



## MATTHEW 25 INTERNATIONAL (Do's And Don'ts List)

We are delighted to have you partner with us on our Peru Missions trip this summer. You have honored us by investing your time, prayers and finances to reach others for the Kingdom. We are looking forward to a great time together as we serve the people of Peru.

**Much of the following information has been prepared FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT traveled out of the country before; however, this information is NECESSARY FOR ALL to review for the safety and care of everyone.**

### **Please Note:**

**BY GOING ON THIS TRIP, YOU ARE AGREEING TO ABIDE BY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.**

### **DO NOT:**

1. **Do Not** bring jewelry of *any kind* that will attract attention.
2. **Do Not** bring *new suitcases* or new travel bags (old is better).
3. **Do Not** show money openly.
4. **Do Not** leave your passport with anyone. (Passports are valuable and not easily replaceable.)
5. **Do Not** eat green leafy vegetables or drink any water other than BOTTLED WATER with a sealed cap.
6. **Do Not** eat off the street from vendors....Even if the Peruvians who are working with us say it's okay...trust me it's not okay.
7. **Do Not** leave *any* valuables in the room.
8. **Do Not** over pack....(Remember you have to carry what you bring).
9. **Do Not** complain.
  - This is a missions trip.
  - We will do our best to accommodate everyone to have a great trip.
  - Therefore, let's be a blessing to one another and those we come into contact with.
10. **Do Not** let anyone carry your luggage unless they are with the American or Peruvian team.
11. **Do Not** go out and buy new clothes for the trip.
12. **Do Not** venture out alone.... Always stay with a group of 3 or more.
13. **Do Not** give *anything to anyone* without approval from Bro. Kelly Kimball or Bro. John Kimball or the Team Leader. This includes money, email addresses, or any form of communication for you to be contacted when you return to the states.
  - If God tells you to give money to someone or to buy something for someone, then he will always confirm it through the leadership. It must be handled this way.
  - We must be very careful in this area, because you can cause harm to the projects if it is not handled right.
  - This also can jeopardize all the years of work that has gone on before you got here.
14. **Do Not** give the *remote possibility* or make promises of *any help or assistance* in any way now, or in the future to anyone.

For Example:

If you tell someone you might do something for them, **they take it as a promise** that you will do it. This really does cause a hardship on Matthew 25 International.

15. Do Not make any charges for any reason to your hotel room. This causes real confusion upon check out.

16. **Do not bring** or use any tobacco products, drugs or alcohol.

**DO:**

1. **Do** remember that **we are guests of the local churches**:

- All ministries are to enhance the local church and the ministry in Peru.
- Pay careful attention during prayer time and altar services with all of your personal items.

2. **Do** make copies of your passport and put a copy in each checked bag.

3. **Do** keep track of your travel reservations.

4. **Do** wear a money belt or take appropriate measures to keep valuables with you at all times:

- Carry small amounts of money in your wallet, purse or pocket so you can easily access it without having to get into where most of your valuables are stored.

5. **Do** wear comfortable clothing for traveling and/or working. It will be **Very Warm to Hot** in the jungle.

6. **Do** bring bottled water with you wherever you go:

- Bottled water can be purchased there. Please keep a bottle of water with you at all times.
- It would be good to carry a few snacks at all times.
- Remember this is not the United States and there are no Walmarts.

7. **Do** bring all toiletries that you will need including toilet tissue:

- Because of airport regulations all liquids should be in a checked bag such as: hairspray, makeup, cleansers. This will save you a lot of hassle at the airport.
- Once your bags are checked, you will not be able to retrieve them to put anything in them.

8. **Do** remember upon arrival in Lima.....you will have to go through **Immigration and Customs**:

- Once you exit Immigration...**you will have to retrieve** your luggage and go through Customs.
- It is possible that one or more of you may have your luggage examined. If your luggage is not being examined, just proceed ahead and wait for everyone **before leaving the Customs area**.
- **Do not leave the Customs area until** you see the Peruvian/American holding up a sign with the group name or M25I leader. Any exception will be clarified with the group leader coming from the United States.
- Once everyone is ready to exit the Customs area and you locate the person picking you up, **then** you can exit. ***This is very important.***
- Remember there will be many people trying to carry your luggage; however, **you** must make sure that only those with your group or the Peruvians that will meet you help you with these items.

9. **Do** remember that you are **blessed and highly favored** of the Lord and you are blessed to be a blessing.

**NOTES:**

1. Most International Flights allow each person to bring 1 checked bag, not to exceed 50 pounds and 1 carry-on bag at no charge. Please check with your airline because that changes often for your luggage being checked in. In addition, please check with your airline for carry on liquids because it changes on a regular basis.
2. Please keep in mind “**your associated cost**” for bringing extra bags.

3. Peruvian National Flights currently only allow 1 checked bag not to exceed 33 pounds.
  - **1 small back pack.... or ....large purse** is permitted as a carry on not to exceed 11 pounds.
  - This changes month to month. I will do my best to get the latest update on luggage weight.
4. If you are on medication or need medication, bring it with you.
5. Make sure that the money you bring has no tears or marks on the bills.
6. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent.
7. The following is a suggested list that we bring for a trip.

### **Men**

Jeans and general work related items for work clothing.

Dockers type slacks or dress jeans, shirts, under clothes, wind breaker or light jacket.

Knee shorts are ok at the hotels if you would like. Not recommended when we go to the churches or other ministry areas for services or outreaches. We are there to minister and don't want to offend their church or culture.

All men must wear appropriate swimwear.

\*For your protection **closed-toe shoes** should be worn outside.

Dress slacks and or dress jeans with a collared shirt are appropriate for church services. For those who preach, we have found that a collared shirt with a sports coat is acceptable but in most places a coat is not required.

### **Ladies**

Dresses, Slacks, and skirts are fine.

Under clothes, shower shoes, light jacket and all your toiletries. Knee shorts are ok at the hotels if you would like. Not recommended when we go to the churches or any other ministry area for services or outreaches. We are there to minister and don't want to offend their church or culture.

Ladies must ensure they are modestly dressed. (no tank tops, low-cut shirts, etc.)

Swimming: One-piece swimsuits are permitted with T-Shirt tops.

\*For your protection **closed toe shoes** should be worn for all outside events.

\*Chances are good that you **will not** be able to wash clothes. However we have been able to get some laundry done at the hotel. There is a charge for this service.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

1. Please remember National flights can cancel without notice and are.. **non-refundable**, but the ticket can be used up to 1 year of the date of purchase. Normally, cancellation is not an issue but has happened.
2. Flights have been canceled in the past for no apparent reason, thus requiring bus travel to and from Tingo Maria. The cost for bus travel varies but is an additional charge.