

WildFire Philippines & Indonesia 2018 **22nd July - 26th August**

Local Partners

All that we do in the Philippines & Indonesia will be in partnership with local Youth With A Mission (YWAM) partners:

Philippines - Rudy & Nits: have been serving the city of Cagayan de Oro for over 20 years and have discipled thousands of people, many who now serve on various teams in YWAM, the local church and para-church organisations. We are aiming to sow into existing projects run by Rudy & Nits, their teams, or connected churches, this means that we will be able to hit the ground running and that there is already strategy in place for follow up work, ministry and discipleship. In some cases we will be pioneering something new or relaunching something which has previously existed; in these instances the way we operate, in close partnership with many Filipino YWAM staff, volunteers and church members ensure that our work will be easily developed once we leave.

Indonesia - Sheryl & Novi: run King's Kids, a children's home that nurtures and discipled children and families to see them released into being everything that God has made them to be. Previously we've worked with the children's home in being good news to the local community; unblocking drains, building anti-flood systems, hosting antenatal and basic hygiene classes & more. Sheryl & Novi are also connected with people all around Indonesia and work with some of the most isolated people in the world. We'll have the honour of working alongside some of these people groups, helping with their ongoing projects and developing innovative solutions to help them better provide for their own wellbeing.

Teams

Whilst we will be going as one big team we will, at times, operate as smaller teams within our big team for different areas of service. We will have teams with different focuses who will undertake different projects during our time in the Philippines & Indonesia which are appropriate for the different age ranges/skill-sets/interests within the team. This does not mean that you will not get a taste of everything, but that your energy will be directed toward a certain number of activities, meaning you can make a long term impact within that area.

The WildFire team will also have 'family groups' or 'tribes' which act as a place for getting to know people really well within a smaller setting and is also the place where needs can be shared and support given. These groups will spend time debriefing each day, praying together and taking part in the team challenges together.



Possible activities (these have happened on previous visits and are not an exhaustive list but serve as an example)

#RaiseTheJoyLevel - Community Parties - Baptism - Communion - House to House Ministry

Over the past five years WildFire have seen incredible fruit from intentionally 'Raising the joy level' in communities here in the UK and around the world. The WildFire anointing of 'raising the joy level' has been a catalyst for the kingdom and has led to many lives being transformed. This year we will again be using this strategy and leaving the communities with a model of the two powerful kingdom practices that Jesus taught us to do, baptism and communion or 'The Lords Supper'; alongside this we'll be stirring up the party atmosphere that should go with these practices. We find that when we raise the joy level it becomes easier to release the other fruits of the spirit as well as operate in the gifts of the spirit.

Community Development

Getting to know a community in depth; sitting, eating, listening to the stories, hopes & dreams of individuals and families. Out of these 'thick' relationships is where we establish how we can work together with the community on projects which will lead to fuller expressions of the kingdom of God. This may include, starting working co-operatives, installing sanitary systems, providing sustainable clean water, renewable energy solutions or new education programmes. We always look for at least one connection that will facilitate this kind of work as it leads to long term kingdom change & provides for a community as we partner with them!

Football (and other sports)

Football (Soccer) is a growing sport in the Philippines, but is seen as the 'rich person's sport' and it not accessible for the majority of Filipinos despite it requiring little equipment and expense. What the poor majority of the Philippines are in need of is coaching and basic equipment to get started and develop basic skill alongside passion. Given the international push by FIFA to have more nations play football at a competitive level it is reasonable to assume that, in a few years time, football will have become a more established sport in the Philippines and could provide a means for increased socialisation across the class structure for those given an opportunity to play now. Football is massive in Indonesia and great way to connect with people!

Volleyball is incredibly popular in both the Philippines and Indonesia.



Campus Ministry

School Campuses in the Philippines & Indonesia are very responsive to visitors from afar and will happily collapse their time table to receive such guests. Visitors are highly respected and their words are not heeded lightly, especially if they are missionaries; for this reason we have been asked to make school campuses a focus by our local partners in Cagayan De Oro.

A school visit will generally be an hour long and will have two foci, the students and the teachers. One team will present, roughly, a 45 minute programme for the students and then spend some time mingling, ministering and praying with the students. We will also have team who, where possible, will spend time encouraging the teaching staff in their kingdom mandate of educating and establishing the next generation, this investment will not be a one off, but one that ripples out into every class and every year those teachers are in the education system.

We will also have the opportunity to teach individual classes in specific subjects and also share our lives with the students.

Treasure Hunting

Treasure hunting is a low-risk adventure for practicing the gifts of 'words of knowledge', supernatural healing, 'words of wisdom' and evangelism. A team will ask the Lord for some 'clues' to help them find their 'treasure', this could be a name, an item of clothing or even a disease, once a list of clues has been discerned the team will go and look for their treasure and then often have a powerful encounter that leads to the kingdom breaking out. This can be done anywhere... beaches, markets, villages, on a water adventure park etc.



****Training Days & Debrief - these days are compulsory and an essential part of our adventure (please ensure you can make these dates before signing up!)****

As part of our family adventure we will be spending time together ahead of travelling to the Philippines & Indonesia for training, input, team building & learning how to overcome together. We will be looking at what it means to Love Mercy, Act Justly & Walk Humbly in our mission adventure but also in our everyday life at home, work, school and beyond.

Our training and preparation will feed directly into our daily debrief and long term debrief which will help us bridge the gap between a mission experience and missional living.

Training will consist of: 16th - 18th March 2018 - team bonding and initial preparation (Starting Friday evening and finishing Sunday early afternoon).
: 4th - 7th May 2018 - NIKO Wilderness leadership training (Starting Friday Evening and finishing Monday mid afternoon).

Debrief will consist of: 23rd - 25th November 2018 - Time to reflect on our trip and how it is impacting our lives back home and can continue to.



What to bring (20k Check in Baggage limit)

Passport, Travel insurance documents (please also email these to Team Leader before the trip)
Photocopy of passport & 2 Passport photos
Underwear
Lightweight waterproof
Shorts and teeshirts (shorts must be a decent length - to the knees or below - NO HOT PANTS - girls shoulders should be covered)
Activewear/sportswear/sports bra
One piece Swimsuit/Board Shorts (no Bikinis or speedos)
Towel
Appropriate nightwear - please do not just wear underwear as this may cause offence
Suncream (SPF 50)
Sun Hat
Sun Glasses
Aftersun cream
Water Bottle (to hold more than 1 litre)
Sandals/flip flops
Hard wearing shoes for any hard graft and areas with unsafe floor environment
Low tog Sleeping bag - or sleeping bag liner & thin blanket
Small packable inflatable mattress (if you do not have we can buy on arrival)
Travel pillow
Mosquito net
Mosquito spray (50% DEET or more)
Hand sanitiser
Antiseptic cream
Anti malarial medicine
Smart clothes for Sundays - full length dress for girls, shoulders covered. Shirt and trousers for men
Toiletries
Camera
Torch
Travel adaptor - Region A/Region 1 (American 2 pin)
Any useful bits and bobs you have such as: Multi-tool, hair bobbles, string, elastic bands (useful for playing games with local kids)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

(Make sure your suitcase is under 20kg as this is the limit for internal flights)

**Hot pants
Short shorts
Strappy tops
Bikinis
Speedos
Lots of accessories
Heavy clothing
Phone, unless you trust yourself not to lose it**

Cultural Expectations

It is very important that when we are in the Philippines & Indonesia, we do as the locals do so as not to cause offence and to be most effective in serving. Some of these things may seem odd, but many of the things which we do unthinkingly due to our cultural conditioning seem odd to people not from the western world, such as beckoning someone using hand gestures which is considered rude in most of the world. Here are some things to be mindful of:

Keeping well covered, especially shoulders and upper legs & Dressing well for Sunday church services (A Dress or Shirt and Trousers)

The Filipinos are very tactile so please do not be freaked out if someone hugs you when you first meet them or want to hold your hand, odds are that they are not flirting with you, but please make sure you wait for them to initiate any such contact rather than initiating it yourself.

Filipinos use their eyebrows and lips to communicate a lot, for instance, repeated eyebrow raising is generally a greeting and people will point with their lips rather than point with their finger... they probably do not want a kiss! Drinking alcohol and smoking are big social faux pas so please avoid these all together.

Food is very important for Filipinos and Indonesians, please do not interrupt meals and try to make sure our local friends are well fed when it is in your power to do so. Filipinos will often decline food when they really do want it, the general rule is to offer three times before taking no for an honest answer.

When visiting someone's house they will often offer you food, please receive it with gratitude, don't take too much but don't be shy, it is important to accept hospitality; there is no need to be bashful if someone offers to climb a tree to get you a fresh coconut - and oh man are they tasty!

Be mindful that whilst the areas we work in may be dirty that they are likely to be someone's home, so please don't use your anti-bacterial hand wash in front of them wait until you leave or are no longer in their company.

Filipinos & Indonesians are very people orientated and not very task orientated, this means that things will often be late or not communicated brilliantly, this is an excellent time to grow in grace and to learn the value of people and simply being with them!

Please be swift to react to any advice given by leaders or Filipino/Indonesian brothers or sisters.



Travel arrangements

We hope to depart from a UK airport on 22nd July but this may change to a day either side. On arrival in Manila we will spend the night in a hotel before continuing our journey to Cagayan De Oro. Most days in the Philippines we will travel by jeepney (imagine a military jeep where people face inwards on 2 benches in the back). In Indonesia we will travel by mini-van predominantly but will also have a 7 hour journey in or on the back of a pick-up truck. We will always travel in a group of 3 or more and always have an over 18 as well as a local or someone with a lot of experience of working in the these nations.

Safety

Team safety is of great importance and each day will be structured to ensure that we are always as safe as possibly. Please follow all instructions given by team leaders to ensure the safety of the whole team. The Philippines & Indonesia are generally safe for westerners and are well policed with many security staff. Our accommodation is always secure but it is better to keep valuables with you at all times or deposit them in the safe (in our hosts house). **Mindanao safety concerns:** we monitor the situation very carefully in wider Mindanao - there have been terrorist activities in Marawi recently, however this is very localised and now contained. Mindanao has been in a state of Martial law but this is a temporary measure expected to be revoked on 31st December 2017. Cagayan de Oro is considered safe and our partners have never experienced any terror related violence in the last 20 years.

Accommodation

For the Majority of our stay in the Philippines we will be staying at either Coconut Bay beach resort or our partner's house (which is lovely). Families can be housed together and age/gender specific rooms will be provided for youth and singles. There may be times when we are away for a night or two and this will likely include a church floor or someone's house, again this will be divided into family sections and age/gender appropriate areas. In Indonesia when visiting remote areas we are likely to have our own rooms in local houses (very basic) or stay in tents otherwise we will be in the children's home or nearby apartments.

Food

We are always well looked after when it comes to food. The Filipinos & Indonesians all seem to be great cooks and we'll have the opportunity to sample many traditional delights. Rice is always on the menu, (often accompanied by chicken in the Philippines and tofu in Indonesia) and fresh fruit is always available. You may find some of the foods odd and they may not be your favourite but do take the opportunity to try something new and remember that if it's not your favourite it probably is someone else's.

WiFi

There will be internet access however this will be limited to certain times each day to enable us to make the most of our time together as a team without distractions. People will be able to contact home regularly apart from when we are working in a remote village (no more than 1 week).



Hurry up and wait

We will always try to run each day smoothly and keep you well informed of what is going on and more often than not you will be involved in the planning process. That said, when working in other nations and with a number of different cultures, things will not always run smoothly, plans will change and we will be waiting around sometimes. Please always be ready on time, but be willing to wait once you are ready. Times of waiting are a great time to get to know someone better, to pray or to play a practical joke!

Cost

Overall trip cost: **Super-Earlybird (Apply Before October 31st 2017) £900 + Flights (£800)**

Earlybird (Apply Before December 31st 2017) £1000 + Flights (£800)

Latebird (Apply January - February 28th 2018) £1100 + Flights (£800)

The above cost covers all food, accommodation, local transport, team activities/training days & budget for all our projects.

The cost does not include travel to training days or the airport (however if we are not travelling from an airport in London or the Midlands we will provide minibus/coach transport to any such airport),

We always try to make trips as cheap as possible whilst maximising our long term impact on communities. If money is an issue please do talk to us rather than feel you simply can't come.



Application Process

Sign up must be complete by 28th February 2018. All applicants must complete the registration and application forms (see www.ywamwildfire.com/asia-2018) which will be read and considered by the WildFire leadership team. **Failure to do so will result in applicants being unable to come. ALL forms (e.g. medical, reference forms) must be completed by 31st March 2018.**

All applicants must also submit to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, where applicable, in accordance with YWAM England's Policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. People holding a valid transferable DBS check may use this by providing their Transferable DBS number.

Application Deadline: 28th February 2018 - this will include the first £100 payment

First Payment Deadline: 31st March 2018 - £700

Final Payment on arrival - £ Balance (in cash)

We are aware it is not usual practice to pay large amounts of money in cash however, we cannot withdraw money once abroad and therefore need to take cash to change to local currency.

Travel insurance & Immunisations

All successful applicants are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance to cover the whole period of travel away from home. Successful applicants are also required to visit their GP and arrange any necessary travel immunisations (your GP will advise you as to what is needed) as well as any antimalarials or other travel medication. **Without either of these you will not be allowed to participate in the trip and any money already paid will be lost.**

Down Time

Whilst our time in the Philippines & Indonesia is short and we want to maximise our Kingdom impact we also want to be able to enjoy the beauty and the rich culture of these amazing countries (to not do so would be to miss out on the fullness of the Kingdom of God). There will be opportunities in the evenings and days off to experience things such as white water rafting, lush beaches, a fantastic massage, local thrift markets, cliff jumping, water parks & exquisite Asian food and delicacies.



Useful Websites and Contacts

ywamwildfire.com - The Home of WildFire on the Web

<http://www.ywam.org/> - Youth With A Mission's international website

<http://www.cost-uk.org/> - Funding for young people wanting to take part in short term overseas mission (can cover part of the cost)

<https://www.facebook.com/WildFireKkiEngland> - WildFire FaceBook Page

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