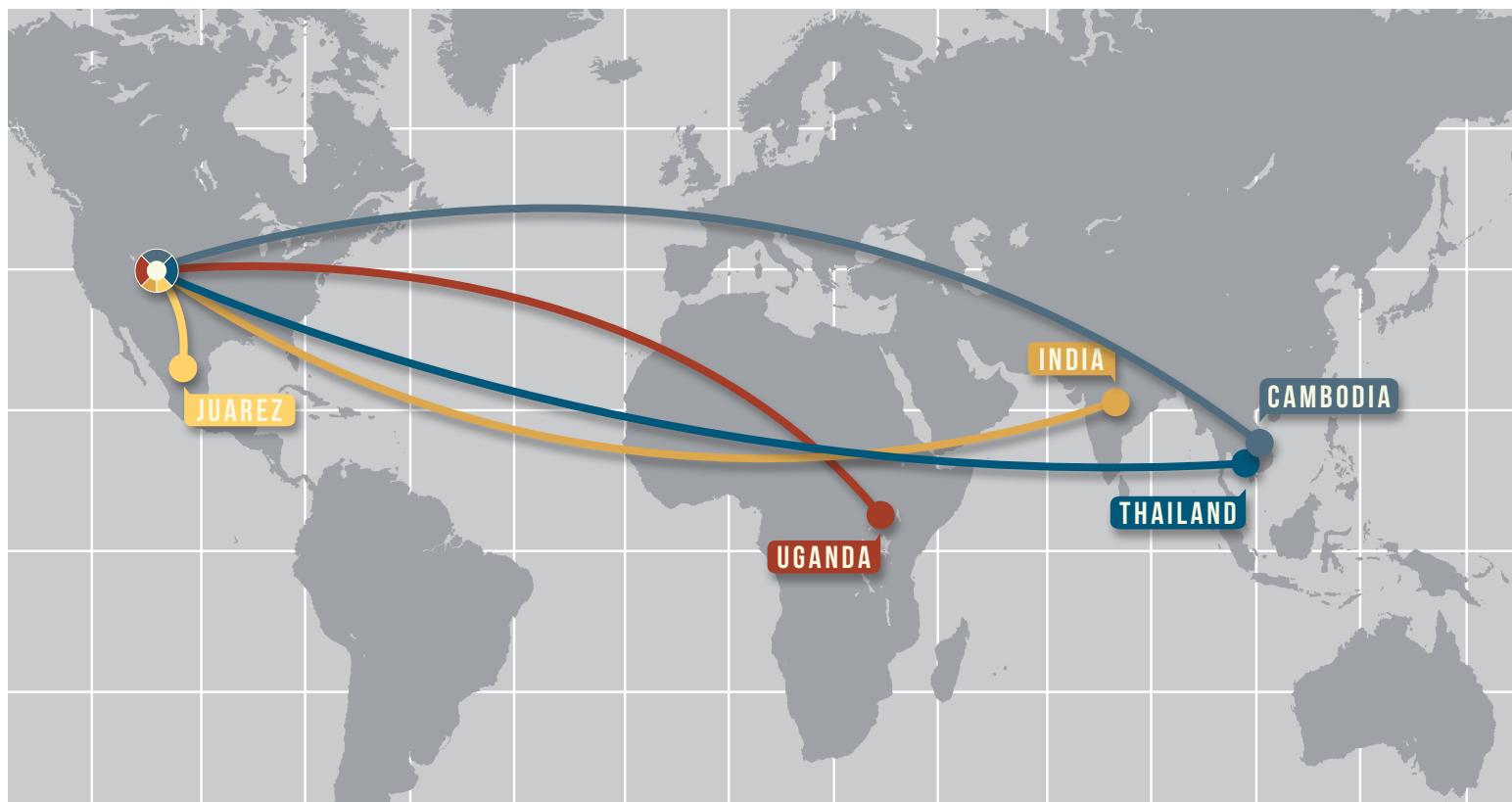


# YOBEL INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE TRIPS



2011 - 2012

# YOBEL INTERNATIONAL

INSPIRING AWARENESS - PROMOTING JUSTICE

Thank you for considering joining a trip with Yobel International. The exposure trips bring so much life and depth to the mission and purpose of Yobel. Our goal is that you will be given the opportunity through travel, service, and experience to be confronted with another culture; both the beauty and culture as well as the injustice that often plagues developing nations.

As always, Yobel International's goal is to offer the opportunity to become aware, this time by offering a first-hand encounter with the very real people we partner with to see change through empowerment, love, and opportunity for both holistic education and development of a sustainable trade. We want to present the opportunity to wrestle with some of life's hardest questions in an environment allowing you to process and grow both individually and as a team. You will encounter harsh realities and very intense, vulnerable pain but you will also see hope, joy, and the healing power of love through long-term relationship and ministry. These trips are designed to expose you to a part of the world to which many never venture, and we are pleased to present our upcoming 2011-12 trips.

"Meeting the different organizations that produced the products that I had seen in the store helped me to see that the products actually represent real people - it's not just stuff, but rather, it represents a whole different way of life and a whole world of opportunity that those people might not have been able to have otherwise."

## THE FINE PRINT

- Costs noted are approximates and will vary dependent on airfare and final itinerary

- Final trip cost will include: all team travel, all team meals and tips, all team experiences and activities, all lodging for duration of trip, any overnights required during flights, all guide services, offerings made to partners we will serve and costs associated with ministry activities. Will NOT include: meals in airports, extraneous snacks, activities during free time, souvenirs, travel during free-time, an individual's early unexpected departure, or loss or damage of personal items.

- Cambodia and Juarez trip dates are set however Uganda, Thailand, and India may vary slightly by a few days on either end

- This is meant to be an overview and not a complete informational packet of each trip - if you are accepted to join a particular trip then you will receive a complete packet specific to that trip including packing list, payment schedule, team meeting dates/topics, full itinerary, and much more

- We will ask you to sign your life away...everyone traveling must submit a liability release - notarized with parent signatures if under 18.

- If a trip is called off or dates changed resulting in applicant's inability to travel, they will receive a full refund of their deposit. Because we make reservations and payments in advance to airlines and partner organizations, No refund will be given for any other reason unless someone else is able to fill their place at full cost in a timely manner.

- Not having a valid passport or visa on schedule may delay Yobel International's ability to purchase your flight in a timely manner resulting in an increase in your personal trip cost or even cancellation.

- Once a trip's dates are set, it is very hard for us to make exceptions for late arrivals or early departures. Plan to travel with the team on the dates that are determined. If you decide not to attend an additional activity ie: Safari, it will be arranged for you to remain with a guide at a ministry site, in rare occasions early travel home may be arranged at the traveler's cost and risk.

"It took me out of my comfort zone but that was a good thing. I'm used to being shuttled around by people embedded in the culture and this provided a chance to experience a country in a way I didn't expect."

# JUAREZ

\$200  
SEPT 19-23, 2011  
5 MEMBERS

Juarez is a unique place. You would never know that it is just miles from the American city of El Paso, Texas. Ravaged by gang violence and the drug war, this is a city that has been written off, yet from within there is a call to "Love Juarez!" We will partner with several organizations to assist and empower the people of this city.

## WHAT WILL I DO?

Located in one of the colonials on the outskirts of Juarez is a neighborhood that is redefining what the world thinks of this city. Our partners, Amigos Ministries, have a vision to beautify this desert town and bring hope to a people surrounded by violence. This trip will work with the tailoring project that Yobel Market helped start this year, assist in a neighborhood kitchen that feeds up to 400 kids a day and help with the beautification projects that Amigos is heading up.



## WHERE WILL I STAY?

On air mattresses in the secure homes of both Matt & Misty as well as Juan & Carmen. The toilets flush and the showers are hot.



## WHAT WILL I EAT?

The best home cooked authentic Mexican food you've ever had, as well as our own creations concocted as a team. Street gorditas and tacos will be eaten once or twice. Expect tortillas, tamales, pasole, tacos, mole, enchiladas and LOTS of meat, beans, chile and cheese.

## HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?

We'll drive to El Paso Texas, then be ferried across the border by Amigos Ministry in their 15 passenger van. All travel in Juarez will be by van.



## WILL I SWEAT?

Most likely! The climate is hot and dry with temperatures near the 90's.

## DO I NEED SHOTS?

Yes, make sure you have your routine vaccines as well as HEP A, HEP B, and Typhoid.

## WHAT ABOUT VISAS?

There is no visa required if you stay in Juarez. If you intend to travel outside of the city, you will need a visa, and it costs \$20.

## FACIS AND INFORMATION

Population: 1.3 million

67% live below the poverty line

2600 people killed in 2008 due to drug war violence

# CAMBODIA

\$2400  
JAN 2-16  
12 MEMBERS

This Southeast Asian kingdom is full of rich heritage with historical sites that rival that of any ancient society but has a very dark side. During the Seventies, Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge killed  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the population in a horrific agrarian genocide. Cambodia is also a leader in sex trafficking as well as a sex tourism destination.

## WHAT WILL I DO?

Our host, In His Steps Ministry, is a leader in Cambodia in women's empowerment and fighting for the lives of girls who are at risk or victims of the sex industry. We will be working alongside their ministry both in Phnom Penh and its rural community center. We will assist in their women's ministry Sak Saum, helping with the children's ministry and with community development.

## WHERE WILL I STAY?

At the Sak Saum Guest House furnished with nice beds, mosquito nets, flushable toilets and running water.

## WHAT WILL I EAT?

Local Cambodian cuisine served in restaurants and possibly home cooked meals. Expect rice, noodles, curries, veggies, stir-frys, french cuisine, and exotic tropical fruit.

## HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?

By plane to Cambodia. Once in the country we will travel in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: van, truck, rickshaw, taxi, bus, water taxi, and foot.

## WILL I SWEAT?

Yes! Cambodia is in the tropics, so it will be hot and humid with highs in the 80's.

## DO I NEED SHOTS?

Make sure you have HEP A, HEP B, and Typhoid as well as your routine vaccines. Malaria medications are at your own discretion.

## WHAT ABOUT VISAS?

Cambodia requires a tourist visa obtained on arrival which will range between \$20 - \$60.

## ANYTHING ELSE?

We will visit the temple of Angkor Wat and the ancient city of Siem Reap. The excursion is optional, and associated costs are not included in the total above.

## FACTS AND INFORMATION

Population: 14.8 million

95% of people practice Theravada Buddhism

<http://www.ihzionline.org/saksaum>  
[lonelyplanet.com/cambodia](http://lonelyplanet.com/cambodia)



TO APPLY COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AT: [GOO.GL/SHU06](http://GOO.GL/SHU06)

# UGANDA

\$2400  
MARCH 1-12  
15 MEMBERS

Uganda is where Yobel first started three years ago. We have been working with these folks since and have loved every bit. Our hearts were stolen and yours will be too. It is a land of great beauty and amazing wildlife but has a long history of civil war resulting in internal displacement of over 1.7 million of its residents' some of whom we are now privileged to call brothers and sisters on Canaan Farm.

## WHAT WILL I DO?

We will be staying on Canaan Farm, a place of healing and laughter for relocated refugees and former child soldiers that focuses on restoring and rebuilding its residents' lives. Much of our time will be spent building relationships, playing soccer, home visits and playing with kids. We will also assist with a bible conference and get our hands dirty in any way we can.

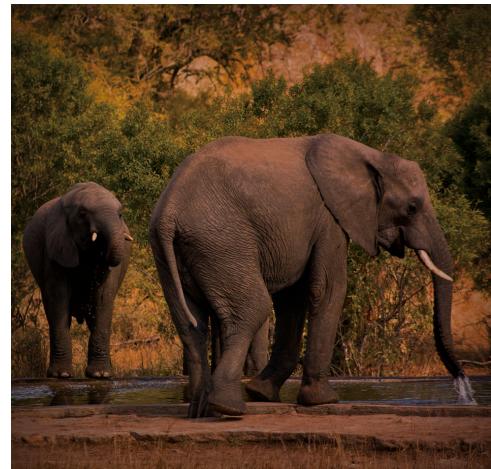


## WHERE WILL I STAY?

In a mud hut with a straw roof. The beds are in good condition with mosquito netting and you will use composting toilets. Cup showers are the norm. While on safari (Yes, safari!) we will stay in cabanas or canvas tents.

## WHAT WILL I EAT?

Home cooked rice and beans, collard greens, flatbread, fry bread, fresh tropical fruit, eggs, peanut sauce, roasted goat and fish.

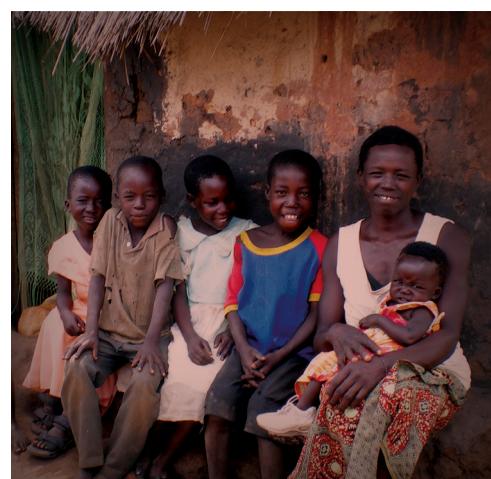


## HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?

By plane to Uganda. Once in the country we will travel by taxi, bus, and foot. Boda boda (motorcycle taxis) are optional.

## WILL I SWEAT?

It's likely. Uganda is hot and humid, but if it's rainy then expect the mornings and evenings to be a bit cooler.



## DO I NEED SHOTS?

Yes. Make sure you are up to date on routine vaccinations as well as Hep A, Hep B, Typhoid, Malaria, Polio, Yellow Fever and Meningitis

## WHAT ABOUT VISAS?

A tourist visa will be acquired at the airport, costing \$50.

## ANYTHING ELSE?

As mentioned earlier, our team will embark on a safari through Murchison National Park, which includes a Nile Boat Ride. Animals seen in this park include elephants, lions, hippos, crocodiles and more. This exciting adventure is optional, so the costs are not included in the above total

## FACTS AND INFORMATION

Population: 32.3 million

Around half of the people live on less than 1.25 USD/day

# THAILAND

\$2400  
JUNE 4-18  
10 MEMBERS

Known as the land of a thousand smiles, there is no doubt that Thailand and its people will win your heart over. Thailand has world famous beaches and a cuisine to match, unfortunately, it also has one of the largest sex industries in the world. Our trip to Thailand will have two focus points, working with women who have been brought out of the sex industry and working with refugees along the border of Burma.

## WHAT WILL I DO?

Our time will be spent with organizations that are bringing freedom to women in the red light districts through income generating projects such as Nightlight Ministries, and the She Project in Phuket. We will also get to work with other marginalized people of Thailand both with refugees in Northern Thailand and possible prison ministry in Bangkok.



## WHERE WILL I STAY?

Hostels and guesthouses with beds, flushable toilets and showers.

## WHAT WILL I EAT?

Thai food! Restaurants serving curries, fruit smoothies, noodle dishes, spicy soups, seafood, sticky rice, papaya salad, and pad thai.



## HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?

By plane to Thailand, then it's trains, taxis, rickshaws, buses, boats and our feet!

## WILL I SWEAT?

Undoubtedly. Expect temperatures in the 90's with a lot of humidity.

## DO I NEED SHOTS?

You'll need your routine vaccines, plus Hep A, Hep B and Typhoid. Malaria vaccines are up to you.



## WHAT ABOUT VISAS?

Not required for US Citizens.

## ANYTHING ELSE?

A visit to an island to either scuba dive or snorkel or a trekking trip with an elephant ride. Since this trip is optional, the costs are not included in the above total.

## FACTS AND INFORMATION

Population: 66.7 Million

Over 95% practice Buddhism

There are 3,912 7-11s in Thailand meaning no shortage of slurpees!

<http://nightlightinternational.com>

<http://www.shethailand.org>

[http://www.breannashouseofjoy.com/BHJ/breannas\\_house.html](http://www.breannashouseofjoy.com/BHJ/breannas_house.html)

<http://www.partnersworld.org/index.html>

TO APPLY COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AT: [GOO.GL/SHU0G](http://GOO.GL/SHU0G)

# INDIA

\$2400  
OCTOBER 1-16  
10 MEMBERS

India is a land of enchantment that is exotic in every way. From the tastes and smells to the women's saris, it is a place of color and beauty. With a population of over a billion people it is also a place of crowds, traffic, and mega cities. The contrast between the rich and the poor will confront your paradigm while our partners and friends will challenge what it means to give of yourself.

## WHAT WILL I DO?

This trip will have two focus locations. Kolkata, our first location, is where we will volunteer with an organization in Sonagachi, one of Asia's largest "Red Light Districts," that works with women literally born into brothels. Prostitution chose them and through this fair trade project these women are choosing freedom. The second location will focus on human trafficking prevention in Darjeeling India, one of the world's most famous tea regions nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas. We will work with a tea village that is leading in community development and income generation.

## WHERE WILL I STAY?

In guesthouses with beds, flushable toilets and showers.

## WHAT WILL I EAT?

Curry, curry, flatbread, curry, eggs, rice, lentils, curry, fruit, cooked vegetables, and curry!

## HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?

By plane to India. While we are in the country, we will travel by train, bus, taxi, auto-rickshaw, regular rickshaw and foot.

## WILL I SWEAT?

Yep. It's India friend. Humid, hot, temperatures in the 90's.

## DO I NEED SHOTS?

Yes. Make sure you are up to date on routine vaccinations as well as Hep A, Hep B, Typhoid, and Polio. Malaria vaccines are up to you.

## WHAT ABOUT VISAS?

A tourist visa must be acquired in advance ranging in cost from \$76-\$166 depending on length of viability.

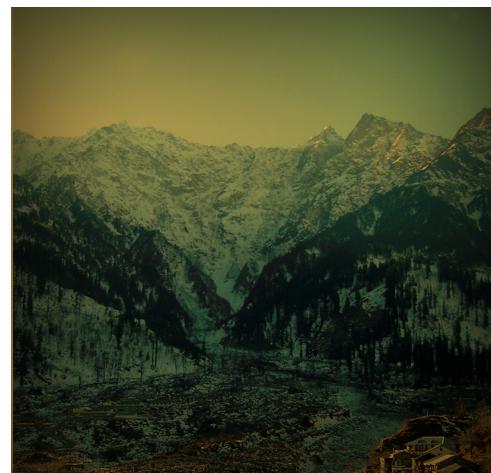
## ANYTHING ELSE?

We will be taking an optional trek through the Himalayas. Costs for this excursion are not included in the above total.

## FACTS AND INFORMATION

Population: 1.2 Billion

<https://indiavisa.travisaoutsourcing.com/homepage>  
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list.htm>



TO APPLY COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AT: [GOO.GL/SHU0G](http://GOO.GL/SHU0G)

# **YOBEL INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE TRIPS 2011-2012**

Although these are the trips that we have planned for this year, we are also happy to arrange private trips for groups of 10 or more. Youth groups or school groups would be perfect for a private Yobel Exposure trip. We partner with amazing organizations that are in high demand and therefore specific requests are subject to the scheduling of Yobel International and our global partners. Please contact Yobel International if you are interested in more information.

## **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS**

It is important that you understand the various items and elements you are responsible for:

- Vaccinations (please see each trip for the required and/or recommended shots), also visit <http://www.cdc.gov/> for more information
- Your Passport - If you do not have a valid passport, begin the application process immediately. Most countries require at least 6 months validity to permit you to travel.
- Visas - if applicable they may need to be acquired ahead of time.
- Travel Insurance through: Lynette Rempel at Mission Trip Insurance <http://www.missiontripinsurance.com/> - this should be purchased on or before the day your initial trip deposit is made if you would like to purchase "cancel for any reason insurance"

We also expect team members to attend all team meetings. Missing more than 25% of meetings may result in disqualification from the Exposure Trip. If you are out of state and can not attend in person, you may join in via Skype. You must also make payments in a timely manner. A \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your spot on any trip. (If the trip is cancelled we will refund the deposit). Don't hesitate, these trips will fill up fast.

## **RISK FACTORS**

While Yobel International can never make any guarantees for the safety of trip participants, we make every effort to be aware of the risks involved in every location we travel to and minimize them as much as possible. Travel advisories are checked regularly, and we register with US embassies within each country we travel to. Our locations are researched in order to ensure secure and reputable accommodations. We also partner with locals who understand how to maneuver about their location with the least amount of risk. However, we believe that nothing risked is nothing gained. Ultimately we believe that God is in control and that each person should pray and consider whether they are being invited to join a particular trip or not. Please read below for a simple analysis of risks.

### **JUAREZ**

Main risks are with anything Cartel related. We work with a Mexican couple who has lived entirely in Juarez and have a good understanding of how to conduct ourselves within the city and which places and times of day we should avoid traveling within. We remain in a small neighborhood and stay in a walled compound. We keep a low profile and work with a ministry that is generally respected and appreciated by community members.

### **UGANDA**

It can be volatile depending on government, elections, and occasional terrorist activity. Uganda has been relatively stable over the past 4 years. Main risks are travelling on roads throughout the country, illness, and petty theft. We work almost entirely with locals who have a good understanding of how to care for and protect Westerners. We set clear boundaries and do not move around after dark. The village we work in primarily is very remote and therefore protected.

### **CAMBODIA**

Relatively safe, with the biggest risks being illness, petty theft, corruption, and travel from place to place. We travel with locals and utilize private vehicles whenever possible. We are led in country by an American couple who have lived in Cambodia for 9 years full time and have a good rapport within local communities. They also have a very good understanding of what it means to host and care for US teams.

### **INDIA**

The risks vary dramatically depending on region. In the regions we spend most of our time the largest dangers are illness, petty theft, corruption, and travel by road. There has been protesting and strikes due to political issues in the north but thus far they have been relatively peaceful. We stay in reputable hotels and hostels and our activities are largely dictated by NGO workers from the West who understand how to care for teams very well.

### **THAILAND**

Political protesting in Bangkok made last year volatile. Otherwise, the largest dangers are petty theft and travel on roads. We travel on trains and metros when possible, and will be staying in reputable hostels and working with ministries that have been in Thailand for many years. Thailand is a second world nation and frequented by tourists. It is generally friendly and accommodating to tourists and NGO workers.

**TO APPLY COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AT: [GOO.GL/SHU06](http://GOO.GL/SHU06)**

**FOR MORE INFO EMAIL US AT [YOBELTRIPS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YOBELTRIPS@GMAIL.COM)**

# THE FINE PRINT

- Costs noted are approximates and will vary dependent on airfare and final itinerary
- Final trip cost will include: all team travel, all team meals and tips, all team experiences and activities, all lodging for duration of trip, any overnights required during flights, all guide services, offerings made to partners we will serve and costs associated with ministry activities. Will NOT include: meals in airports, extraneous snacks, activities during free time, souvenirs, travel during free-time, an individual's early unexpected departure, or loss or damage of personal items.
- Cambodia and Juarez trip dates are set however Uganda, Thailand, and India may vary slightly by a few days on either end
- This is meant to be an overview and not a complete informational packet of each trip - if you are accepted to join a particular trip then you will receive a complete packet specific to that trip including packing list, payment schedule, team meeting dates/topics, full itinerary, and much more
- We will ask you to sign your life away...everyone traveling must submit a liability release - notarized with parent signatures if under 18.
- If a trip is called off or dates changed resulting in applicant's inability to travel, they will receive a full refund of their deposit. Because we make reservations and payments in advance to airlines and partner organizations, No refund will be given for any other reason unless someone else is able to fill their place at full cost in a timely manner.
- Not having a valid passport or visa on schedule may delay Yobel International's ability to purchase your flight in a timely manner resulting in an increase in your personal trip cost or even cancellation.
- Once a trip's dates are set, it is very hard for us to make exceptions for late arrivals or early departures. Plan to travel with the team on the dates that are determined. If you decide not to attend an additional activity ie: Safari, it will be arranged for you to remain with a guide at a ministry site, in rare occasions early travel home may be arranged at the traveler's cost and risk.