

Packing & What To Take With You

Clothing

Lightweight clothing of course – it's hot. T-shirts or polo shirts are great for the days doing street evangelism or any kind of ministry. Shorts are acceptable for the men while working or in a medical clinic setting. Sandals are good – flip-flops, etc.

In the evenings doing ministry in the churches, long pants and polo shirts are the order of the day (Nicaraguans rarely wear shorts and never in church). Pastors who will be preaching will be expected to wear a tie. Women should dress modestly - Slacks during the day and skirts in the churches during the evening. Nothing low cut, strapless or with midriff exposure. We may have an opportunity to go to the beach one day, so take a suit!



Weather Related Gear

The weather is always hot. There are 2 seasons – rainy and dry. Rainy is basically summer and fall, dry is winter and spring. A poncho is handy during the rainy season and a bottle for water is a must year round. Insect repellent with Deet is great to have as some of our evening services will be in churches with only a roof.



Medicine

Take extras of your prescription drugs or eyeglasses. They may not be readily available in-country. Make sure your medicines are in their original bottle with the label.

Money

Don't expect to see money machines. Credit cards won't do much for you either. Traveler's check's mmm ...maybe, but cash is good as long as it is: 1. unmarked 2. in good shape 3. not over a \$50.



The currency is Cordoba's and the exchange rate is about 15 cords to \$1, so they are worth about \$.07. A soft drink is 5 cords, a hammock is 250 cords. etc. Get the idea?

Cameras

Don't forget your charger. If you have a digital camera, bring your cables so we can download your photos, combine them with everyone else's and make a cd which we'll copy and have available for everyone once we get home.

Electrical items

Same power as the US - 110 volt. Surges and spike are more common though So, if you are going to be using your laptop, maybe throw in a surge suppressing power strip.

Passports

Keep your passport with you at all times until we are at the house where we will be staying. Once there, we will collect and secure them until we are ready to leave again. Make a copy of it to keep in your wallet or purse also. Additionally, bring 2 forms of identification with you to the airport.



Other Stuff

- *It's always great to have candy or small toys to give away. Baseball hats too!
- *Cell phones, Blackberries and the like might work, might not - try it if you want.
- *Wear your wedding ring and leave the rest of your jewelry at home.
- *Anything you'd like to take and leave for the missionaries will be appreciated. Some of the things they need are; children's clothing, toiletries of all kinds. office supplies, printer cartridges, adult clothing of all kinds, especially dress clothes, toys, candy, A/V equipment, medicines, etc.