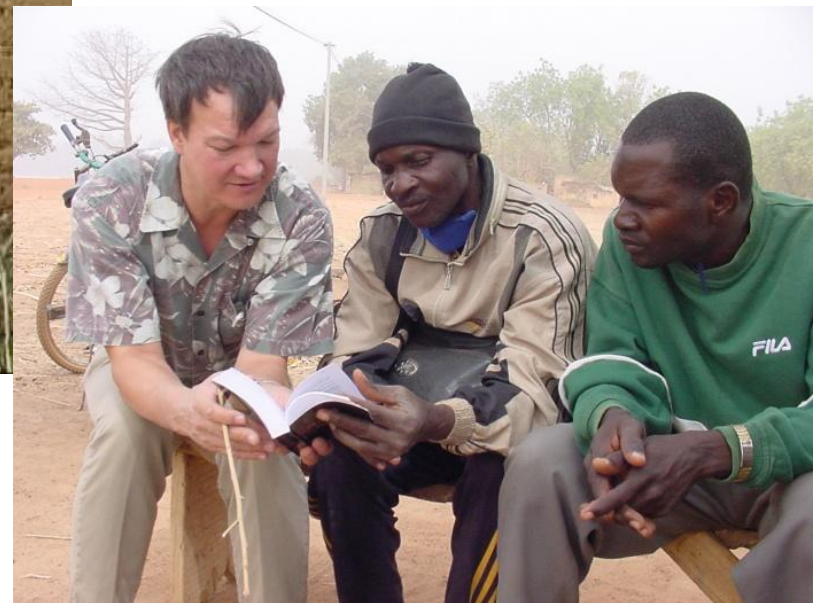


Short Term Missions

Preparing for Maximum Effectiveness





**Can't Takeoff on a presentation
without a good story!**

Sahara Desert Ends of the Earth??





**Not unless there is no
Coca Cola!**

Why Do Missions?

- Excitement
- Adventure
- Creative way to spend your days off?
- Let's hope that one of the main driving reasons is to:

Advance the Kingdom

Why Do Missions?

- Holistic Ministry Approach modeled by our Lord and Savior!
 - Physical
 - Hunger
 - Homelessness
 - Disease
- “An empty stomach has no ears”




We Strive To Deliver A Complete Gospel

“If you separate evangelism and social action, you have only delivered half a Gospel.”

But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works. “
James 2:18



There is a
fundamental
difference between
humanitarian projects
and mission projects.



**Only one is Bible
based – doing good
works to honor
Jesus Christ!**



The Model That Compels Us to Do Evangelistic Mission Work Today

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.” Matthew 9:35



Short Term Mission's Oath

1) Keep the Main Thing
The MAIN Thing

2) Do No Harm!



People at the destination of your ministry trip will look at you wondering, who you are and why you are there. This opens up incredible opportunity to share your story. It is also vitally important that you remember as in the words of St. Francis of Assisi, **“Preach the Gospel and if necessary, use words!”**

7 P's For Success

- **Prayer, Prayer, Prayer**
- **P**re-planning Needs Assessment
- **P**rofile Your Team Properly
- **P**repare for the **Unexpected**
- **P**artner with your On-field Contacts
- **P**repare Culturally
- **P**lan for Follow-up





**A Plan Is Only A
Place From Which To**

DEPART!

CENTRE D'EVANGELIZATION

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) West Africa



Power of Prayer

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
they labor in vain who build it.*

Psalms 127



Pre-Planning Needs Assessment

Let the NEEDS of the field determine the goals of the mission trip. **“Find a need and fill it”**

- Sophistication and maturity of the Team and destination
- Culture of target destination

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Please note: it is not necessary to create a volunteer profile on NazServe to participate with Work & Witness.



PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

- The PULL from the field will dictate the makeup or profile of your team.

PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

Choose the **TEAM LEADER** wisely.

- Clear testimony of salvation and a personal relationship with Christ.
- Demonstrates a growing relationship with the Lord.
- Previous mission trip experience.
- Mature in Faith
- Humble Servant Leadership Spirit
- Integrity
- Diplomat

PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

Choose the **TEAM LEADER** wisely.

- Encourager with nurturing spirit
- Spiritual leader
- Works well with people
- Sensitivity to personality types
- Commitment to Team Unity
- Dependable
- Demonstrates decisive leadership

when necessary (Mission Team leadership is not necessarily by democracy)

PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

Choose the **TEAM LEADER** wisely.

- Able to handle trip details
- Teachable and flexible
- Sensitive to other cultures
- Dependable **PRAYER WARRIOR**



PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

Build **Your Mission Team**

Build:

- Must work as a team to be effective.
- This takes time and effort.
- With each meeting, personalities will develop, bonds will be forged, and a greater sense of purpose will result.

PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

Build Your Mission Team

Your

- Team leader, this is YOUR team!
- You have been issued a mandate.
- You more than any other person set the tone.
- Plan ahead, delegate, remain calm, act as a servant of the Lord.

PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

Build Your Mission Team

Mission

- Never lose sight of the team's purpose.
- Team of servants of the Lord, disciples following Christ's direct instructions to take His gospel to the world, and to help people in need whom we meet on the journey.



PROFILE YOUR TEAM PROPERLY

Build Your Mission Team

Team

- Have woven differing interests and backgrounds together to make a cohesive unit.
- Not a package tour.
- Members who work together as a team will succeed, as they look out for and support each other.

PREPARE FOR THE Unexpected

- Lost or Misrouted Bags
- Unexpected Diet Issues
- Medical Emergencies
- Lost Passports
- Departure Procedures (from foreign country)
- Foreign Currency Exchange
- Fines and bribery
- Traffic Accident (**Embassy Contact**)
- Just to name a few

PARTNER WITH ON-FIELD CONTACTS

- Flight Arrangements
 - Airlines / Dates / Times
- Airport Customs / Immigration
- Acquisition of in-country medications
 - (Malarial Medications)
- Coordination with national workers
- Economic Considerations / Implications
- What to bring / not to bring.
- Dress Codes
- Top 10 Cultural Gaffes

PLAN FOR FOLLOW-UP

- Post-trip evaluation
 - Open Questions
 - Were pre-determined goals accomplished?
 - Share personal insights and challenges.
- Expect the typical “let down” feeling.
- Couples who didn’t go on the trip together – help them know what to expect.

PLAN FOR FOLLOW-UP

- Team Leader Creative Thank You
 - Last on-site meeting
 - Gather Comments
 - Send home personal note to each team member.
- Tell your story to the congregation in a creative fashion.
- Thank you sponsors
- Arrange a mission supper

PLAN FOR FOLLOW-UP

- Team Reunion
 - 3-4 weeks post trip
 - Time to share and reflect on highlights
 - What did God allow you to do that you did not think you could do?

Travel Resources

Travel Agency	Contact Information
MTS Travel Services (Peggy)	800-444-3004 ext 19334 peggyb@mtstravel.com
ReachONE Travel	888-290-7100 info@reachone.com
Journeys by Jan	800-736-5252 janbell@middrivers.com
Group Travel Services	800-499-7516 travelwithgts@aol.com
Fellowship Travel Int. (Evelyn)	800-550-0121 ext 107 ebest@fellowship.com
Raptim Travel	800-777-9232 kkellerr@raptimusa.com
MKI Group Travel	800-732-4806 ext 705 tabitha@mkigrouptravel.com

Travel Resources

- Call the Airline directly ask for “Group Desk”

Negotiating Questions

1. Taxes, facility charges, security fees (all inclusive)?
2. Confirmation – are they confirming you block of seats at specific rate?
3. When and how much is needed as a deposit?
4. What is the minimum number of passengers you must pay for to get this rate?
5. When must group members' names be submitted?
6. If an individual cancels at the last minute, will they let you substitute a replacement?
7. Will they allow additional baggage allowances?
8. Exceptions for Humanitarian Aid / Supplies?

Travel Resources

- Know the most recent TSA and airline guidelines
 - <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>

Travel Resources

- Travel Insurance

- www.aaintl.com
- www.travelinsurancereview.net

- Visa Requirements

- http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_4965.html

- Additional Sites to research your destination

- <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
- www.state.gov/p/

Preventing the Preventable

- Passports A Requirement. PERIOD!
- Latest Updated Information and Forms
 - http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/get_4855.html
- Copies of Vaccination records
 - <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list.htm>
 - Hepatitis vaccinations should be considered for all trips: Hepatitis A as well as Hepatitis B.
 - Polio – pay special attention.
- International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers
 - <http://www.iamat.org/>

Preventing the Preventable

- International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers
 - No fee to join
 - Membership is valid for one year and renewable with a donation
 - Provides traveler with pre-negotiated access to accredited physicians in more than 350 cities around the world, including a pre-negotiated payment amount.
 - www.iamat.org

Preventing the Preventable

- International Driver's License
 - AAA
 - <http://www.aaa.com/vacation/idpf.html>
 - Currently \$15 USD
 - Allow 4-6 weeks for arrival
 - Cannot be obtained more than 6 months in advance of travel.
 - Often one of the more recognized forms of identification, regardless of whether you are driving or not.

Preventing the Preventable

- Team Members Under Age 18
 - Team Member under 18 traveling WITH ONE parent.
 - Check with consular officials of all countries through which such family units will travel.
 - Carry a signed, notarized, sealed document in which the absent parent has given his/her permission for the traveling parent to escort the child.
 - (personal experience)
 - Team Member under 18 traveling WITHOUT parent.
 - Team leader should have in possession the above document signed by both parents.

Preventing the Preventable

- Pre-clear with customs, any equipment and supplies you are bringing in.
- Carry prescription medications in their original pharmacy-supplied bottle.

Preventing the Preventable

Dress Code

- What type of clothing is appropriate for work and casual settings? (M/F)
- Do we need to dress differently during ministry activities?
- Is it acceptable to wear pants, jeans, shorts, sleeveless shirts?
- Is it okay if to have body jewelry or have body piercings.
- How are tattoos viewed?
- Do the women in the church wear make-up?
- Are women expected to wear hosiery when in a skirt or dress?
- What type of swimwear is appropriate?

Preventing the Preventable

Church – Items to research

- How long has the church of the Nazarene been there?
- How many churches and members are there?
- What region and field are we going to be serving on?
- Who are the missionaries and volunteers that live there?
- Is there a national religion?
- How should one behave in worship services and church activities?
- How long are church services?
- Should one carry a Bible?
- What is an appropriate offering to give in a service?
- Will I be asked to sing (solo or in a group) a special song in a service?
- Should women cover their heads in church? Even if the building is empty?
- Be ready at all times to pray and/or give your testimony.

Preventing the Preventable

Housing

- Will there be electricity? What is the voltage?
- What kind of housing will we have?
- Will laundry facilities be available?
- What will the bathroom arrangements be?
- What should be done with used toilet paper? Personal hygiene products?
- What is the availability of certain personal hygiene products?
- Are valuable at risk in the housing?
- Will water be readily available for drinking, bathing, cleaning?

Preventing the Preventable

Food

- Is it necessary to eat everything served?
- Should we be free to express food preferences?
- Is it safe to eat food bought on the street?
- Is it safe to drink the water? Brush teeth with water?
- How should any specific food allergies be handled?
- What is the typical eating schedule? Which meal is the “main” meal?
- Are there any cultural considerations regarding leaving the meal, sitting at the table, joining the meal, saying a blessing before the meal, etc.?

Preventing the Preventable

Socializing

- What considerations should be given to eye contact?
- Is the society gender segregated?
- Is it okay to socialize with host culture people of the opposite sex?
- Can we talk about things like I own, like a car?
- Should talking volume be “toned down?”
- It is okay to refuse gifts? Should we bring small gifts to give away?
- What are proper greetings? Who should we greet first?
- How are married couples expected to act and interact?
- Has the receiving culture been host to American mission teams previously?

Preventing the Preventable

Additional Travel Tips

- Take re-sealable plastic bags for each currency you will be handling.
- Take lots of one dollar bills
- Take a money belt or shoulder harness
- Keep copies of all travel documents apart from original documents
- Special diet – call airline in advance – at least 48 hours
- Take a spare pair of glasses with you!
- Find out if clothes should be hung to dry in a screened area
- Couples traveling together, pack a change of clothes in each others' bags.
- Mark all group bags with similar colored tags or ribbon

Personal Security



Preventing the Preventable

Personal Security

- Awareness is the best summary word – knowing and sensing what is going on around you.
 - Requires a knowledge of the situation combined with an ability to sense when things aren't quite right.
- Always look for a way out of potential emergencies
- Avoid public disputes, confrontations and demonstrations.
- Keep a low profile, don't show large amounts of cash or valuables.
- Minimize disclosure of your address, phone number, and other personal information.
- Travel in a group when possible; there is safety in numbers.
- Avoid isolated and poorly lit areas.
- Do not accept pre-poured drinks or food from strangers

Preventing the Preventable

Personal Security

- Do not hitchhike or pick up those who do
- Carry a cell phone with you if at all possible
- Report to someone with you itinerary on a scheduled basis
- Remain inside secure areas during hours of darkness
- Know how to use the local phone system and memorize or carry emergency numbers
- Your attitude, poise, confidence, etc are a key component of your travel security plan. If you are walking aimlessly or with a look of confusion, criminals will pick you out as an easy target. Don't appear cocky or arrogant, but have enough attitude to convey that picking on you will not be an easy task.

Preventing the Preventable

Personal Security

- Two looks to avoid: MILITARY and TOURIST
 - **Military:** NO camouflage clothing. Much of the world is at a state of war or political instability. Unless of course you are actually on military orders or traveling on official business. Even this is curtailed of late.
 - **Tourist:** Avoid looking like you are carrying lots of money or valuables, are not familiar with your surroundings, and probably won't stick around long enough to press charges if robbed or injured. Fit in as much as possible. If general populous wears drab and loose fitting clothes, avoid the tight fitting bright colors.
 - Travel vests with full pockets, big camera bags, safari hats, expensive new shoes and colored bandannas around your neck (would you really wear that silly bandana at home?) all say, "look at the rich tourist, come and get me."

(Nazarene Mobilization Manual)

Be Culturally Savvy!



Preventing the Preventable

Top Cultural Gaffes

- Blowing nose in China and some other Asian Cultures.
- “Thumbs up” sign
- “A OK” sign
- Wiping off hand after handshake (Africa)
- Using left hand in social engagements
- Refusing a gift
- Pointing the sole of your shoes towards someone in Middle Eastern Cultures
- Personal space issues
- Refusal of coffee or other beverage
- Be sure to conduct your “due diligence” well in advance.

Preventing the Preventable

Top Travel Problems, according to one of North America's largest Travel Agencies.

- Travelers who got the time, date, or flight number wrong – missed flight.
- Packing essentials (medication, passports, eyeglasses, etc,) in checked baggage.
- Arguing with the airline, hotel, rental car company.
- Failing to read stopover rules on tickets.
- Assuming that ticket in-hand equals confirmed flight.
- Ignoring car rental restrictions
- Failing to produce the hotel's confirmation number

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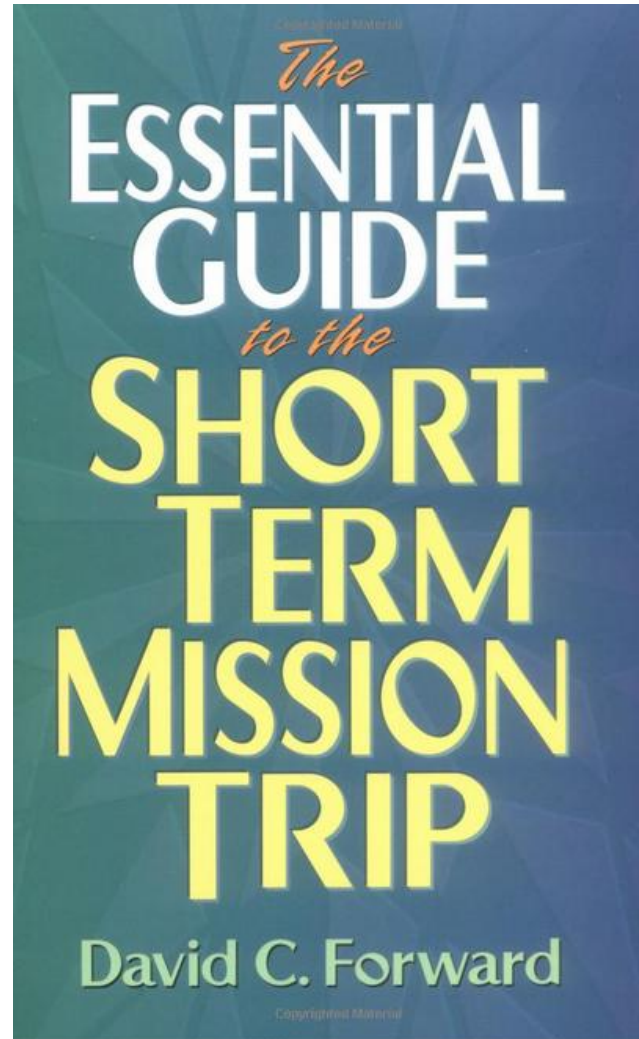
Last Items to Place In Your Bag

- A sense of humor when you get up-tight over situations and people.
- A teachable attitude toward those you are working with.
- A desire to learn from God, missionaries, and nationals.
- A flexible spirit when things don't go as planned.
- A willing heart to do whatever you are asked to do.

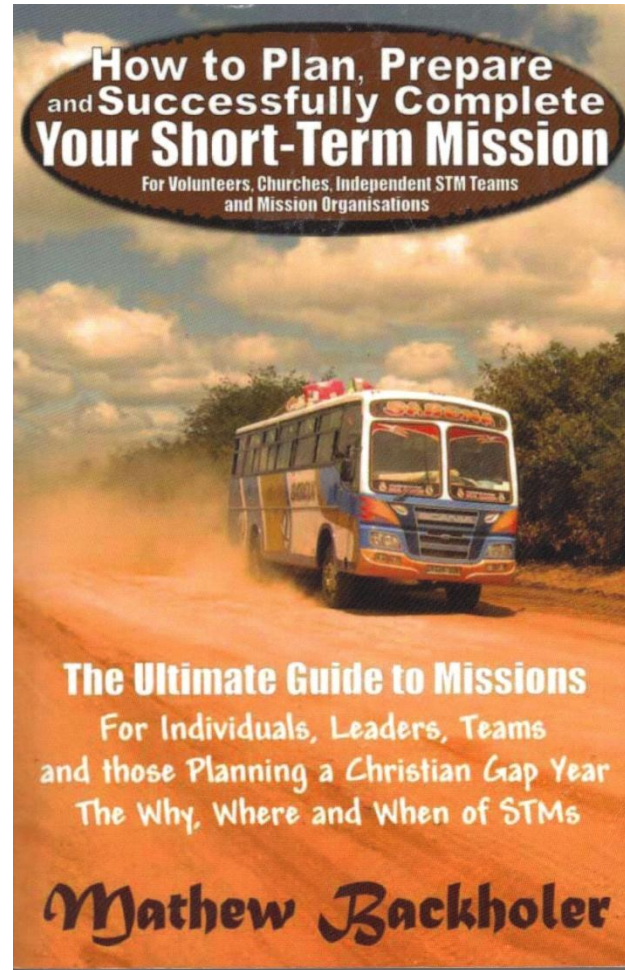
"We can do no great things, only small things with great love." Mother Teresa



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God Bless Your Mission Endeavors

