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VISITOR GUIDELINES FOR GRENADA

What a privilege it is to visit an operating mission! To see firsthand the Lord at work and to meet brothers and sisters in the Lord from another culture and nation is a blessed experience. Olive Branch Mennonite Missions depends on the support of people like you to continue spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are very grateful to those who are using their God-given abilities, time, and resources for the furtherance of His kingdom here in Grenada.

The goal of OBMM is to create a greater burden and vision for missions in the hearts of those who come to the field for a visit. We also desire that each visitor would be a spiritual blessing and encouragement to the mission workers as well as leave a clear witness and testimony to the Nationals. To help ensure this, the following guidelines are given for those planning to visit the mission:

1. Visitors are encouraged not to stay at the mission longer than one week. (Special exceptions may apply.) Travel by air is to be avoided on Sunday to maintain our testimony in the church and community.
2. Missionaries normally have a very busy schedule, so visitors should be willing to fit into their schedule of visiting in the community, Bible studies, church work, passing out tracts, etc. All other activities engaged in shall be wholesome and of such that bring honor and glory to God. Grenadian culture is unique, so be sensitive to any suggestions the missionaries may have to offer. Take time to learn to know some of the Nationals.
3. Mission vehicles (driven by a licensed missionary) may be used to go to various mission sites or brief touring of the island, but shall not be expected to be the sole means of transportation. When possible, public transportation shall be used. A donation would be appreciated for the use of mission vehicles.
4. Visitors should either take along enough food to replace what they may use or be prepared to pay the host a meal fee. Most American foods are very expensive in Grenada. Be sure to try the Grenadian food; you may like it! Check with the host to see what foods they may want the visitor to bring along.
5. The black, unlaced flowing veil is used in Grenada. To avoid confusion, we suggest that visiting sisters also use it.
6. We ask visitors to dress with modesty and simplicity, not displaying fashions of the world. Camouflage clothing is not acceptable in Grenada.
7. Men are expected to wear modest swimming suits and T-shirts for swimming. Sleeveless T-shirts are acceptable. Ladies' swimwear shall cover the upper body and upper leg. Tops may be sleeveless, but shall have a high-cut neckline and cover the shoulder. The upper leg shall be covered to the knee. There shall be no mixed swimming. This is defined as at least far enough apart that you see a group and not individuals (within calling distance for safety's sake). Fathers are responsible for immediate families swimming together. We were told that before OBMM came to Grenada some missionaries lost their testimony on the beach. Even local newspapers target visitors for low standards in Grenada. Everyone shall be fully dressed going to and from the beach.
8. A current passport is required. Upon arrival, you will be asked your destination. (This is where you plan to stay.) It would be good to have the address of your host. You may be required to open luggage for customs officials to inspect.
9. Be sure to check luggage restrictions for the airlines (including connecting flights) with which you are traveling.
10. Check with your host regarding the current exchange rate.
11. For any other questions, contact the OBMM office.