

Team Orientation



Welcome! We are John and Darlene Glasgow. We are the Directors/Caretakers at the Rodney M. Gordon Christian Development Center. We will be your host during your stay in Southern Belize. This orientation is designed to give you information about the camp and about Southern Belize. We will also cover some “dos and don’ts” That we feel will help provide for your safety and comfort. We are also here to answer any questions that you may have. We do hope that you enjoy your stay at the camp with us. You can also read our “testimonies” at www.glasgowmissions.com/aboutus.pdf .

To begin with we will tell you a little about the facility.

Rodney M. Gordon Christian Development Center: The Development Center is owned by the Baptist Association of Belize. It was named after Pastor Rodney Gordon who passed away in 2006. The facility is here to serve the local churches of the Southern Region of Belize. We maintain the property through the fees charged for lodging. There are 37 acres here but most is not yet developed. We can currently host about 50 people at a time. We have two dorm rooms with 12 bunk beds in each. There are plans to build a Chapel/Meeting Center and also plans for a hotel style dorm with individual rooms with private baths.

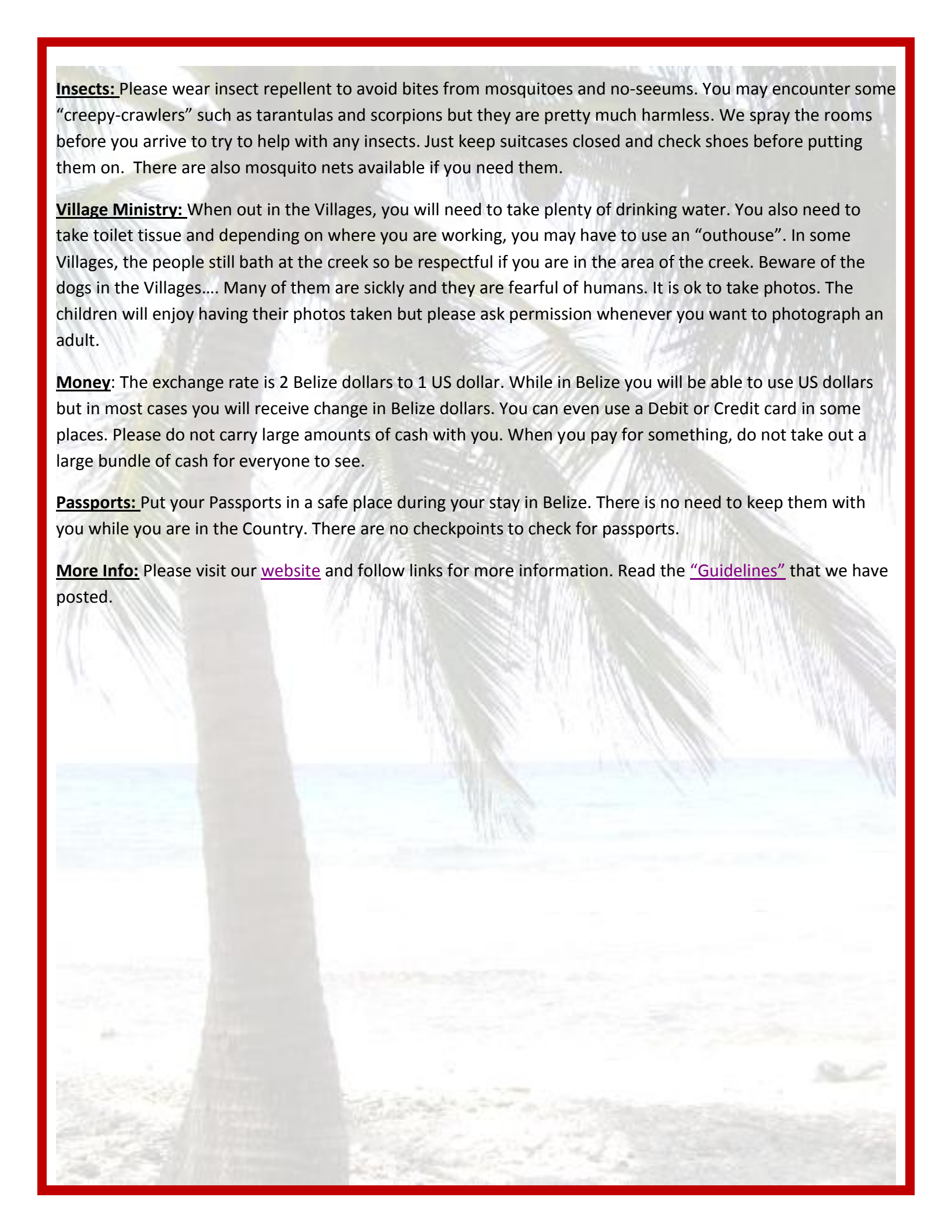
Meals: When requested we bring in cooks to prepare meals for groups. The cooks do this for a very small salary and consider working for mission teams a part of ministry. Please help the cooks by stacking your own dishes and cleaning your tables. If there you have special request regarding how something is prepared, they will do their best to do things the way you like. If you have an allergy to any food item or if you require a special diet, then please let our cooks know so they can prepare things special for you. Meals are served buffet style and the cooks try to prepare enough for everyone to have seconds but please make sure everyone in your group has been served before you go back a second time. Juice or Tea will be served with the meals but we also have soft drinks for sale for \$1.00 US each.

Showers: There are 3 showers in each dorm. One shower has a heated showerhead so you can have a warm water shower. All other showers are cold water but in the heat of the day, the water temperature is pretty comfortable. Please do let showers run during your shower... try to conserve water by turning showers off while soaping up. We have a good supply of water but pumping water often from the well causes high electric bills.

Conserve Electricity: Please remember to turn off all lights and fans whenever you leave the dorm rooms. Also turn off fans in the dining hall when leaving.

Wireless Internet: Wireless Internet is available if you have a laptop or phone with wireless capability. Our Service Provider is Hughes net so we have a limit on the bandwidth allowed. We just ask that you do not download large files such as music or videos.

Phones: We have phones available for you to use to call home if needed. You will need to purchase a local calling card to use the phone. The phones work just like pre-paid cell phones in the US.



Insects: Please wear insect repellent to avoid bites from mosquitoes and no-see-ums. You may encounter some “creepy-crawlers” such as tarantulas and scorpions but they are pretty much harmless. We spray the rooms before you arrive to try to help with any insects. Just keep suitcases closed and check shoes before putting them on. There are also mosquito nets available if you need them.

Village Ministry: When out in the Villages, you will need to take plenty of drinking water. You also need to take toilet tissue and depending on where you are working, you may have to use an “outhouse”. In some Villages, the people still bath at the creek so be respectful if you are in the area of the creek. Beware of the dogs in the Villages.... Many of them are sickly and they are fearful of humans. It is ok to take photos. The children will enjoy having their photos taken but please ask permission whenever you want to photograph an adult.

Money: The exchange rate is 2 Belize dollars to 1 US dollar. While in Belize you will be able to use US dollars but in most cases you will receive change in Belize dollars. You can even use a Debit or Credit card in some places. Please do not carry large amounts of cash with you. When you pay for something, do not take out a large bundle of cash for everyone to see.

Passports: Put your Passports in a safe place during your stay in Belize. There is no need to keep them with you while you are in the Country. There are no checkpoints to check for passports.

More Info: Please visit our [website](#) and follow links for more information. Read the [“Guidelines”](#) that we have posted.