

How To Make Your Mission Trip Better!

Before you go! In addition to packing....

- Take the time to learn about the people & culture.
- Prepare a 2 minute personal testimony:
 - My life before I knew Jesus
 - How I came to know him as the leader of my life
 - My life since! How has God been working in my life.
- Daily give thanks to God for the opportunity to go!
- Pray, pray, pray for the people you'll be building relationships with, for the work, for your health, for your team, for God's glory to be revealed!
- Don't take anything with you that you can't afford to lose!

While you are there!

- Keep a daily journal.
 - Include the day's happenings and how you feel about it.
 - Especially be aware of where you are experiencing God.
- Pace yourself; new climate, new situation.
- Be flexible (maybe even "fluid").
- Accept the schedule, know that things change!
- Get the facts before jumping to conclusions.
- Ask God for strength, patience, wisdom and a peaceful attitude!
- Get to know everyone!
- Relationships with the people are more important than the task at hand.
- Be sensitive to the culture and the people you'll be encountering and the missionaries you'll be serving with.
 - Respect their customs – no jokes.
 - Be sensitive when taking pictures – ask permission first.
- Don't make promises to the people there. (You might forget once you get home!)
- Above all, have a servant's heart.

When you return!

- Individually and as a group, reflect on your experience.
 - What was the best day?
 - What was a lesson you'll never forget?
 - The day that made it all worthwhile.
 - What surprised you?
 - How did the experience affect your priorities?
 - What was your most enjoyable experience?
 - What was your greatest disappointment?
 - In what ways did you see GOD?

Matthew 5:14-16 “***You are the light of the world.... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly father.***”