



Bethany Global

Essentials for a Successful Bethany Missions Trip

SERVE EVANGELIZE IMPACT

Every trip will accomplish three main objectives:

- 1) **SERVE** - We are going to serve. We are not there to watch the host church do the ministry. We are going to look for ways to serve the host church and to partner with what God has called them to do. As the leader, please ensure that everyone on your team is getting the opportunity to get their hands dirty by serving!
- 2) **EVANGELIZE** - We will share the Gospel in as many ways as possible to reach as many people as possible. Testimonies, games, Sunday services, prayer in the streets & door-to-door witnessing are just some of the ways we are going to share Jesus with the nations to reach them. We are after souls!
- 3) **IMPACT** - Our heart is to make a significant impact on every place to which we are sent. Ask yourself:
 - a) Is this church, school, city, orphanage or refugee center better now that Bethany has been here? If not yet, what else can we do?

Pre-Trip:

- 1) Recruit Recruit Recruit!
- 2) Touch base with your team members; ask them questions. Verify they have a valid passport that is not going to expire within *six months of your RETURN date*.
- 3) Schedule two to three team meetings
 - a) Build a sense of community with your team. Treat it like a B-Group.
 - b) Establish a plan for transportation to and from the airport. Bethany Global is not responsible for your transportation in Louisiana.
 - c) Practice people telling their testimonies. Quickly and effectively.
 - d) Go over packing list requirements and other trip specific details like potential vaccine requirements.
 - i) Team members are encouraged to help gather and pack small toys and candy (non-chocolate because it melts) for kids ministry (a kids ministry kit will be provided for you).
- 4) Pray together!
 - a) The Sunday before your departure, Pastor Jonathan would like to pray over you and your team on stage at South, if at all possible. If it is not, we will work to put together a video element for your campus.

While on the Trip:

- 1) **Check-in** with your pastor / missions lead to let them know you have arrived safely, and periodically throughout the trip.
- 2) **Morning Devotions** - Bring leadership to your group by having a short devotion and time of prayer before each day. This can also be a time to go over the plans and activities that are scheduled for that day. People like to know what to expect.
- 3) Keep a close eye on each team member to make sure they are feeling well physically and encouraged spiritually. Ensure each member is engaged in the mission and not sitting on the sidelines.

- 4) Do your best to capture photos and videos of everything! Some of your team members may be gifted in this skill...empower them.
 - a) Encourage your team to journal their experiences daily!
- 5) Document miracles and the number of salvations as accurately as possible.
- 6) Leave it all on the field! If possible, initiate a time of prayer over your host ministry and in-country leader.

Post-Trip:

- 1) Schedule a post-trip debrief.
 - a) Mission trips are life-changing. Scheduling a time together to discuss what you experienced can help retain the significance and clarity of what just happened.
 - b) This is also a great way to preserve the momentum and excitement and see it spread to other members of Bethany.

Important Reminders:

- 1) Check your passport and that of every team member for expiration dates. Put eyes on it!