed of everything we pass along to you. The best way to start would be to make an additional copy of this packet to give to them. Please do so immediately if you have not already.
- Confirmation Deposit and Passport Copies Due** **December 17**

Your travel deposit of \$300 is due in our office no later than Dec. 17. This enables us to reserve your airplane tickets and make other necessary travel reservations. Remind your church bookkeeper to send this check in on time. Along with this, we also need 4 legible copies of the front page (the page with your picture on it) of your passport by this date.
- Security Deposit** **January 18**

A security deposit of \$700 is due in our office no later than January 18. This is a fee we must pay the airlines in order for us to keep the seats we have reserved.
- Travel Deposit** **February 22**

Your travel deposit of \$700 is due in our office no later than February 22..
- Final Payment** **April 1**

The remaining balance for your trip will be due on April 1. This payment is the total cost of the trip minus the first three deposits. You will not be admitted to Base Camp unless the total trip cost has been paid.



# POLICES AND PROCEDURES

## Financial Instructions

Any checks sent to us must be made out to iWitness Ministries. Your name should not be on the check anywhere. Designate the team member by putting his/her name on the envelope. (See section in Fundraising Packet on Church Involvement for money handling suggestions and instructions.) The total cost of your trip includes your airfare, insurance, in-country transportation, meals, lodging, and any other team related expenses. It does not include your travel cost to Base Camp nor your travel cost back home after we return to the airport. You will also need some spending money for souvenirs and occasional snacks outside the daily allotment for meals. It is recommended that you bring cash for your additional spending money. Make sure the bills are in good condition, no marks, tears, etc. You will have a chance to exchange this money into the appropriate currency once you reach your destination.

## Insurance Information

Part of your trip cost covers travel insurance through Adams and Associates International. This is a well-established insurance company that specializes in missionary insurance needs. They are used by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and provide great coverage benefits in case an accident occurs while on the trip. However, we do recommend you bring your own insurance policy information along with you as well.



## Safety Policies and Procedures

Please remember that we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our teams. Students will be required at all times to be with an adult. We monitor the political situation in the countries we travel to closely, relying greatly on our contacts overseas. In case there is a reason to cancel a trip due to safety reasons, we will do everything possible to move you to a different location.

## Communication: Pre-Departure

Crystal has been communicating with you and building this team, if you have any questions or just want to give me a call, feel free to do so. I've been working at iGo for almost 4 years and love the opportunity to challenge students to live missionally. I love having people over at my house and baking cupcakes. If you need anything at all, let me know.

Crystal@iglobal.org

## Communication: Post-Departure

Before you leave for Base Camp, you will be given a page of emergency contact numbers. Due to the limited access to phones and computers (and the fact that cell phones are prohibited), your ability to contact people in America will be limited.

# POLICES AND PROCEDURES CONT.

## Base Camp

What is Base Camp? Base Camp is an intense time focused on worship, training, and team building. Our times of worship will center on allowing God to spiritually prepare our hearts for everything we are about to experience. Team building is essential to our process of preparation as well. A unified team is the beginning of a successful experience on the mission field. In light of these objectives for Base Camp, we ask that you do not receive visitors during that time. It is best if you consider yourself to have left the country once you check in.

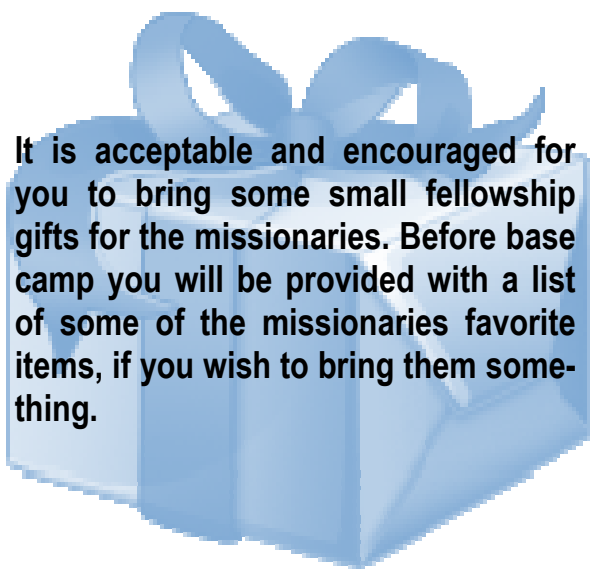
Where and When? Base Camp will take place at in the Dallas / Ft. Worth area on **June 20., 2009** We have not set the exact starting time yet, but it will begin in the afternoon. Exact time and location will be announced at a later date.

Parents' Meeting. There will be a **parents' meeting** at the beginning of Base Camp to discuss the trip and answer any questions. The meeting will be held once all team members have arrived. We encourage parents to stay and participate in this time. To close the parents' meeting there will be a special commissioning and prayer time for students and parents.

Cost: All costs during Base Camp are covered in your trip cost. The only cost not covered is your transportation to and from Base Camp.

## Gifts

It is acceptable and encouraged for you to bring some small fellowship gifts for the missionaries. Before base camp you will be provided with a list of some of the missionaries favorite items, if you wish to bring them something.



## Transportation, Room and Board

Flights. We are currently holding seats with our travel agent for each team member. However, we will not have itineraries until as late as May of 2009. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the airport as well as Base Camp.

Housing. The missionaries have made reservations for your lodging.

Food. The food in your country of service is good, healthy, and safe. There is no need for you to pack a dozen cans of ravioli or load up your suitcase with snacks. American food is usually more expensive, and it pays off to eat the local food.

Transportation. Once you are in country, all of your transportation will be by subway, bus, and foot. The public transportation system is very efficient .



# SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

## Spiritual Preparation

We know that in the months to come, you have plenty to keep you busy with school, church, activities, etc. However, it is necessary that you prepare yourself spiritually for the journey you are about to experience. We expect you to devote yourself to prayer as you seek God's direction and preparation for your trip. Spend consistent time in the Word and journal what God is teaching you in these days and weeks before Base Camp begins. Our suggestion is that you begin by studying a book of The Bible, paragraph by paragraph. If you need some help to get started, ask your student minister or pastor for suggestions. We also recommend you pray and ask God for opportunities to share your faith before you leave. Don't expect to be a "different person" on the mission field. If you find it difficult to share your faith here, you will most likely find it difficult to share your faith there. Ask God for opportunities and ask him to help you see them and seize them.

We highly **recommend** these books to read you as you prepare:

### *Honest to God*

**Bill Hybels**

This book deals with your own spiritual walk and the disciplines of the faith. It will teach you about Bible study, prayer, and journaling.

### *Don't Waste Your Life*

**John Piper**

This Piper book is short and to the point with a serious challenge for students of this generation. If you only read one book between now and the time of your trip this summer, make it this one.

### *Unveiled at Last*

**Bob Sjogren**

This book gives great insight into God's "bottom line" agenda in the world. It will really open your eyes and change the way you read the Bible. Great book to help develop a passion for missions and the world.

### *The Dangerous Duty of Delight*

**John Piper**

This book will challenge you in almost every area of your Christian life. Its basic premise is that we find we are most satisfied when God is most glorified in us. This is a shorter version of the book *Desiring God*, also by John Piper.

# PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

## As you begin to pack, we want you to remember a few important things:

1. DO NOT BRING CELL PHONES. This is non-negotiable. Cellular telephones are not allowed on the trip starting at Base Camp. Whether or not you have a cell phone and / or international service is irrelevant. Be sure to pass this information along to your parents so that they do not purchase one for that purpose.
2. This is not a fashion show. You do not need 5 pairs of shoes and a different outfit for every day of the trip. Pack comfortable clothes and comfortable shoes. Pack enough clothes to make it through two weeks. You will have several chances to do laundry while we're there.
3. You do not need a bunch of snacks or food. Part of the missions experience involves becoming familiar with a different culture. You will experience some new foods, but we will make sure that you do not starve.
4. Do bring a backpack. You will spend a lot of time on foot and sometimes will not return to your room until late in the evening.
5. Dress modestly. We don't really care what is in fashion, and neither will the missionaries or nationals you work with. Modesty should be placed above fashion when you choose your clothes for the trip. Some examples of this would include no sleeveless shirts or tank tops, no shorts, no spaghetti straps, no clothes that are extra tight, no jeans or pants with holes, etc. You get the picture. If you have to ask, you should probably find something else to pack. ( Some of you will be receiving another specific packing list that is country specific).
6. You are allowed to bring ONE SMALL SUITCASE AND ONE CARRY ON BAG on this trip. Please know that this will be strictly enforced. You will not get any help with a bag that is too heavy during those times that we have to carry our luggage with us. Pack what you need and no more. In the occasion that we have to hurry/run through an airport to catch a connecting flight, carrying an extra-heavy bag could create a serious problem. Most airlines charge extra for bags that weigh over 50 pounds.
7. If you plan on using electrical devices such as hair dryers, you will need to bring an outlet converter. American power outlets are different than the ones in other countries. These can be found at Wal-Mart, and many of them actually list the different countries in which they will work.

**Below is a brief list of things you need to remember to bring. Feel free to e-mail us with any questions regarding packing. Remember, less is best.**

<b>Bible</b>	<b>Passport</b>	<b>Journal</b>
<b>Photos from home</b>	<b>Sunglasses</b>	<b>Chapstick</b>
<b>Anti-bacterial sanitizer</b>	<b>Insect repellent</b>	<b>Backpack/daypack</b>
<b>Clothes for 5-6 days</b>	<b>Toiletry items</b>	<b>Comfortable shoes</b>
<b>Travel alarm clock</b>	<b>Underwear/socks</b>	<b>Pajamas</b>
<b>Camera and film</b>	<b>Prescription medications</b>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>Towels</b>	<b>Outlet converter</b>	<b>MP3/portable CD</b>

\*There is always the possibility of an airline losing your luggage on an international flight. As a precaution, it is advised that you pack one change of clothes and some essential items in your carry-on bag. Remember that you are not allowed to pack sharp objects or anything else that could be considered a weapon in carry-on bags.