

# **PROJECT G.O. (GLOBAL OUTREACH) A MINISTRY FOCUSED ON ETERNITY**

## **MISSION TRIP PREP SHEET**

Mission trips are an exciting way to get people involved and burdened for missions. If you have ever been on a mission trip before you know the feelings that are associated with such a trip. Maybe you have never had the opportunity and privilege of participating in such an adventure; there are life changing experiences awaiting you. As you prepare to embark on such a journey, there are several vital elements that ought to be considered. Here are some crucial questions:

1. Why is this trip important?
2. Where do we want to go and with whom will we minister?
3. What will we do when we get there?
4. How long will this particular trip be?
5. How will we get to this particular destination?
6. What will this trip cost us monetarily?
7. Who will be able to participate in this trip?
8. What are the benefits and dangers (precautions) of taking this trip?
9. How can we successfully build our ministry team?
10. What do we want to see God accomplish on this trip?

Take some time and work through these thought provoking questions that will aid in making your God-given dream a reality.

# MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I should only attend this year's mission trip if I am committed to reaching others for Christ and have a desire to see them grow.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Date

*\*\*Note: If you are planning on attending this year's mission trip, this application and a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit must be submitted to (group leader) \_\_\_\_\_ no later than (deadline date) \_\_\_\_\_.*

*\*\*Not everyone who signs up for this year's mission trip is guaranteed to be able to attend. Each individual is responsible for fulfilling the requirements given as well as prove by your attitude and actions that you are willing to serve.*

Please answer the following questions:

Have you accepted Christ as your Savior?

Briefly write out your salvation testimony.

Have you ever been scripturally baptized?

If no, why haven't you been baptized?

On a scale of one to ten—one being poor and ten being excellent—how would you rate your relationship with your parent(s)?

Briefly explain:

On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate your relationship with your brothers and sisters?

Briefly explain:

Briefly describe the type of friends you have:

On a scale of one to ten, how would you describe your relationship with authority in your life (coaches, teachers, pastors, boss)?

Briefly explain:

On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate your spiritual growth?

Briefly explain:

What would you say are your three greatest strengths?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What would you say are your three greatest weaknesses?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do you have any specific needs we can help you with right now?

# MEDICAL RELEASE AND PERMISSION FORM

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The above named has my permission to participate in (event) \_\_\_\_\_ with (group name) \_\_\_\_\_ from (date) \_\_\_\_\_ to (date) \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that by signing this form I am allowing the above-named to participate in all activities that are a part of this event. I also release (organization) \_\_\_\_\_ from responsibility and liability from injury or illness that may occur during this event. I hereby authorize any adult leader of this activity, as agent for me, to consent to any necessary medical examination or treatment as prescribed by a licensed physician, surgeon, or dentist. I expect to be contacted as soon as possible in the event of needed medical attention.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Name (Printed)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Father

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Mother

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Father

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Mother

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Who is this person? \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the above-named participant been to the hospital in the last six months?  
If yes, please explain:

Please list any medications being taken by the participant during this activity and the frequency of taking the medication:

Medication should be

\_\_\_\_\_ Staff Regulated

\_\_\_\_\_ Self Regulated

Leader has permission to distribute to participant

\_\_\_\_\_ Tylenol

\_\_\_\_\_ Aspirin

\_\_\_\_\_ Motrin

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pepto or the like

List any allergies (if any):

Is there anything in particular that your child could or should not do?

## PARTICIPANT COST SUMMARY SHEET

Activities/Touring	\$ _____
Emergency Fund	\$ _____
Film and Developing	\$ _____
Food (\$ _____ per day x _____ days)	\$ _____
Gas	\$ _____
Gifts (for host/hostesses and missionary)	\$ _____
Lodging (\$ _____ per day x _____ days)	\$ _____
Meals (while traveling—\$ _____ per meal x _____ meals)	\$ _____
Medical/Travel Insurance	\$ _____
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ _____
Passport	\$ _____
Spending Money	\$ _____
Supplies (VBS, outreach, activities)	\$ _____
Tracts/Publications	\$ _____
Transportation on Field (Divide total cost by the number of participants)	\$ _____
Travel to Field	\$ _____
Visas	\$ _____
<b>Total Estimated Expenses per Participant</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## PLANNING AN EXTENDED MISSION TRIP

Mission trips have had profound effects on countless numbers of lives. When you consider the individuals that have been touched by the Gospel of Christ, the decisions that have been made for full-time service, and the impact that these trips have on those that have taken them, it does not take long to understand the benefits and even the necessity of such endeavors.

### WHY SHOULD WE TAKE A MISSION TRIP?

- One of the greatest reasons to take a mission trip is to **understand** and **see** first hand **God's awesome power**.
- Mission trips also provide opportunity for **encouragement**, both for the missionary and for the ones on the trip.
- **Exposure** to foreign missions and different cultures is yet another reason to take a mission trip.
- Adventure and **experience** in broadening one's horizons and talents in areas of ministry.
- Create **enthusiasm** regarding world-wide evangelism and outreach with the intent to develop a person's heart and challenge them with the reality that God can use them to make a difference.
- Provide an atmosphere for positive **life change** and potential **surrender** of one's life to God's will.

### HOW DO WE BEGIN TO TAKE ON SUCH A TASK?

- **Pray**—Seek God's will for what He would have you to do.
- **Plan**—Begin to make plans early so your mission experience will be positive and provide the most impact.
- **Promote**—Present your desires to your pastor, your teens, their parents and to your church to create excitement and cultivate a passion for world-wide outreach; enlist people's prayer and financial support.
- **Prepare**—Meet with your group at least once a week to inform them of the trip details, relay to the participants your expectations, to check on their spiritual growth, to challenge them with their privilege and responsibility, and to pray with and encourage them.

### WILL THIS TRIP JUST BE A "GLORIFIED VACATION"?

- If you successfully share your vision regarding your purpose, people will not think you are simply taking a vacation. When you are on your trip, however, make sure you plan for some amusement. There ought to be a balance of ministry activity and fun activity. One should not seek to serve, serve, serve, and neglect having fun; but there should not just be fun, fun, fun, without service.
- Relay your goals and objective to those involved in your trip preparation including your pastor, the teens, the teens' parents, your sponsors, and your church congregation.
- Encourage your pastor to hold a commissioning service for those taking the trip. This will serve as a reminder to all that the participants are not only representing your church but also Jesus Christ.
- Be sure to communicate with everyone involved.
- Discuss the importance of responsibility—following through on assignments, tasks, fund-raising, meetings, projects, church attendance, example, and the like.

**WHAT ARE SOME THINGS WHICH NEED TO BE CONSIDERED AS THIS MINISTRY BEGINS?**

- One of the greatest dangers that can arise is the idea that “we are the elite.” Continually challenge them with the reality that we are to be humble servants who have an opportunity to minister in a unique setting and culture.
- Identify the specific roles of each of the following and make efforts to communicate this to each: leader, sponsors, parents, students, missionaries.
- Constantly work on building team unity. Everyone needs to understand that they are part of a team, a unit which possesses the same goals and purposes. They are not an entity unto themselves. It is natural for groups within the group to form. When this happens though, it is easy for the group’s unity dynamic to diminish.
- Understand that not everyone who wants to go will be able to go. Undoubtedly, someone may not be able to take the trip for one reason or another: disqualification, not raising enough support, failure to follow through on projects and assignments, illness, etc. Do not allow this to be a distraction which causes the focus to be lost. Encourage the participants, however, to keep their commitment to take the trip once they have signed up.
- Be aware of distractions that will arise. Satan will attempt to use anything he can to deter the group from the task at hand. Be flexible with your schedule and plans while you understand that God allows things for a reason.
- Discuss your expectations openly with the group. They need to know what you as a leader desire from them.
- As you take this trip, think about purchasing travelers insurance for each individual. This is an added cost but it will prove to be a good resource if something were to happen. (It would cover things like lost luggage, trip cancellation, illness, death, etc.)
- Attitude plays a big part. Encourage everyone to keep positive even when things are not as you wish they could be. Homesickness, illness, weariness, lost possessions, disagreements, and frustration with a new culture can be a major cause of bad attitudes. Be careful!
- Adapt to the culture in which you find yourself. This does not mean you have to sacrifice your biblical doctrine, but refrain from saying, “But we don’t do it like this at home.” Effective ministry occurs as one immerses himself into the culture in which he finds himself.
- Be sure you take care of all the expenses while you are on your trip. Most missionaries do not bring in enough support to take care of a group of people and all their needs. Make sure you cover all the gas and transportations expenses, food and lodging cost, outreach materials, supplies for activities, entrance fees to museums, parks, and the like, and even cover the expenses for the missionary and his family. It should not cost the missionary anything to have you come and serve with them. Be a blessing as often as you can!

**WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE?**

- First, to glorify God
- Second, for the good of others
- Third, for our own growth

## MISSION TRIP EVALUATION

Here are some helpful questions to consider upon the return home from your mission trip. Thinking through these questions and answering them with your group will be of great value to you as you plan future trips.

1. What was good about the trip?
2. What were the initial reactions of those who took the trip?
3. How did the missionaries react to your group? Do you think they would have you back to their field? If yes, why? If no, why not?
4. What were the reactions of those whom you served?
5. What would you have liked to do that we did not do?
6. What could we have left out and not lost out?
7. How did reality differ from your expectations?
8. What were the attitudes that were expressed during the trip?
9. Were there any obstacles that had to be overcome?
10. How did the different culture impact the trip?
11. Were there enough funds for the trip?
12. What needs to be improved?
13. Overall, how did things go?
14. What advice would you give to someone going next year?
15. What one thing impacted your life the most?