

FBC MARBLE FALLS

GLOBAL MISSION TRIP POLICY MANUAL

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:19-20*

Mission of FBC Marble Falls:

Helping people find life in Christ by following Him.

FBC Marble Falls Mission Strategy:

Our church has a two-fold Missions Strategy: Global Evangelization and Mobilization.

- Global Evangelization includes our efforts to join God in His mission to all people and especially our target group(s).
- Mobilization includes our efforts to help our membership become more missions informed and active

FBC Marble Falls Global Target:

The 777 Strategy:

In a 7 year span, 70% of all FBC Marble Falls members should participate in a mission project to reach 7 cross cultural environments.

All Short-Term Mission Projects should lead people to:

- Salvation (II Corinthians 5:17-21). What does God want to do first in YOU through this project?
- Worship (Matthew 22:37). How does God want to save and work in people on the project?
- Holiness or Christ-likeness (Leviticus 11:44). How does God want to use me AFTER the project?
- Service (Luke 6:46)

What we are trying to accomplish?

Make Disciples through our preparation and ministry process, activities and strategies.

- Here – Our people (Colossians 1:28)
- There – The focus people (Psalm 67:2-7)
- As we go – Anyone in between or on either end, wherever we are (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

Purpose of Short-Term Mission Projects

- To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ
- To impact the world through the living testimonies of project participants and through the Word of God
- To aid and build up the ministry of the local missionary or pastor
- To develop Great Commission believers
- To assist FBC Marble Falls in being obedient to God’s command expressed in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19)
- To assist in the development of long-term, strategic partnerships throughout the world

Policies for Team Behavior and Attitude

Team members participating on FBC Marble Falls sponsored short-term trips are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ (II Cor. 5:20). As teams go overseas they not only represent Him, but FBC Marble Falls and the supporting mission agency if applicable. This is a tremendous responsibility.

For this reason, the Missions Team of FBC Marble Falls asks that each team member seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.

- Honor Jesus Christ in your thoughts, actions, speech, and dress.
- Honor your church and our Faith.
- Refrain from any actions that are prohibited in God's Word.
- Team members must submit to the team leader's authority.
- Due to the political instability and anti-American sentiment in various countries around the world, FBC Marble Falls asks that team members refrain from expressing political opinions while overseas.
- Read and follow the FBC Marble Falls Security guidelines printed in this packet.
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages or any use of tobacco or illegal drugs while on the trip.
- No gambling and refrain from viewing any pornographic material.
- No romantic display of affection towards anyone or engaging in any romantic relationships.
- The team member must adhere to the behavioral guidelines set by the team leadership with a mind toward the culture of the destination. This will require a servant attitude toward all nationals and team members, as well as the willingness to learn from the host culture (I Cor. 9:19-23a)

Policies for Short-Term Member Selection

Criteria for team member selection

- All team members must have a testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ and be able to verbally express this testimony before the team leaves.
- On all adult short-term mission trips, Team members should be at least 18 years of age unless otherwise approved by the Team Leader(s). Those under age 18 can still go on some trips but need to be accompanied by a parent or an appointed guardian. Some trips are designed for younger students to go and the age limit will be set based on the type of trip, location, work involved, etc. Parental or guardian permission is legally required for team members who are under 18 years of age.
- Team members must demonstrate willingness to complete the First Baptist Church of Marble Falls short-term mission team training as give by the team leader(s) including all team meetings and paperwork.

Application for the team

- Team members must complete the First Baptist Church of Marble Falls "Short-Term Mission Trip Registration Form".
- Selection may require interviews with potential team members in addition to the application
- Short-term members must agree to and comply with the First Baptist Church of Marble Falls Financial Guidelines (see next section)

MISSION TRIP FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

Financial Policy for short-term team members

- Team members are expected to raise 75-100% of their financial support for the trip. All FBC Marble Falls Global Mission trips will receive a percentage of funding from the FBC Marble Falls Global Missions Committee. These percentages could vary from year to year, according to budget and giving. Funding should be completed by the due date set by the team leadership.
- Scholarships: A limited amount of scholarship money is available for up to 25% of the cost of the trip. Applicants must submit the “scholarship application” to request scholarship help, and scholarships will be awarded upon need and availability.
- Support shall be raised using the methods described in the Fundraising Guidelines section of this packet.
- All team member financial support shall be channeled through FBC Marble Falls, and if any team member raises more than the required support, or for any reason, and cannot participate on the trip, all available funds will be reallocated within the team account for said trip.
- Participants should make funding deposits through the financial office of FBC Marble Falls. FBC Marble Falls will keep a record of each team member’s contributions. For questions regarding your balance contact FBC Marble Falls financial office.
- Participants should use the “Donation Receipt Book” when turning in any funds for their mission trip. This booklet will help all participants and the financial office in tracking funds.

Deposits and Deadlines:

- Each International short-term mission trip will require a \$100, non-refundable, deposit. This deposit will be used to secure airline space for you and your team. The deposit will be deducted from your trip cost.
- ½ of your total trip payment will be due 60 days prior to your departure. This money will be used to pay for your airline ticket and will be non-refundable.
- Full trip payment will be due 30 days prior to your departure. This money will be used to pay for your field costs while on the mission field and will be non-refundable. (Lodging, food, transportation, materials, supplies, etc..)

Refunds:

- If you have paid for your trip with your own funds prior to the deadlines, then you may be eligible for a full refund, minus the deposit. Once the deadlines have passed there will be no refunds if airline tickets or money has been disbursed.
- If you have paid for your trip with sponsor money or donations, then you will not be eligible for a refund. In this case, your trip money will be reallocated to the team.
- Exceptions to full refunds will be if there are any penalties or fee’s required for early cancellation.
- If you are interested in trip cancellation insurance please see the following for further details: www.volunteercard.com/faithquake.html (FBC Marble Falls has partnered with FaithQuake Missions and Volunteer Card for this service.)

PRINCIPLES FOR RAISING FUNDS

Biblical principles:

1. There is the principle of **self support**. There were times in Paul's ministry when he provided for his own financial needs by making tents.

And because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Acts 18:3

For you recall brethren, our labor and hardship, how working day and night so a not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the Gospel of God. 1 Thessalonians 2:9

2. **Making needs known** means sharing the vision and ministry with friends and asking them to prayerfully consider supporting the ministry financially.
 - In Exodus 12:35, God instructed Israel to ask the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold, and for clothing. In verse 36, we are told, "The Lord made the Egyptians favorable disposed toward the people and gave them what they asked for..."
 - In 1 Kings 17, the Lord instructed Elijah to make his needs known to a widow living a Zarepath. As a result, she provided food and lodging for Elijah for as long as he needed it.
 - In Acts 11:28-29, a prophet by the name of Agabus came making a need known in a manner that prompted the following response. "Then the disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for their brothers living in Judea which they did."
3. There is the principle of **looking to God**. This means praying and making your needs known to God. We have His promise of provision.

And my God will meet all of your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

STRATEGY FOR RAISING FUNDS

Before you get started:

- Know you are called; it gives you credibility
- Understand your task; it helps you share the vision
- Be commissioned by a body of believers; it makes you accountable (This will be FBC Marble Falls)

Create a support team. You will need a support team that provides prayers, finances, and supplies for the trip. Prayer is the most important. If you have the prayers, the others will come.

- Prayer – We are going into Satan's territory to lead others to Jesus Christ. This is spiritual warfare!!! Prayer is critical. We need a strong prayer team.
- Finances – Each team member must raise their own financial support.
- Supplies – We will be taking in supplies for the people we are working with. Some people will pray, some will give money, and some will buy supplies.

❖ **Be accountable!!!! Send hand written thank you notes, emails, prayer calendars, and trip reports to everyone who has been a part of your support team.**

We do strive to be excellent stewards of all the resources provided to do mission work. Please carefully read our contribution policies.

All contributions to FBC Marble Falls missions are non-refundable. IRS regulations prohibit the church finance office from giving you tax credit for donations designated for individuals. Contributions received which designate persons will be deposited, but your annual contribution statement will not be credited. To be tax deductible you must:

- Make checks and money orders payable to First Baptist Marble Falls. Please, do **NOT** write an individual name on the check (including the memo line).
- Enclose a note explaining the reason for your gift.
- Non-members of First Baptist Church Marble Falls will need to keep track of their tax deduction.
- Please have donors mail their check to you or FBC Marble Falls Financial Office. Please turn all donations in to FBC Marble Falls Financial Office.
- Donors can make an online payment by going to www.fbcmf.org and then click **Giving**. Select "Mission Trip" as the fund, then choose the trip, and write the participants name in as the missionary.

BUILDING A SUPPORT TEAM

You will be responsible for developing your own support team. Your support team should consist of:

- Prayer Supporters (At least 10)
- Financial Contributors

The concept is to develop a team, not just to raise funds.

The most important need is for people to pray for you, before and during the project.

Support Letters:

If you cannot pay for the trip, the most effective proven method to raise individual funds is to write a support letter for distribution to friends, co-workers, neighbors, family, etc. People will give to people they know. Potential contributors are happy to have the opportunity to invest in someone they know personally or an endeavor they care about. God's Word promises us that He will supply our every need.

*Please understand that FBC Marble Falls is fully invested in this trip. You already have the support of the Church, Global Missions Committee, and Stewardship Committee. The church is investing financially for you, and each of your team members through the church budget and the Global Missions Fund. Consequently, **PLEASE DO NOT SEND SUPPORT LETTERS TO FBC CHURCH MEMBERS and PLEASE DO NOT CONDUCT TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS WITHIN THE CHURCH.** Our members give to the budget and to the Global Missions Fund which is already supporting this trip.*

Exceptions to the Rule:

1. *Participants may send support letters to family members within the church.*
2. *Participants may conduct Team, or Individual, fundraisers outside the church as long as:*
 - A. *You are not soliciting local businesses to support the ministries of FBC Marble Falls.*
 - B. *You are not promoting your fundraiser within the church. Remember, the church is already fully invested in your trip.*

Prepare the Team List

Creating a list of about 20 sponsors is usually a good starting number for support letters. It is a great idea to use friends, relatives, Christian contacts, and non-Christians that God may open a door to witness to through this process. **NOTE:** *You are strongly encouraged to be the first person to invest in your project. Consider how God would have you to financially invest in this trip.*

Compose the Letter

You are asking people to support the ministry of First Baptist Church Marble Falls. If you are asking for financial contributions, you are asking them to help with the cost that the church will incur by conducting the ministry (transportation, meals while on the field, in-country housing, visa, travel insurance, etc.) A common testimony for team members is that while they were initially put off by the idea of sending support letters, the experience turned out to be a highlight of the entire trip.

- There are two types of letters:
 1. A letter sent out asking for prayer support only
 2. A letter sent out asking for prayer and financial support
- Compose your own letter. It is unwise to copy from a sample letter. People prefer to read a personal letter.
- Include the following information in the letter:
 - A. Information about the country/culture you are going to. If you are traveling to a high security area don't forget to follow the FBC Marble Falls Security guidelines regarding what you can and cannot say.
 - B. Information about the sending organization (the church) and the hosting organization (the agency or national church)
 - C. Description of what the team will be doing (why the team is doing this particular project)
 - D. The cost of the trip
 - E. Why you want to be involved on the trip. Describe the reasons for going, in which you feel strongest.
 - F. How God called you to go on this trip
 - G. How you would like the reader to be involved (prayer, financial, both)
 - H. Communicate clearly that all checks must be payable to **First Baptist Church of Marble Falls** or **FBC Marble Falls**
 - I. Have them give the check to you and then you can turn in the checks to your Team Leader. **Tell them to NOT write your name on the memo line of the check.**
 - J. Include a response slip for them to send to you or have them submit a note with the check explaining the reason for the gift. The note needs to include your name so the church can make sure the money gets allocated to the correct account.
 - K. Keep the letter brief (one page).
 - L. Include church name, address, and phone number.

Follow-up

It is the team member's responsibility to keep accurate records of who has supported them and at what amount. Please send all of your supporters a personal card or note for their gift, support or prayer.

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

Date

Dear Name,

I wanted to let you know about an exciting opportunity that I will have in July. A group from our church is going on a mission trip to Botswana, Africa. We will leave on Thursday, July 14 and return on Wednesday, July 27. While in Africa, we will be working with local missionaries and national brothers and sisters to help plant a church in an unreached area. Our efforts will help plant seeds of the gospel and support the work of those working full time in this area.

Please pray for our team in the upcoming months as God prepares our hearts and minds for this adventure. Also, be in prayer for the people with whom God will allow us to share Christ's love. Attached you will find a daily prayer guide. The most important thing you can do to support our team is to pray for us every day.

I feel strongly that God has called me to go on this trip. I want to live out the "Great Commission" and am so excited about the opportunity to reach and unreached people group with the Gospel. I know this will challenge me spiritually and I look forward to seeing how God will use my team and myself.

Finally, individuals making this trip are responsible for all of their expenses amounting to \$2400. If you would like to help support this mission project financially, your contributions would be tax-deductible through First Baptist Church Marble Falls, TX. You can make a check payable to the church and send it to me or the church office. Please cut off the attached slip (or include a note explaining the reason for your gift) and mail back to me.

I look forward to reporting to you about our trip when we return. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at phone number or email.

Thank you,

Your Name

Response Slip



(Please cut this slip and return in the envelope provided ~~ Thank you!)

Name _____ Email address _____

_____ I will be one of your prayer partners and commit to pray for you before the project and during it.

_____ I will financially support you with a gift of \$ _____

** Make checks payable to First Baptist Church Marble Falls. DO NOT write an individual name on the memo line.

** Or make an online payment by going to www.fbcmf.org and then click "Giving." Select "Mission Trip" as the fund, choose trip, then write my name in as the missionary.

FBC Marble Falls, Marble Falls, Texas 78654 / 830-693-4381 / www.fbcmf.org

SUMMARY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

For all International Mission Trips

Insurance Coverage:

All participants should have personal Health Insurance:

Each short term mission trip participant will be asked to show proof of health insurance. You will also be asked to check and make sure your policy has international coverage. For participants that do not currently have health insurance they will be asked to purchase a third party, short-term, insurance policy. (*see below*)

Does the church offer health insurance?

FBC Marble Falls does not offer health insurance policies for short term mission trips.

Although, FBC Marble Falls will offer a third party, outside the church, short-term international health and travel insurance protection plan for participants to acquire. The Global Missions Committee strongly suggests that all participants partake in the third party coverage.

Where do I acquire the third party insurance?

Internet: www.volunteercard.com/faithquake.html

FBC Marble Falls has partnered with FaithQuake Missions and Volunteer Card.

An (IVC) International Volunteer Card will be included with each mission trip packet.

The coverage is excess coverage, so it pays for expenses that are not paid by any medical insurance you may already have (*Most medical plans have very little or no coverage for claims that occur outside of the United States*). If you do not have any medical insurance, then this coverage becomes primary.

PASSPORT PROCEDURES

APPLICATION FOR NEW PASSPORT

For up to the moment detailed information go to www.travel.state.gov/passport .

You can also get information and the Passport Application at a local Post Office.

IT COULD TAKE AT LEAST 6-8 WEEKS, SOMETIMES MORE, TO RECEIVE YOUR PASSPORT, SO IT IS VITAL THAT YOU BEGIN WORKING ON YOUR PASSPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Currently, most airlines will not ticket international travel until you show proof of a current passport.

NOTE: For your passport to be valid, or current for international travel, it may NOT expire within 6 months of your trip return.

INFORMATION ON VACCINES

For more information on vaccines and health questions, visit the Centers for Disease Control web site at

www.cdc.gov

click on travel and vaccinations to get up to date information on needed shots for the country you are traveling to.

PLACES IN AUSTIN FOR VACCINES:

Austin Diagnostic clinic – www.adclinic.com

Austin Regional Clinic – www.austinregionalclinic.com

Passport health Austin – www.passporthealthusa.com

PACKING TIPS

- 1) Pack light! You will have to carry what you pack. Because we will be taking extra weight with tracts, Bibles, equipment, etc. only one piece of checked luggage is allowed. **Your bag must be less than 50 pounds.** You will also be permitted to have one carry on bag (regulation size to fit under the seat) Check airline web site for more details on luggage requirements.
- 2) Clearly tag all luggage with name and contact information. Putting neon colored duck tape on your suitcase is helpful.
- 3) Take luggage you don't mind having damaged.
- 4) Carry one change of clothes and some toiletries with you in your carry-on luggage, as well as, any medications you will need for trip. Sometimes luggage is lost and or/delayed. Any carry-on toiletries that are liquid need to be less than 3 ounces and in a small zip lock bag. Go to the TSA web site (www.tsa.gov) for more information on security checkpoint at the airport.
- 5) Take items you won't mind leaving behind if you see a need (clothes, shoes, etc).
- 6) Leave room for some small souvenirs.

Commonly Needed Items: (Please see your trip packet for a detailed list of items needed.)

Bible and Journal/Pen
Passport/Visa and Tickets/Itinerary if applicable
Passport copies (one for the leader and one in each suitcase)
Health card for proof of needed immunizations (if required)
Basic Clothing (keep in mind weather, related work, church service, neatness, etc)
Comfortable Shoes
Plastic bags (to pack dirty clothes)
Hat (protection from the sun)
Sunglasses
First Aid items, Insect repellent, sunscreen, lip balm, etc
Medicines (allergies, pain meds, prescriptions, etc)
Camera (with charger or extra batteries, extra memory or film if not digital)
Handy wipes, hand cleaner, tissues
Alarm clock and/or watch (leave valuable jewelry at home)
Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, shaving items, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, tissue packets, powder
Towel and washcloth
Insect Repellent with Deet
Shower flip-flops
House shoes/slippers
Raincoat, jacket or umbrella
Snack foods and cash money for snacks (granola bars, trail mix, etc)
Cash for personal expenses and souvenirs (amount depends on trip)
Flashlight
Toilet paper (optional, depending on location)
Electrical current adapter and/or converter
Water bottle
Travel sickness medicine and sleep aid
Ear plugs (if night noise bothers you)
Reading material for travel or Kindle
Spending money for souvenirs and snacks
Family photos/small album
iPod or music player for travel and quiet time (not to be visible during team time or ministry unless it is being used for ministry)

SECURITY MEASURES FOR SHORT TERM TRIPS

FBC Marble Falls is engaged in mission outreach around the world. Some areas are classified as high security for many reasons, including but not limited to: government regulations on religious conversions, radical religious groups of other faiths, political unrest, etc. In order to work harmoniously with our partners on the ground, to work so that we do not put our people at risk, and to work so that we do not put national believers at risk we have developed the following outline of measures that each person should take in order to accomplish the task.

We are committed to keeping our people safe and would never intentionally put you in harms way. However, the world is a dark and dangerous place for those proclaiming the name of Jesus to unbelievers. Therefore, we will always err on the side of caution in all our actions.

Things to be aware of while on your trip:

It is always helpful to research and know the current political and religious climate of the country to which you are traveling. Understanding the culture of the people in which you will be ministering is very helpful. However, one should never engage in political discussions about the country in which you are traveling or about your own country. Politics have no place in presenting the gospel and should be avoided. Should the subject come up you should refrain by whatever means necessary to change the subject.

Although we often have open discussion as to why one religion might be wrong in our own country it can be detrimental in another country. Stick to the truth of what you believe and refrain from pointing out the error of another religion. Casting stones at error with the wrong person could have dire implications for you, our partners on the ground, and national believers.

You should remove “church” words from your vocabulary. Replace “church” with “fellowship”. Replace “missionary” with “company employee”. Replace “SBC or FBC” with “our company”. Be sensitive that there are people who are not happy that you are in their country and that they are listening for things to determine why you are there. Praying publicly before your meal may not be a good idea depending on where you are. The best advice is to refrain from these types of discussions and activities among yourselves until you are in the privacy of your own accommodations and out of earshot of others.

Luggage, Media, and Travel Visas:

Please keep up with your luggage at all times. Never let your luggage leave your sight until you check it with a certified airline employee. Never let anyone, other than certified airline employee, look in or open your luggage. Always keep your carry-on luggage with you at all times and never leave unattended. Never agree to transport any extra bags or luggage for anyone. Please understand that drug traffickers are looking for easy ways to transport illegal items in to the USA, they would love to use an innocent church missionary as their host.

As far as media goes, please do not grant interviews with any form of media internationally. There is a possibility that media groups are looking for ways to expose missionaries and groups to have them expelled from their country. This means no newspapers or television interviews abroad. Allow the host missionaries to handle all forms of media.

When filling out travel visas or country admission forms, please be discrete about your presence. When asked for the reason of your trip, simply put educational or tourist. When asked about your vocation or job, simply put teacher. Remember, we are teaching and educating the lost about Jesus.

Protecting our career people in country:

Those people who have answered the call to serve in these high security areas have spent a great deal of time prior to going to make sure their name is clear of any association with mission outreach. An

exhaustive, and costly, endeavor has taken place to remove their name from any type print or Internet media that could associate them with international missions. It is imperative that we do not reverse this effort by printing their names in bulletins, posting on websites, posting on digital prayer media, etc. Anonymity for the international mission is imperative so posting or distributing a picture of them is out of the question. The missionary is the expert about their culture, not you...

Protecting yourself and those traveling with you or those who follow:

If it's a good precaution for career assignments then it's a good precaution for you and those associated with our church. Distributing information such as: John Smith, of First Baptist Church Marble Falls, ministering to the Guala people of North Timbuktu is not wise. Assume, no matter how secure or limited the distribution, that everyone in the world can see it.

Social Media:

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. have given us a tremendous way to communicate with others. However, as most of us would attest, our friends list consists of people we only know in very vague way. In fact, we may not know them at all. In addition, time and time again, we have seen sites who have promised our privacy and either hacked or voluntarily sold our information. For this reason FBC Marble Falls has taken the stance that we will post nothing in regard to our trips to these high security areas. That means no updates, no pictures, no 'check ins', nothing. Please understand that this measure is in place to protect you, us, others going, those who are there long term, and those national believers who are consistently in harms way. Nothing means Nothing, so understand that before you leave on your trip you will be isolated from your ability to post on social media in relation to your whereabouts or reason for being there.

Adding national believers to your friends list seems like a great idea while you are in country. However, you don't know with whom they are affiliated on their friends list and how your posts may be viewed in light of those peoples' beliefs/prejudices. In social media we often discuss a variety of topics from religion, politics, and humor. All those things can be taken a variety of different ways depending on the culture point from which you are viewing them. For this reason our policy is that you do not "friend" nationals. It's rare that the subject of social media will come up unless you bring it up. However, if it does you can simply say that you only use social media on occasion and you that you try not to friend national believers as a way to keep them safe. If they persist then exchange email addresses with them.

Please know that your Team Leader will be in contact with FBC Marble Falls throughout your trip and will be updating the church on what is taking place.

Email:

We understand the need for you to communicate about your trip to others upon your return. There are many reasons such as letting family know about your trip, enlisting others in the call to missions, etc. However, email can be just as dangerous as social media in some respects. They are forwarded, copied, attached to pray chains, etc. So, when you do use email, please follow these guidelines:

1. Do not pinpoint your country or specific location in the email. If you went to the city Bethlehem in Israel then your email should say, "I had a great experience in B while I was in 'I'".
2. Do not use the missionaries name in the email or those you traveled with. Say, "Our company employees in "I" are just awesome".
3. Do not use the name of national believers. Those people will likely never meet these people so their name is irrelevant.
4. Do not send emails to groups or your entire contacts list. Be specific and send only to those who you specifically choose from your list one email at a time.
5. Ask that your email not be forwarded, reposted, or copied. You can't be assured this will happen but you can ask.
6. If you are communicating with a national believer be advised that some country's email is run/filtered by government agencies. It is important that you keep these emails generic and vague when it comes to politics, religion, etc.

Communicating your experience and call:

We have given you a fairly extensive list of what not to do and in doing so we have curtailed a great deal of your options. However, the tried and true method of communication from the start of this world has been face-to-face conversations. Take the novel step of printing off your pictures and setting up time to meet with friends, family, Sunday School classes, etc. and personally communicate the experiences of your trip. When you are face to face with others the words, body language, emotion, and truth of your experiences is best communicated. Go old school, and tell others the needs of the world face to face.

A PRAYER FOR TEAM UNITY

With great honor and respect for our Lord and His Word, pray and lay hold of these scriptures for you, the mission team, and for the people God will bring into your life as you walk in faith and obedience to Him.

*For Protection -	Psalm 34:7 Psalm 121:7-8	Psalm 91:9-10
*For Courage -	Isaiah 43:1 Joshua 1:9	Psalm 31:24 Psalm 27:1-5
*For Your Needs -	Phil. 4:19 Luke 22:35	Matthew 6:33
*For His Power -	John 14:12-14 Luke 10:17-19 Mark 16:14-20	John 15:16 Acts 1:8
*For His Glory -	John 15:7-12	

Prayer Considerations

Pray for:

- Those that make up your prayer support group
- Those who God has appointed you to minister to on the field
- Those that make up your financial support team and for your general fund raising
- Your other team members and the necessary unity of the team
- Your field contact, missionary, or local church pastor and for their ministry and their encouragement
- That you may stay close to God so as to hear and learn all He has for you during this project
- Your team leader and the wisdom he or she needs to make any necessary decisions
- That the whole team, especially yourself, may keep a devotional time as a priority in all the hectic schedules throughout the project.