



Indonesia

ENVISION HANDBOOK





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Introduction

ABOUT THE SITE

Indonesia is an archipelago located in South East Asia, just north of Australia. It is made up of 17,500 islands. With a population of roughly 240 million people, it is the 4th most populous nation in the world. Out of those 240 million people, 160 million are the majority religion, making Indonesia the country with the largest population of such religion in the world. 145 million of these people live on the island of Java, making it the most populous island on the face of the planet! The Envision site is located on this island in the city of Bandung (population: 5 million people).

God has been at work in Indonesia well before we arrived, and He will continue His work well after our time here is complete. As international workers in Indonesia, we do not start from scratch but rather join the momentum, the vision, and the history of God's master plan here.

One thing that is important to Envision Indonesia is that everything we do is in partnership with the local indigenous church. Our hope is to see more Indonesians share the good news with Indonesians. The ministries we take part in must empower the local church and its leaders, strengthen them, and give them momentum. This is paramount. The specific ministries here in Bandung are still being developed. For those individuals looking for an intense 10-month long internship living among the poor, learning from them, and serving with them, check out Berakah Way at www.berakahway.org.



MEET THE TEAM

JP & Judy Schultz have served as international workers with the C&MA since 1991. Until 2013, they had the privilege of being dorm parents at four M.K. boarding schools in Papua, Indonesia; Penang, Malaysia; Cote d'Ivoire; and Senegal. For the last two years, they have served in West Africa as the business agent, guesthouse manager, and administrator and teachers at the English center, Go Global. No matter what ministry they have been involved in, they have seen God do amazing things in people's lives.

Now God has called them to a different field of service. They have joined Envision to serve in Bandung, Indonesia. They are very excited to see how God will use them in that ministry. They have three adult daughters—Alexis, Stephanie, and Jordana.



General Information

TEAM COSTS

The general cost is \$995 per individual on the ground in the country for 10 days. The in-country expenses cover meals, lodging, laundry, in-city transportation, and travel insurance. Airfare is excluded.

INTERN COSTS

The general cost is \$1,150 per intern on the ground in the country for one month. The in-country expenses cover meals, lodging, laundry, in-city transportation, and travel insurance. Airfare is excluded.

In addition to the monthly cost, there will be a one-time fee of \$455 for international travel insurance if your internship is over six months. For internships under 180 days, the international travel insurance is a one-time fee of \$53.

HOUSING & FOOD

Most teams and interns will stay at the Green Gate complex in Bandung. There is a washer/dryer, so pack lightly. Meals for teams will be provided either at Green Gate or at local restaurants. For interns, breakfasts and lunches will be provided at Green Gate, but you will be on your own for supper. Street vendors are very inexpensive, or you can purchase items at the local grocery store. If you have food restrictions or dietary needs, please communicate that WELL ahead of time, as those will be difficult to accommodate. We ask all visitors to NOT eat pork, drink alcohol, smoke, or vape at ALL during their time in Indonesia.



AIRPORT & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Due to COVID-19, change is constant, and any program participant will need to be in direct contact with site staff prior to arrival about specific details that apply to them.

VISAS

If you are staying longer than two months, we will send you further information well ahead of your departure. Otherwise, you will purchase your initial visa at the airport and be fine. At this time, visas can cost up to \$500.

MONEY

You may wish to bring some spending money depending on how many gifts you plan to buy. We would recommend bringing a few hundred dollars for gifts and snacks.

The currency in Indonesia is the Indonesian Rupiah.

ATM access is available, so you can use your cards, but we suggest you look into any foreign transaction fees that might be incurred. Crisp \$100 bills are best for money changers.

COMMUNICATIONS

There is Wi-Fi at Green Gate and many other places. There will be enough access to upload photos and team blogs. Be mindful of what you are posting. Guidelines will be discussed during your orientation. We do encourage you to unplug as much as possible while you are here to fully engage in your mission. Some interns will have strict limitations for usage. If you have an unlocked, international smartphone, you can get a local prepaid sim card and credit to use. Ask site staff for details on registering your unlocked phone with the local tax office for a cost.

The general Envision policy is that you refrain from using words such as “missions,” “church,” “evangelism,” “Jesus,” “missionary,” “Bible,” and “prayer.” This goes for you, the intern or team member, and for your friends and family remaining in the homeland.

Indonesia’s voltage is 220V 50Hz. The outlets are not the same as in the U.S., so be sure to either bring a universal adapter or buy one once you arrive in Indonesia.

HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

Any visitor to Indonesia must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and bring written proof of it (e.g. COVID-19 vaccine card). No other shots are necessary, but ask your doctor about typhoid pills.

You will need to bring your yellow health card with you and keep it with your passport. You would also be wise to talk to your doctor about recommended malaria prophylaxis in the event you do travel to Papua. Please bring medicine for diarrhea (e.g. Imodium and charcoal). Be aware that doxycycline will be required if interns visit Papua.

Dengue fever is fairly prevalent here. The incubation period can be as long as two weeks, so be aware as you return to your home. If you have prolonged fevers or any kind of rash on hands/feet/trunk, be sure to drink lots and REST. If fever persists for longer than three days, it would be best to see a doctor and mention that you have been to a dengue area of the world.



Packing List

- Clothes (see below)
- Jacket or warm sweatshirt for evenings
- Shoes
- Flip flops (shower shoes)
- Modest swimsuit (1-piece or covering tankini)
- Toiletries (basics are available for purchase here unless you only use a specific brand)
- Bug spray
- Hand sanitizer
- Prescription meds
- Medications for pain, allergies, digestion, and/or nausea (refer to the “Health & Vaccinations” section for more meds)
- Hat
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Water bottle
- Bible, journal, pen
- Spending money in USD

SUGGESTED DRESS CODE

Please be aware that people here are much more conservative than we are in the States. To be effective in ministry, we must respect our Indonesian brothers and sisters while in their country. We must set aside our dress and customs and adopt those of the country in which we are serving. We take this seriously and will ask team members to change if they are not dressed appropriately. Understand that we are not trying to be legalistic or to deprive you of your individuality, it's just that particular appearances don't say the same thing in Indonesia as they do in the States.

Women must never wear sleeveless tops of any kind. Short sleeves may be worn around Green Gate, but to be respectful of the culture, long sleeves must be worn to language classes, sightseeing, church, and other outings. We suggest you invest in lightweight, loose, cool materials with long sleeves to be comfortable. None of these tops should have revealing or low necklines. If it is even questionable, leave it behind. Ladies need to avoid wearing shorts except around the inside of Green Gate, and even those must be almost knee length. Men should expect to wear long pants when sightseeing, going to church, or to formal meetings. Otherwise, cargo/knee-length shorts are acceptable.





Ministry

Envision Indonesia is one of our newest Envision international sites. As such, ministries are still developing, but here is what you can expect if you come to serve:

Local Church Partnership

We partner with the local Alliance church to help them reach goals they cannot attain on their own. This means that if, during your stay, there are projects requested by the local church, we will do our best to support and help if our assistance is requested! For example, a church may be running a VBS program, and having additional support would be a huge blessing for them!

Soccer

Youth frequently come to the ministry center to take part in soccer matches. We use this time to play, build relationships, and get to know the youth in the neighborhood!

English Classes

A local Christian school has requested assistance with their English classes. Teams may or may not have the opportunity to help out in this capacity.

Deaf Ministry

There's a potential partnership with a local Deaf ministry; ASL is not required.

At-Risk Women Ministry

The team at Green Gate is connected to women who are coming out of prostitution. Opportunities to serve with them, build relationships, and offer job training and education to these women will also be developing. We work with teenage pregnant moms and their babies. We also support women in the prison system as well as women coming out of sex trafficking and abuse.

As a rule, these ministries are *still in development*, so please be flexible and understand that we will put your team to use in the best way possible given the needs on the ground and various projects during your trip. Thanks in advance for your understanding and flexibility!

Schedule

TEAMS

Day 1	Travel to Indonesia, cultural adjustment and orientation
Day 2-7	Ministry involvement—Prayer walks, connect with locals, participate in events such as VBS, sports clinic, Deaf community, local school English partnership, and other ministries. One day will be set aside for Sabbath.
Day 8	Visit cultural places, shop, etc.
Day 9	Debrief and pack
Day 10	Travel home

Each day will include a time of devotions and debrief with the Envision team. Our days are full of physical and spiritual activities, so it is important to be intentional about getting enough rest and taking time to process each day. Journaling is an effective tool to help your team members process what they have observed and experienced. We highly recommend it. You should also include time for group devotions and periodic team debriefing.

INTERNS

Expect to be flexible. Seek the Lord daily and ask Him to use you in whatever setting you find yourself. It is likely that no two days will be the same. Just roll with the punches, take each experience as it comes, and embrace the new adventure.

You can expect to get involved in a homestay with a local Indonesian family at some point during your stay in Indonesia. In terms of ministry, there will be a variety of opportunities ranging from teaching English, leading kids' programs, language learning, assisting with hosting short-term teams and other Green Gate guests, developing relationships with local non-believing young people, and helping serve IW's however needed. You will also be expected to practice rhythms of Sabbath rest and other spiritual disciplines during your time in Bandung.



Cultural Sensitivity

Like any culture, there are basic do's and don'ts.

You will be much more respected and effective in what you say and share if you are careful to abide by these cultural guidelines:

- Informality and general friendliness are characteristics in relationships of all ages, economic statuses, and social groups. People are tolerant of almost all kinds of behavior and never expect foreigners to understand the intricacies of social customs, but by following a few simple rules for conduct and adopting a few Indonesian ways, you can quickly and easily gain respect from the people in Indonesia.
- Public displays of opposite-sex affection are not acceptable, although this may be changing with the younger generation in some areas.
- Modest dress and a clean, neat appearance will create a very good impression.
- Do not use your left hand to give/receive items from another person. If you are left-handed, it would be good to practice using a spoon with your right hand while eating.
- Any visible tattoos must be covered while in country. No body piercings for men or women—excluding earrings for women.
- SMILE!



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