



# IMPACTINGASIA.ORG

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Impacting Asia is dedicated to helping churches and groups in their endeavors to organize a successful mission trip. As a non-profit organization we will act as a liaison between your ministry and Megacity Ministries to equip groups with the necessary means to take a short term missions trip.

Metro Manila is a very modern and westernized city. There are McDonald's, Wendy's, 7-11 and a multitude of other American influences. You will find that you won't feel at all uncomfortable in the culture. The estimated day time population reaches 20 million people! On the weekends, the population shrinks to a mere 16 million. Density of the population, depending on the area of the city you are in, ranges from 50,000 to 70,000 people per square mile. These statistics may seem overwhelming to some, but to us, these statistics only motivate us to reach this great sea of humanity that God has divinely congregated!

As your group prepares to come be a part of this exciting opportunity here is some information that will make your trip a success!

- I. We like to encourage each group to read the book, *Culture Shock Philippines* before your trip. It can be purchased at most major bookstores and may also be available at your local library. It contains a wealth of information about the country and the people of the Philippines.
- II. Opportunities for Ministering
  - a. Student Camps: February – June
  - b. VBS program: April – May
    - i. Conducted on the streets of Manila, last year 2,000 children were reached
    - ii. Check out the "Kids JAM Videos" at [www.mmicbc.multiply.com](http://www.mmicbc.multiply.com) for an idea of what we do.
    - iii. We can use puppeteers, break dancers, clowns, ballooning people, face painting, etc. Even people who would help act out a story in a Bible costume or wear a mascot suit.
  - c. Campus Penetration – June – July
    - i. Focus on ramping up the Evangelistic Student Centers located outside of very large High Schools. We do Bible booklet distribution, flyers, Student

Center Events, Rallies, etc. Anything to bring the young people into our Student Centers and establish contact with them.

- d. BBCAsia Camp – August
  - i. This is a leadership and commitment camp for our college students.
  - ii. Current enrollment is 412 and growing each year. A great time to encourage new
  - iii. Bible College students--Check out pictures from this camp at [www.bbcasia.multiply.com](http://www.bbcasia.multiply.com)
- e. Small Group Evangelistic Parties – September
  - i. Megacity ministries has an extensive small group ministry. During the year our people develop relationships with unbelievers to bring to a special time of community based evangelism in the homes of our people. We can use groups to help with these parties that are held in the homes of our people throughout the city.
- f. Teachers & Parent Moral Value Camps – October
  - i. Schedule is set to coincide with the semester break of the public schools each year
  - ii. Great opportunity for English speakers. The Language barrier is greatly reduced during this effort due to all the campers being professionals and having a higher English speaking level.
  - iii. Since the campers are professionals this is another barrier to reaching them with the gospel.
- g. Medical and Dental Clinics – November
  - i. throughout the city
  - ii. partner with a group of doctors and dentists based out of Seattle and share the Gospel with each patient that comes through the clinic.

### III. Length of Stay

- a. Most groups plan for a 10 day trip, included in these 10 days is two days to travel to the Philippines (you will technically lose a day because of the time change) and one day to travel back home.
- b. If your group can plan to fly around the weekend days you can save days that you will have to be out of the USA and the group will be able to spend more time in country. i.e. the group leaves on a Thursday night and will then arrive Saturday night and will be able to attend service on Sunday. The group could then leave on the following Monday arrive in the USA on that same Monday and will have only had to be out of the “office” for seven days and will have been able to attend at least two church services and a full week of ministry.

### IV. Trip Costs:

- a. Airfare: individual fares range from \$1500-\$1700
- b. Impacting Asia can help you with your ticketing for a fee of \$25/person (most travel agencies will charge a min. of \$40/ticketing fee) and can get group fares for

groups with at least 10 people. We saw last year an average savings of \$400/person

- c. If you choose to use another service to get tickets, please email your itinerary to [impactingaisa@gmail.com](mailto:impactingaisa@gmail.com) as soon as you have it so that preparations can be made to meet your group at the airport.
- d. It is advisable to arrive in the evening, after the journey the group will more than likely be tired and will need to rest.
- e. In Country Costs:
  - i. Hotel costs currently for 2009 US\$47.50/ person/day (Located in Ortigas Center, Pasig City, next to the Ministry Offices of Megacity Ministries)
  - ii. Transportation: \$10/person/day
  - iii. Food - \$10/person/day (based on lunch and dinner at fast-food outlets)
  - iv. Misc - \$7.50/person/day (a myriad of small expenses the ministry team in Manila incurs from hosting a group)
  - v. **Total per day costs = \$75.00/person/day**
- f. To calculate the in country cost per person, simply multiply the number of days in country by the amount above
- g. Ministry Expense- \$500.00/per group --This is a suggested amount to budget to supply the missionary with the funds to purchase permits, arrange for local team members transportation costs, banners, printing, etc. This can be further discussed when planning the activities of your particular trip.
- h. Airport Tax: \$22/person airport tax (this is subject to change and will need to be paid in pesos upon leaving the country)

We have worked on the rates above to keep trips affordable yet consider the safety factor when deciding on accommodations. Prices are subject to change and based on the dollar/peso exchange rate.

**In Country costs need to be sent at least one month in advance your arrival, so the hotel and other misc. expenses can be prepaid.**

Please mail the payment to Greg Lyons through Baptist Bible Fellowship – Mark the funds "Special - Missions Trip (Name of the Church). "Send it to "Greg Lyons, PO Box 191, Springfield, MO 65801". They will receipt the funds within two business days.

Passport & Visa Information –

- Passports can be obtained through the Post Office.
- Time frame to obtain a new or renewal of a passport varies now since all citizens are required to have a passport to leave the country.
- Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond your travel dates
- USA citizens are granted a 21 day visitor's visa upon arrival at the Manila Airport.
  - No fee for the visa

## Medical Vaccinations

- It will be common for doctors to recommend getting Hepatitis shots and to prescribe Malaria pills. This is common from doctors in the USA.
- It is only recommended that everyone have the hepatitis B vaccination but no other vaccinations or malaria pills are needed for a visit to Manila. Individuals are welcome to get other vaccinations and to also take the malaria pills but they are not needed.

Impacting Asia is here to help each step of the way and will be your point of contact for your trip. Please let us know of any questions you have as you plan for this trip and any way that we can be of service to you. You can email us [impactingasia@gmail.com](mailto:impactingasia@gmail.com).