



What to Bring - Your Packing List

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Things to Bring - Good Ideas

Clothes

- Underwear, socks, etc.
- Comfortable shirts for working/playing
- Comfortable pants or long shorts
- 1-2 nicer outfits for church services
- Pajamas
- A sweater or sweatshirt for chilly evenings
- Work shoes/boots that will cover your feet
- Comfortable shoes for walking/hiking
- Flip flops or shower shoes

Note: If coming between November and March, you will want to bring some warm clothing and an extra blanket.

Toiletries

- Toilet paper
- Soap and shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hairbrush/comb/styling products
- Towel and washcloth
- Baby wipes or hand sanitizer
- Hand soap
- Personal hygiene items
- Personal medications

Note: Though we occasionally have limited electricity, you are welcome to bring your hairdryer, curling iron, straightener, and other electric devices.

Things NOT to Bring - Bad Ideas

- * Alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs
- * Weapons of any kind
- * Fireworks or other explosives
- * Immodest clothing (short shorts, skirts, or dresses; tank tops or shirts with spaghetti straps; see-through, tight-fitting, low-cut, or risqué styles; etc.)

For the Worksite

- Work gloves
- Plastic/rubber gloves (for cleaning)
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses
- A hat or bandana
- Sunscreen (30 SPF or higher recommended)

Other Required Items

- Passport (or Photo ID **and** Birth Certificate)
- Travel permission or consent forms for minors
- Sleeping bag or blanket
- Pillow

Other Good Ideas (Optional)

- Bible
- Journal or notebook
- Pens, pencils, or markers
- Spanish/English dictionary
- Air mattress
- Back-pack or fanny-pack
- Camera
- Snacks
- Basic first-aid kit
- Flashlight
- Laundry detergent (just in case)
- Garbage bags (for trash, dirty laundry, etc.)
- Extra batteries (for camera, flashlight, etc.)

- * Secular music, magazines, or other worldly items
- * Cell phones or other electronic devices
Note: If you choose to bring these items with you, TCM is not responsible for loss or theft.
- * Expensive Jewelry or Valuables

Other Things You Can Bring or Purchase When You Arrive...

(if you would like to bless our home and our children)

- Underwear, socks, etc. in all children's and teenagers' sizes
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)
- Toilet paper or hygiene products
- Food (non-perishables such as rice, beans, powdered milk, flour, salt, sugar)
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, kitchen/bathroom/floor cleaners, dish/laundry soap)
- Brooms, mops, dustpans, dishtowels
- School supplies
- Candy or toys for the children

One Final Note

Whatever you do or don't bring with you on your trip, we encourage you to bring:

- a servant's attitude,*
- an open mind, and*
- a big heart.*

Your servant's attitude will enable you to complete any task with a pleasant attitude in a way that will bless not only those around you, but will encourage you and bless the Lord as well.

An open mind will allow you to take in and understand those "strange" things you are sure to encounter in a different culture, outside of your comfort zone, and process them so you can take them home to your family and friends.

And the big heart? Well, no matter how big it is, our children will fill your heart with their love, their joy, and their excitement at your coming. Even though you can't pack up our children and take them home with you, you will most likely take many of them home in your heart.

We look forward to your arrival. Be prepared to be blown away by your experience with us!