



# **5** **KAWA-SAKA**

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP

**VOLUNTEER**  
**ORIENTATION**



## ACCOMMODATION

**Water:** Some of the villages have difficulties in water supply... we may experience not to take a bath for 2 days, neither wash our clothes. However, there are areas near the river, where we can take a plunge, swim or a short dip.

We will need to bring mineral waters, water purifier powder or a purifying tablet for drinking water.

Where there is water, there are mosquito's.  
Insect repellent, mosquito nets are needed.

**Light:** Not all villages in the area have electricity.  
We can bring with us Torchlight (flashlights)  
A lighter, a candle, or a re-chargeable lamp.

**Accommodation (where to sleep):** Our first stop will be our home base. We take a good rest for a day. Nice shower, a good meal. A review of the orientation, and prayers. The team leaders will visit contacts in the nearby place, get additional supplies, and check the situation in the areas we are visiting.

**Boundaries and guidelines:** We usually separate boys from girls. There some occasions wherein we stay at one house, with no partitions, but we set boundaries. The husband and wife that are in the team stays together and serves as guardians.

**Bath and Toilet:** It is not very common that a house has a toilet room, a toilet bowl, and a bath or shower room ... There are some that has a pit hole, a wooden flat form with a hole that serves as dung hole. Volunteers should find a way to make himself or herself to make number 5. That was what we experienced in the past four Kawa-Saka Mission Exposure in Kalinga province.

**Food/Drinks:** When we are in the villages... Please be aware that the food offered on the table may taste different, and must be accepted "**without negative reactions**". We do not want them to be disappointed in the meal they offered. You can try eating little by little at least. Coffee is very common and they usually serve as beverage (with no sugar).

You should provide yourself chips, crackers, powdered choco and candies in your backpack, for personal consumption (you can also share it with the team), do not eat it in front of the villagers. Bring distilled water, water may not be safe for drinking in some areas.

## **WEATHER**

**Weather:** the weather condition in some areas are very unpredictable. We usually set trips during summer season in the Philippines. One situation that we encountered was 3 days severe weather change, heavy rainfalls and thundering, that kept the team soaked wet and stranded in one village. However, everybody was safe and made good favor amongst the tribal group we stayed.

## **VILLAGE and the PEOPLE**

**People:** at first visit, some of the tribal people are hostile... but once they understood the real motive and reason of our visit, you can see the difference and how hospitable the people are. For some that already knew us are eagerly and expectantly waiting for us.

## **TRAVEL**

**Transportation:** Approximately 500 Km away from Manila. We will take the night trip via bus from Manila to Tabuk, Kalinga Province. In Kalinga, we will be riding on tricycles and jeepney (the usual transportation in the field). Jeepneys are usually full packed with luggages, pigs, chickens and merchandise before leaving the terminal, you may be seating next to a person with different smell, smile, language, or a tribal group. Just smile, be happy and friendly!

**Road:** rugged, dusty, and off- road experience are expected during the travel.

**Hiking:** Expect 2 hours hike from one village to another village, and sometimes there will be longer when the roads are not accessible for the vehicle.

## RISK

**Place:** Prior to the trip, Gospel Recordings already sent coordinators to assure the teams security.

**Travel:** High elevation, is expected, there are ongoing road clearing, repairs, and construction of roads. Usually takes about an hour or two waiting for clearing before travelers get through.

## OTHER

**Luggage:** Each person should bring a backpack, not too big and heavy. Good enough for your need for three days or a week travel in the field. We can leave other things in the base camp before leaving. Separate baggage's that is needed in the villages.

**Belongings:** Do not bring any important documents in the travel, expensive belongings that are not necessary, (expensive cell phone or gadgets / jewelries / excess money). Mobile phones are helpful in communicating, but do not bring the expensive one. And most of the place don't have tower for signals.

**Actions:** We should be careful in our speech and in action. We are there to minister, not to make them feel different to us. We have to show our concerns, Christian conduct, morals values, that we Jesus loves and care for them.

**Too much talking** that they do not understand makes them uncomfortable to us. Laughing in front of them may cause mis-understanding, and can be very offensive to the people. Laughing is not forbidden just be careful... (in fact, some of the villagers are very funny people, they always makes un-usual and un-funny jokes). Modesty in everything must be taken into consideration.

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER**

- Phobia
- Allergies
- Spiritually, Morally, Mentally and Physically Fit
- First Aid Kits (for personal hygiene's specially for ladies)

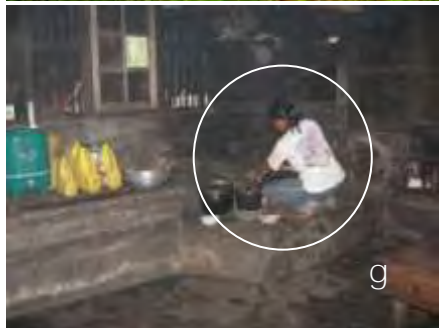
\* Please check the itineraries. Any person who is not physically aware and fit to travel is not advisable to join the mission trip.

### **EXPECT THE UN EXPECTED... PRAYER IS THE BEST OF ALL.**

- **WHO ARE TEAM?** \_\_\_\_\_
- **THE TEAM LEADERS:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **WHAT IS OUR**  
**VISION :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**GOAL:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **WHERE OUR HOME BASE IS:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **CONTACT NUMBER OF EACH TEAM**  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- **PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER MISSION ORGANIZATION**  
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- **REMEMBER YOUR NAME**

## **SHALOM!!!**

# ACCOMMODATION



Typical bedroom (a), house (b), water sources (c), shower room (d), toilet (e), dining, food (f) and kitchen (g).



# VILLAGE And THE PEOPLE



The Village (a) ,  
people (b),  
the trail with  
luggage each  
volunteer (c).



a



b



c



d



d



d



d

## TRAVEL

The road (a) (b), hike (c),  
and means of transportation (d)

# KAWA-SAKA STAGE 5

**April 13 to April 22, 2012**

DATE	Arrival	Departure	FROM PLACE	TO PLACE	Travel
13-Apr Fri	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Victory Terminal (Kamuning)	Bantay Tabuk	12 hours
14-Apr Sat	8:00 AM		Bantay, Tabuk		Base
		1:00 PM	Bantay, Tabuk	Taga, Pinukpok	1 1/2 hours
15-Apr Sun	8:00 AM		Bantay, Tabuk		1/2 team Sunday Service in Bantay
	8:00 AM		Taga, Pinukpok		1/2 team Sunday Service in Taga
		12:30 PM	Bantay, Tabuk	Taga, Pinukpok	1 1/2 hours
		2:00PM	Taga, Pinukpok	Pantikian, Balbalan	4 hours
	6:00PM		Pantikian, Balbalan		Overnight / Film Showing / Distribution
16-Apr Mon		10:00 AM	Pantikian, Balbalan	Salegseg, Balbalan	1 hour
	11:00 AM		Salegseg, Balbalan		Overnight / Film Showing / Distribution
17-Apr Tue		10:00 AM	Salegseg, Balbalan	Balantoy, Balbalan	1 hour
	11:00 AM		Balantoy, Balbalan		Overnight / Film Showing / Distribution
18-Apr Wed		8:00 AM	Balantoy, Balbalan		6 hours
	2:00 PM		Buhay, Pasil		
19-Apr Thu		7:00 AM	Buhay, Pasil	Balatok, Pasil	2 hours
	9:00 AM		Balatok, Pasil		Hike
20-Apr Fri		7:00 AM	Balatok, Pasil	Buhay, Pasil	2 hours
	9:00 AM		Buhay, Pasil		Overnight / Film Showing / Distribution
	4:00 PM		Bantay, Tabuk		Overnight
21-Apr Sat	8:00 AM	11:00 AM	Tabuk Proper	Bantay Tabuk	5 hours
		5:00 PM	Tabuk (Victory Terminal)	Manila	Packing of baggage, market day
22-Apr Sun	5:00 AM		Victory Liner (Kamuning)		

Note: Tentative Schedule. Subject are prior to change depending on the weather and accessibility of the place.



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