

Congratulations on your selection as a Rotary InterCountry teacher! Thank you for volunteering your time to help others learn English. This program will also help you with your teaching skills. Many past participants have said that this program has been a highlight in their teaching career.

How can you prepare for a teaching assignment in a foreign country - when you may not know your exact teaching location, assignment - or teaching level? Here are some suggestions:

- # Visit the Rotary InterCountry website at: <http://www.RITE-Teacher.com/> and read reports from past participants.**
- # Contact your host country Rotary club via e-mail and ask questions.**
- # Contact teachers that have worked in the RITE program via e-mail, snail mail or phone and visit with them about their experiences.**
- # In some cases, there will be an orientation program held to prepare teachers going overseas.**
- # Use the Internet - you may find maps, newspapers, etc. about where you are going.**

In general, those teachers going to Argentina - in June - will be traveling into a winter setting. You will need to take warm clothes.

In general, those teachers going to Mexico - in July - will be traveling into a tropical setting. You will need to take appropriate clothes.

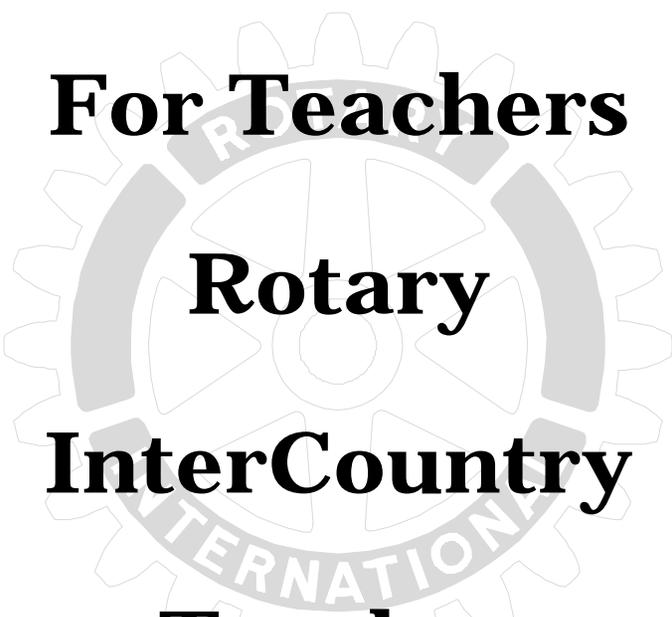
Take two suitcases. One with clothes/personal items and the second with teaching materials and gifts (that you intend to use and leave behind) - the second case usually refills. . .

Your primary area will be Conversational English - so take materials that will generate discussion - personal photos - post cards of your area - posters/pictures of typical activities in your area - maps (local area, state, U.S.).

Music cassettes may be useful. Try to take music that has very clear lyrics. Some of the rock and roll from the 1960s - 1970s, folk ballads, and love songs - that are easy to understand, and sing -along with. If you have printed lyrics that go along - and can be duplicated - take them along.

Take a book like “Pronunciation Contrasts in English”- Regents Publishing Company, Inc.

- # **Take a World Almanac and Book of Facts for 1998/9 - you may be asked questions about things you didn't know much about.**
- # **Pick up - free - colorful advertisements from your local grocery store - take sets of 25.**
- # **Take sets of bilingual newspapers -example *Dos Mundos* - in the Kansas City area.**
- # **Take some small gifts from your area. State pins, local/state post cards, perhaps some stamps, an assortment of coins, some local foods or candies - examples: KC Masterpiece Steak Sauce, Russell Stover Candy, etc.**
- # **Your Chamber of Commerce or local Rotary members may provide items from your community or their businesses. (Pencils, pens, note pads, community pamphlets about schools etc.). Take five club banners.**
- # **Remember - you will be an ambassador of good will from your country.**
- # **Questions - contact me: William R. Eubank, 6113 Lane, Raytown, Missouri 64133 wmeubank@yahoo.com**



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