

General Team Information

PURPOSE AND GOALS

1. To serve, support, uplift, and benefit the nationals.
2. To encourage by teaching and assisting.
3. To enlighten the nationals by evangelism when permitted.
4. To spiritually strengthen the lives of team members.
5. To cultivate a heart of service

FUNCTION

1. This is a work and ministry team. Everyone who goes will work in various roles and have opportunities for ministry.
2. Areas of ministry may include: teaching, music, medical help, etc.
3. Areas of work may include: caring for team needs, packing, distributing materials, etc.

LEADERSHIP

1. The team will be planned and coordinated by *[insert organization's name]*.
2. Team leaders and/or coordinators are appointed by the team leader in conjunction with the organization's approval. These individuals are responsible for specified areas, duties, etc., as delegated.

WHO MAY GO WITH THIS TEAM?

Those who profess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and are willing to adhere to the tenets of faith set forth for the team. A non-believer must be approved by the team leader.

COST

1. The cost of the trip includes: airfare; ground transportation, lodging, meals, tips, visa, etc.
2. Medical treatment/insurance is your financial responsibility. This includes any physical or treatments before, during, and after the trip.
3. Suggestions:
 - a. Send support letters out as soon as possible.
 - b. Request finances for trip or other needed items as gifts for birthdays, holidays, etc.
 - c. If your policy does not cover health and accidents while out of the country, you **must** purchase medical insurance.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Legal
 - a. Passport: if you already have one, check the expiration date. If you do not have one, **APPLY NOW!**
 - b. Visas: these will be submitted all together. (You must have a passport in order to get a visa.)
 - c. Photographs: only authorized passport photos are acceptable. You will need one photo for the visa. (If you do not have your passport, you will need an additional two photos for the passport application.) It's always a good idea to carry extra passport photos with you when traveling.
2. Attitude

Develop these traits that are necessary on the mission trip as well as working on the team:

a. Meekness (teachable spirit)	h. Willingness
b. Understanding	i. Obedience
c. Submission	j. Love
d. Flexibility	k. Compassion
e. Toughness	l. Versatility
f. Promptness	m. Team player
g. Yielding personal rights	n. Sense of humor
3. Health history

Information about allergies and any other information that may be necessary.

MEETINGS

1. You must attend all meetings. We pray together, develop unity, and receive valuable information. If you are unable to attend, please notify the designated team leader.
2. Topics covered at the meetings are:
 - a. Information about the country of ministry
 - i. Laws
 - ii. Customs (of land and legal entry)
 - iii. Climate
 - iv. Needs of the people
 - b. Team operation and necessary information
 - c. Legalities
 - d. What to bring and wear
 - e. Travel information
 - f. Health information
 - g. Ministry how-tos, needs, tips, etc.
 - h. How to work with an interpreter
 - i. Useful words in the appropriate language

REMEMBER, MISSION TEAMS ARE:

1. A demonstration of one spirit and the fruits thereof. This is not a one-man show; it is people working together to build the kingdom of God.
2. A select group of people called by God for a specific time and purpose.