

Guidelines for Visiting Volunteers

Recommended activities:

1. **Feeding**-ask workers which child is best to help with. Some children are learning to feed themselves and can use “hand-over-hand” instruction.
1. **Playing**-there is a volunteer closet full of games, art materials, balls, etc. Ask to have it opened, and please replace materials after you use them. The playground can be opened and used as well. School children must finish their homework before playing. Please check with Gabriel first.
2. **Going for walks** outside the yard is permitted with school children with at least 2 adults and a ratio of 1 adult to 2 children; handicapped children must be with a ratio of 1 adult to 1 child. Of course you must have permission from one of the directors: Gabriel, Madame Suze, or Gertrude.
3. **No diapering**-please notify a worker if a diaper change is required. We are not set up to have volunteers do this task like some other settings are.
4. **Guest House**- The upstairs guest house rooms are occupied by paying guests; these proceeds are used to support the orphanage. The rooms are off-limits to other visitors.

Recommended items to bring:

Although we appreciate food items you may bring, they must be given to one of the directors to be passed out at mealtimes. Please, no balloons, stuffed animals, or individual gifts. You should plan on enough for 50 children. Fruit, cookies, granola bars, packaged snacks, and Gatorade mix are greatly appreciated.

Photographs:

Photographs are permitted if they are for personal use and memories of your trip. **They are not to be used for fundraising of any kind!**

Guidelines for Guest House Guests

Please remember you are a guest in a house, and not a hotel. Be respectful of your housemates and your hosts! Quiet time is from 10 pm to 7 am, unless a special arrangement is made such as for an end-of-trip party. The gates are locked at 10 pm, so you must be in the compound by then.

- sheets and towels are provided
- breakfast is served at 7 am
- supper is served between 5 and 6 pm; please call if you will be late
- lunch will be provided if it is ordered ahead of time for an extra \$5 US
- you may invite others to meals with prior notice (example: your driver) for a charge of \$8 US for supper and \$4 US for breakfast per person
- Coke and beer are available for \$1 US
- laundry service available for \$5 a grocery sack-full; place the sack on the outside doorknob of your room
- please do not keep food and snacks in the rooms as they attract pests. These can be placed in a bin in the dining area
- do not take your passport or large amounts of money with you as you work in the city during the day. The director can lock these up for you
- local crafts are available for purchase
- if you wish to leave a tip for the workers, please give these to the director and not individual employees as this causes friction among the employees.
- if you want to leave personal items for donation (shampoo, clothes, etc.), please box them up and give to the director as well.

Interaction with the children:

Many guests are happy to have the chance to interact with the children of the orphanage. Please help us keep the rule that no children are to be upstairs, in guest rooms, or alone with a volunteer at any time. If you want to spend time volunteering with the children, please follow all of the volunteer guidelines and be mindful of the children's schedule as posted.

Donations for individual child sponsorships or for physical therapy programs are always appreciated!