

Preparing for a StoveTeam Trip

- Obtain a current passport and provide one copy to StoveTeam with emergency contact and insurance information, and a list of allergies and medications. Keep one color copy of your passport at home, keep one copy with you, and give another to a traveling companion. **MAKE SURE YOUR PASSPORT IS VALID AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEYOND YOUR TRAVEL DATE**
- Take care of outstanding medical needs such as vaccinations for tetanus, hepatitis A and prescriptions. Keep all medications in original labeled containers and bring them on the airplane in your carry-on bag.
- Develop a plan for raising/saving the necessary money for your trip, and raising money for general support of StoveTeam International.
- Learn about the country. A list of educational resources including books, films, music and websites is on the website.
- Become familiar with the packing list and secure necessary items. Each StoveTeam volunteer should pack all personal items in a **single carry-on bag** and plan to bring an extra duffel to transport donated items. All luggage must have an identifying luggage tag showing the name and telephone number of the destination lodging.
- Consider taking a Spanish class or studying words and phrases useful in stove construction and testing. A list is available on the website.
- Learn how to use your camera and make sure it is charged.
- Team members need to be able to walk with ease and be able to participate in simple constructions tasks.
- Be flexible. We will be guests of our Latin American hosts. Please be thoughtful and respectful, and be prepared to do with less.