# **Belize 2025 Mission Trip**

Purpose : Children's Ministry / VBS

When: Jan 25 - Feb 5, 2025

#### Summary

Ministering selflessly to those in need is likely the most powerful arsenal to transform the heart and character of young people to compassionately love like the Master, our Lord and saviour Jesus-Christ. We have worked tirelessly to package a mission trip to re-engage our students community with mission and benefit the community of Billy White SDA Elementary school in Belize.

#### Projects

Complete the construction of the eating pavilion at Billy White SDA Elementary school:

- Pouring cement floor
- Building cement tables and benches
- Installing metal roof

#### Lodging & Food

Lodging: At the mission house in Santa Elena, Belize (25 minute drive from Mission site)

Food: Hired staff to cook all meals at mission house or mission site.

#### **Health Notes**

No health notice from CDC

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/belize

- Recommendations, in consultation with participant's family doctor, include but not limited to: Routine vaccines
  - COVID-19
  - Chikungunya
  - Hepatitis A
  - Hepatitis B
  - Measles
  - Rabies
  - $\circ$  Typhoid

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Canada, Belize	Jan 25 - Feb 5, 2025	Mission/Service	Children's Ministry / VBS	
Cost	People Needed	Participants	Target Age	Skills



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Visiting	Faith FM Radio Ministry PO Box 145 Santa Elena, Belize
World Divisions	Inter-American Division, North American Division
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## **Travel Advisory**

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Exercise normal precautions

Reissued with obsolete COVID-19 page links removed.

Exercise normal precautions in Canada.

Read the Country Information page for additional information on travel to Canada.

If you decide to travel to Canada:

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on\_ Facebook and Twitter.
- Review the Country Security Report for Canada.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest Travel Health Information related to your travel. Exercise normal precautions in Canada.

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2 Exercise increased caution

Exercise increased caution in Belize due to **crime**. Some areas have increased risk. Please read the entire Travel Advisory.

**Country Summary**: Violent crime – such as sexual assault, home invasions, armed robberies, and murder – are common even during daylight hours and in tourist areas. A significant portion of violent crime is gang related. Due to high crime, travelers are advised to exercise caution while traveling to the south side of Belize City. Local police lack the resources and training to respond effectively to serious criminal incidents. Most crimes remain unresolved and unprosecuted.

Read the country information page for additional information on travel to Belize.

If you decide to travel to Belize:

Read the Department of State's COVID-19 page before planning any international travel.

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid walking or driving at night.
- · Do not physically resist any robbery attempt.
- Be extra vigilant when visiting banks or ATMs.
- Do not display signs of wealth, such as wearing expensive watches or jewelry.
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- Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter.
- Review the Country Security Report for Belize.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest Travel Health Information related to your travel.

#### Belize City – Level 3: Reconsider Travel

U.S. citizens should avoid traveling to Belize City. Historically much of the violent crime in Belize occurs in the Southside of Belize City and is gang related. This area (south of Haulover Creek Canal and continuing south to Fabers Road) does not overlap the typical tourism areas. All visitors should maintain an elevated level of due diligence and reduce their exposure to crime-related risks by practicing good safety and security practices.