

Basic Information

Dear Friend, Thank you for choosing to join a trip with World Renewal! We are excited to offer this seven session (five pre-trip and two post-trip) training course for groups traveling to locations with World Renewal. These sessions are designed to help prepare you (and your team) for a successful trip. Please plan ahead to attend all seven sessions, as they will make a difference for the outcome of your experience. Your trip leader will contact you with all of the details. Please do not hesitate to contact the World Renewal Brazil Representative, Rachel Ferguson, with any questions (rachel@worldrenewal.org). We look forward to serving with you,
World Renewal Staff

Please make sure to commit to:

- Fill out the Trip registration ONLINE
- Have a passport with no less than 6 months left (starting after you arrive on location)
- Discuss and complete any visa and vaccination needs
- Get WhatsApp and join the team group
- Attend 5 pre-trip meetings (and complete all your team leader requires)
- Attend 2 post-trip meetings (and complete all your team leader requires)
- Write out your testimony and be ready to share it at anytime
- Try food from other countries and commit to having a good attitude about food on the trip
- Gather a team of people to pray for you before, during, and after your trip

Ministry/Team Leader

Dear Team Leader, Ministry Leader, or Intern going on a trip with World Renewal, here is some extra information for you: first, thank you for choosing a leadership role with World Renewal! If you are a ministry leader or Intern, we ask that you fill out the registration (to have on file) and look over these classes--even if you have been to this location before, and are not traveling with a team. World Renewal will talk with you directly about any requirements we have for you to complete. If you are a team leader, this training is designed to help prepare your team for a successful trip, and we can't do it without you! You set the tone for the whole trip for your team. Set it well. Please check with your church about having a prayer send-off for your team, and time to share when you return.

BEFORE YOU START TRAINING: make sure you and everyone on your team has filled out the registration (this takes 10 minutes) has passports (this takes time!), understands vaccination and cost requirements, is a part of the team Whatsapp group (that you've made), and bought plane tickets (we suggest at least two months before the trip). A basic timeline:

- Three months out: Fill out the registration, join the team WhatsApp group
- Two months out: Buy the tickets (travel agencies can help!)
- A month before: Complete at least half the training, turn in all funds to WR
- Month of: Finish the training, get together in person, pack, ready to go!

The plane tickets are the trickiest part of the trip. It is best to buy the tickets at least two months before the trip, but that is not always possible. Making sure that everyone on your team is on the same plane at the same is tricky, and we suggest using a travel agent to help. The tickets are, if at all possible, to be bought before trip training, but that means they will be bought without any fundraising help from World Renewal. **IF SOMEONE WANTS REIMBURSEMENT FOR A PLANE TICKET, THE RECEIPTS MUST BE GIVEN TO WORLD RENEWAL.** We suggest that all plane ticket receipts be turned into World Renewal, so that their cost can be reimbursed to whoever bought the ticket as donations come in.

ABOUT THE 7 TRAINING SESSIONS: You can do training in person (suggested if everyone goes to the same church) or online (suggested if people live farther apart). You can start as early as you'd like, but please don't try to cram in more than one training session a week. You can purchase training books already printed, or download free PDFs. You can download the whole training, or class by class: figure out what works best for your team! Please watch all the videos and go over all the materials BEFORE class. Please make sure your team has the material before class as well: you don't want to read them the material, you want to discuss it! You can choose to show the videos to your team, or to just cover what is in the videos for your team. Take advantage of the team WhatsApp group to share new information, follow-up, and answers to questions. Please reply to your team's questions in a timely manner. Make sure to meet in person around packing time to weigh bags and make sure you have everything the group needs for serving others on the trip (See if WR has anything for you to take along for the missionaries).

Team Leader Information

Suggested Schedule for a training session (about an hour):

- Review the last class/homework/language learning (10 minutes)
- Cover the content in the videos/material (30 minutes)
- Q & A time (10 minutes)
- Go over next homework/language learning class and close in prayer (10 minutes)

A NOTE ABOUT HOMEWORK: Each training session has homework at the end. Some of your team members will want to do more studying and languages learning on their own, and some will not. The homework and language training is helpful, but not mandatory. After the first training session, please start each class talking about last week's homework and language training. Remind your team that it is there to help them. Feel free to offer incentives to those that work hard outside of your training time. For those who have never been immersed in another language, it is important to stress how important learning a bit of the local language is. You get out of the training (and trip) what you put into it.

GROUP TRAVEL TIPS: Have a plan for if anyone gets separated. Make sure everyone remembers that they are tourists: the purpose of this trip is tourism. Talk with your team (depending on the make-up of the group) about what they want you to have on you while traveling. Some ideas:

- Copies of medical release forms for each team member
- Copies of Travel health Insurance for each team member
- List of emergency contacts for each team member
- Passport copy of each team member
- Cash for emergency situations
- Contact information and addresses of mission partners
- Ability to call internationally on your phone plan (WhatsApp may cover this)

DURING THE TRIP: You are leading devotions and debriefs during the trip. Please make sure to have some idea or book for devotions, and an agreed upon time for your team to meet up daily to debrief. This can be during a meal, and can be as simple as going around and sharing:

- What's something that surprised me?
- What's something that challenged me?
- What's something I don't want to forget?

AFTER THE TRIP: Don't forget there are two more training classes! These are key! You may be exhausted, and not finished processing yourself, but this often makes the difference between long-term and short-term results of a trip. You can follow the same structure/way you did the first 5 classes, and try to have the first return class no later than a week from when you arrive home from the trip. If possible, make sure each person on your team has a chance to share, in some way, about their trip to an audience. Think long-term: who (or what ministry) are you going to advocate for? How? Lead by example for your team. It might be really great to plan a 1 month and/or 6 month reunion for your team.

First Things to Know

COSTS: If you are going to Brazil in 2023, trip costs are \$80 for each day you are on the ground, plus a flat \$100 for the tourist day and World Renewal processing fees. The money needs to be turned in to World Renewal one month before your trip begins. If you are going somewhere else, please check to see if prices are different.

Unfortunately, there are also some other expenses that will vary per person:

- You need a passport with no less than 6 months left (starting after you arrive on location). A passport can cost a couple hundred dollars if you need it fast.
- You do not need a visa for Brazil, but you do need to be vaccinated or have a current Covid test (we will give you specifics) that will cost some money. Other locations may need visas.
- You need travel health insurance for the whole time you are traveling (this can be a basic plan, but must include emergency evacuation). We recommend [sevencorners.com](https://www.sevencorners.com) (it should be under \$100 for the whole trip)
- You need a plane ticket to and from your location (this will be the biggest cost of your trip) You and your team will decide how this is best accomplished.
- You may want to have spending money for snacks (meals are provided) and presents. This is up to you.

WHATSAPP: We know that no one wants another app on their phone, but we do require WhatsApp for the pre-during-post trip. Your team WhatsApp group will help with questions and training before the trip, getting everyone on the same page. On the trip, most carriers do not have inexpensive international plans, but you should have access to Internet (at least where we are sleeping): your team WhatsApp group will be your main way to connect while traveling, it is the best way to share photos/video from the trip with each other, and it will help with debriefing and sharing when you return home (the group will be closed a couple weeks after returning).

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR TRIP:

- Pre and Post Trip training and PDF manuals
- Fundraising help
- Language learning help
- Long-term ministry partners and opportunities
- Experienced staff and translators
- Opportunities to share your testimony
- Culture orientation and immersion
- Multiple kinds ministry opportunities
- Worshipping with a local church on the ground
- Room and board
- Purified drinking water
- Team devotions and debriefs while there
- Tourist day to explore
- WhatsApp group to support and connect