

JODY KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL**Ministry Update Bulletin****Evangelism · World Missions · Spiritual
Awakening · Discipleship · Church Planting****March 20, 2007****The U.S. State Department Releases Update on Passport
Processing Times**

(The following news release was issued by the U.S. Department of State)

**Washington, D.C. (March 19, 2007) Meeting the Challenge: Update on Passport
Production**

Americans are seeking passports in record numbers and the State Department is taking extraordinary action to ensure that this demand is met. Should they so desire, Americans who need passports within two weeks, to travel or to get a visa, may check the status of their application online at <http://travel.state.gov> or call the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778. We have assigned additional staff to our call center to answer urgent inquiries. The call center is open from 7 a.m. to 12 midnight, Eastern Time, Monday-Friday, except federal holidays.

Because of the unprecedented demand for passports, travelers should allow ten (10) weeks for routine processing and four (4) weeks for expedited processing.

January through April is our normal peak season, as travelers prepare for spring and summer holidays. This year, a new law requiring Americans to have passports when traveling to or from the United States by air has increased passport demand and production to record levels. The passport requirement for land and sea travel has not yet taken effect. In Fiscal Year 2006, we issued 12 million passports, and we are on track to adjudicate up to 17 million passport applications in Fiscal Year 2007. Over 74 million Americans now have passports, and over one million more get passports every month.

The State Department is committed to meeting the challenge of increased demand for passports. In the past three years, we have hired and trained new staff – 250 new adjudicators in the past two years, with plans to hire 150 more in 2007-08. Our production centers are working extended hours, including around-the-clock operations at the National Passport Center in Portsmouth, NH, and we have increased our overtime staffing at the other 16 passport agencies. In April, we will open a mega-processing center in Arkansas that will produce as many as 10 million passports a year. We recognize that Americans have unprecedented travel document needs, and we are dedicated to producing passports in time for their travel.

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Summer and Fall Teams Are Forming**[Bogota, Colombia](#) - June 23 - July 7 - Evangelism through English****[Minsk, Belarus](#) - July 13-26, 2007 - Evangelism through English****[Novosibirsk, Russia](#) - November 2 - 10, 2007 - Evangelism through Business**

English.

[Managua, Nicaragua](#) - late November 2007 (1 week) - Evangelism through English

2008

Managua, Nicaragua - January 5-19, 2008 - Evangelism through English

Holzhausen, Germany - January 2008 - Children's VBS for MK's

Take a Vacation with a Purpose

Our 2007-2008 calendar is beginning to fill up. Click on the Project link below to take a look at the opportunities already scheduled.

2007 Projects - <http://jodykennedy.com/projects.html>

Teams of 10-12 adult men and women will work at each ministry site to reach the 400-500 adults that will attend each event. There are openings for dozens of volunteers. Each teacher will need a valid U.S. passport. Passports can be easily obtained and we will help you with that process.

The curriculum is super easy to teach and very little preparation is required. We provide the teaching materials and will train you in how to facilitate the exercises. The students do most of the work. Read more about the course and course topics at <http://www.psenglish.com>.

If you or someone you know is at all interested, please click on our information request link <http://jodykennedy.com/contactmeform.htm> or Email jody@jodykennedy.com right away.

2007 Calendar Available

Our 2007 calendar is already filling with English language evangelism events, Business English evangelism events, prison ministry and the Children's Home project. We need lots of volunteers to fill all these projects with laborers. We've just updated our website (www.jodykennedy.com) with the 2007-08 schedule. We are praying for volunteers and finances to accomplish these vital projects.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

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WHAT ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES?

Check the calendar at www.jodykennedy.com/projects.html

Read about the Children's Home Project in Nicaragua [here](#).

WHAT IF I CANNOT GO, BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY OR SPONSOR SOMEONE TO GO?

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