

Bahamas/North Carolina Baptist Partnership Teams –2019

Purpose: The primary purpose of the partnership is to complete the rebuild construction of the New Emmanuel Baptist Church on the far eastern part of Grand Bahama. Teams will have an opportunity to visit with and get to know Bahamian Baptist. Team members are encouraged to share their faith with people that they meet.

TRIP COST: The basic price of the trip is approx. \$700. This includes round-trip airfare, insurance (supplemental health), orientation materials, T-shirt, lodging (in tents) in Bahamas, in-country transportation, meals on site. Take some extra money.

MATERIALS COST: Each team must provide the cost of materials for all projects. The cost for building materials for each team is \$1,000.

TEAMS: Teams should be comprised of no more than 12 (Twelve) members and no less than 5 (five) members. If you have less than 10 team members, Baptists on Mission may add people to your team. Team members must be 18+ in age.

PARTICIPATION: Those wishing to participate should do the following:

1. Contact the Baptists On Mission Office for an updated list of Bahamas projects and dates. Tom Beam, tbeam@ncbaptist.org, 1.800.395.5102, ext. 5626.
2. Choose a project/week. Once you contact Baptists on Mission and have chosen your project/week, the team leader will need to complete an online profile (instructions sent by Baptists on Mission). Send a deposit of **\$250** per person. The final payment per person is due no later than **15 days** prior to the date of your departure. Once the team leader has completed their online profile, the team leader will receive information to send to the team members on completing their online profile. This will need to occur ASAP. Once tickets are purchased, they are non-refundable and non-transferable.
3. Have a **valid passport. Please make sure your passport does not expire within six (6) months of your departure date. (ex.: if your passport expires Nov. 25, 2019 and your departure date is May 25, 2019 you will want to have your passport renewed).** If you do not have a valid passport you will need to get one immediately. It usually takes 3-4 weeks to process a new passport.

HEALTH: Team members must be in good physical health. **Anyone with a chronic medical condition should not volunteer for these projects.** Many areas of work will be quite hot and dusty. Volunteers will need to make sure the following shots are up to date: **Typhoid, Hepatitis A, and Tetanus.** Tell whoever administers your shots that you will be traveling to Bahamas. (They may suggest other shots. This is up to you.)

TRAVEL: **ALL** travel will be arranged by the Baptists on Mission Office. All trips will be 7 days in duration, leaving on Sunday and returning the next Saturday. All volunteers must depart from Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh/Durham, or Atlanta. (Travel *may* be possible from other cities, but *may* involve an additional cost). Tickets and orientation materials will be sent to the team leader. Once travel arrangements have been made all costs for the trip will be due to Baptists on Mission, even when a team member needs to cancel.

LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS: Those participating in this effort must be flexible and willing to work as a member of the team. Travel, living, and working conditions may be difficult at times. The work may be strenuous and the climate will be **HOT**.

OTHER: Smoking, chewing tobacco, and drinking alcoholic beverages is highly offensive to Bahamian Christians. Team members **must** refrain from these activities while in Bahamas.