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NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS TEAM LEADERS

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Introduction

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.”
John 15:16a*

You and your team members have been chosen by an all-wise God to be a part of this mission trip. Many people have invested time, money, energy and other resources in order to support your work in this project. Why are Christians willing to be involved in missions projects like this one?

Missions originated in the heart of God. Beginning in Genesis, God's love for all peoples and His desire to bring them to Himself is known (Gen. 12: 1-3). Throughout the Old Testament, God's purpose of redemption and fellowship is evident. God shows concern for all peoples and desires for them to come to know Him.

In the New Testament, the thread of redemption of all mankind continues. The Great Commission is in each of the Gospels and in Acts (Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-49, John 20:21-23, Acts 1:8). The theme of Jesus' ministry during the 40 days after His resurrection was world evangelism.

For those who have acknowledged Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, involvement in world evangelization is not an option. Involvement in missions is an obedience issue. He commands us to go. He promises to be with us as we serve Him and to use us to glorify Himself. He is a global God and calls us to be global Christians. Today, the church is the Body of Christ that must fulfill His ministry in the world. He has equipped us with gifts to use as we become His hands and His feet in a lost world.

As you serve at the place that God has chosen for you and your team, you will find special joys in your obedience.

Answering God's Call is a notebook designed to give practical help to leaders who are planning and preparing a mission trip. Our prayer is that God will use you in a mighty way as you seek to serve Him.



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

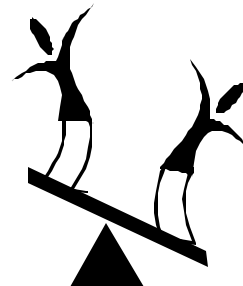
Preliminary Arrangements

- ___ 1. Pray for God's guidance and direction as you identify the project He would have you fill.
- ___ 2. Identify the area where God is calling you to serve. For assistance, contact:
 - a. SC Baptist Convention Missions Mobilization Group – (803) 765-0030 or (800) 723-7242, e-mail – missmob@scbaptist.org
 - b. North American Mission Board – (800) 462-VOLS (8657), www.namb.net
 - c. International Mission Board – (800) 888-8657, www.imb.org
- ___ 3. Identify the contact person where you wish to serve.
Contact person _____
Telephone/fax/e-mail _____
Address _____

- ___ 4. Call the contact person and discuss the following:
 - a. Project dates _____
 - b. Materials/financial obligations _____
 - c. Dress code _____
 - d. Housing _____
 - e. Food _____
 - f. Expectations _____
 - g. Medical issues (unusual, facilities, etc.) _____
- ___ 5. Assign persons to be coordinators for areas such as housing, food, VBS, etc. (see pp.6-7)
- ___ 6. Plan a pre-project visit to discuss details with the host. See page 9. (If you know who your coordinators are, they may be included in the trip.) Date for visit _____.
- ___ 7. Contact the missions coordinator at the state convention office and advise of the trip details. Request the Trip Leader's Manual and other resources available (journal, maps, Prayerwalking guide, camera ready logo sheet for promotion purposes, etc.). NAMB also has a trip logistics manual that may be downloaded (www.namb.net/vols/logistics).
- ___ 8. Recruit volunteers.
- ___ 9. Exchange newsletters, bulletins and prayer requests with your host.
- ___ 10. PRAY.
 - a. Pray for all aspects of the mission trip. Ask God for unexpected opportunities to share His love.
 - b. Involve the entire church in prayer preparation. Make the church aware of specific

- needs for your team and the host.
- c. Establish one-on-one prayer partners between the mission group and church members staying at home.
 - d. Consider Prayerwalking around the ministry site during a pre-trip visit or during the mission trip. (Prayerwalking guides are available through the Missions Mobilization Group).

- ___11. Train your mission team members:
 - a. The most important part of the training will be spiritual fitness. Be prepared for spiritual warfare. There are devotional guides and discipleship materials available and you can call the Missions Mobilization Group for some suggestions.
 - b. Provide training for those working in specific ministries such as Mission Vacation Bible School, Vacation Bible School, Prayerwalking, Sports Ministries, Evangelism, Construction, etc. (For assistance in training, please contact the Missions Mobilization Group.)
 - c. Stress the importance of being physically fit for the trip.
 - d. Define the local culture of your ministry site with your team.
 - e. Sponsor team building activities that allow team members to get to know each other better and that foster a spirit of cooperation.
- ___12. Make detailed travel plans which include overnight stops, sightseeing opportunities, additional money needed, emergency phone numbers to be left with family members, etc.
- ___13. Meet with team members for a time of fellowship and sharing of details (job assignments for each member, amount and size of luggage, estimated costs, etc.).
- ___14. Obtain a medical release form from each mission team member. (sample, p. 17)
- ___15. Verify insurance coverage for your church. Information about insurance provided through the SC Baptist Convention is on page 16. Supplemental insurance may also be purchased through other agencies.
- ___16. Begin a journal and advise the team members to do this also. (*He Is With Me* is available through the Missions Mobilization Group).
- ___17. Plan to take Bibles or New Testaments to give to those who do not have one.
- ___18. Commissioning service. (sample, pp. 18-19)





MISSION TRIP COORDINATORS

As you make preparation to go on a mission trip, there are many areas where the load of the team leader can be lightened by having coordinators to assist in different aspects of the work. Listed below are several suggestions for coordinator positions. You may not need all that are listed or you may want to add new ones to make your mission trip a success.

FOOD SERVICE COORDINATOR - Oversee all areas of food service, kitchen preparations, and supplies. This includes physical arrangements and cleanup for all meals. (If you are taking your food, sometimes local grocers will allow you to exceed the limits on coupons and may even store your products that need to be refrigerated until you need them.)

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

HOUSING COORDINATOR - Procure adequate lodging that is convenient to the ministry site and confirm reservations in writing when necessary.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

FINANCIAL COORDINATOR - Handle all financial matters pertaining to the mission trip (usual expenses are housing, meals, travel and possibly supplies). Keep a ledger of receipts and expenses. Develop a budget for the trip. A sample budget worksheet is on page 8.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

SURVEY COORDINATOR – For teams doing a survey, map out specific routes where the survey will be conducted.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR - Arrange for all materials to be on site. Determine what tools need to be taken.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR (VBS) - Determine what teachers and resources are needed for the VBS. Train those who are going to participate. Lead in preparing materials as needed.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

MISSION VBS/DAY CAMP COORDINATORS (MVBS/DC) - Determine where and when a MVBS/DC will be held. Determine how many people will be needed to work and what materials you need to prepare. Conduct training.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR - See that all travel needs are met, including transporting the survey team or the VBS or MVBS teams to their places of service.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

MUSIC COORDINATOR - Oversee the music needs as they apply to the mission team. This includes securing a sound system, music stands, instruments, special music, etc. It may mean leading the music for certain groups.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

LOGISTICS COORDINATOR – Work with the other coordinators to ensure that all of the supplies for the trip are taken. (Some supplies can be used by more than one group at different times and this coordinator will make sure that you are not taking a lot of unnecessary supplies because space may be valuable.) Do not forget extension cords, adapters or other electrical equipment. These items may not be available from your host.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

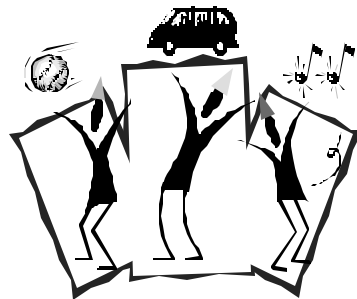
MEDICAL COORDINATOR – Be sure a first aid kit is taken and easily accessible to all team members. Confirm with the host the most direct route to the nearest emergency medical facility in the event a medical emergency occurs.

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

_____ **COORDINATOR**

Coordinator _____ Phone _____

Each coordinator should work closely with the team leader. Each coordinator should also help recruit volunteers in his area of work, in conjunction with the team leader and the other coordinators.



Sample Budget Worksheet

Pre-trip Visit

Transportation _____

Meals _____

Lodging _____

Film _____

Other _____

TOTAL _____

Pre-project Costs

Training materials _____

Project materials _____

Publicity _____

Prayer support _____

Insurance _____

Other _____

TOTAL _____

Trip Expenses

Transportation _____

Meals _____

Lodging _____

Film _____

Admin. Costs _____

TOTAL _____

GRAND TOTAL _____



PRE-PROJECT VISIT

A pre-project visit is a trip to the site of the mission project to make specific plans for the time that will be spent on the field. This trip is usually made by the team leader and perhaps two or three other leaders of the mission team. It should be made approximately three to six months prior to the project. The pre-project visit should be a requirement because it accomplishes things that cannot be accomplished otherwise.

The pre-project visit gives you a chance to drive the route you plan to take, check out the best roads and determine convenient places for meals and gas stops. You will get acquainted with the church, community and ministry sites where you will work and have the opportunity to prayerwalk the area where you will be serving. You can take pictures/video/slides to be shared with your team at home.

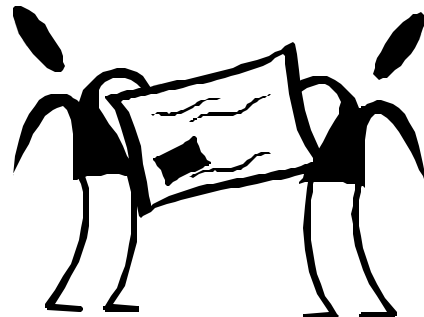
This visit provides an opportunity for the team leader and the host to meet face to face and discuss the trip. It gives an opportunity to develop a covenant with the host and to begin to pray for and with each other.

Items to Discuss with host:

- ___ What are your greatest needs and how can we help you meet them?
- ___ Our team is equipped to do _____. How does this meet your needs?
- ___ What will our daily schedule be like?
- ___ Where will we stay?
- ___ Will we be able to cook meals at the church? Do we need to bring our food or is there a nearby grocery store?
- ___ Upon arrival, who is to conduct an orientation for the group?
- ___ What materials will you furnish and what will we need to bring?
- ___ What do you expect our financial expenses to be?
- ___ What is the appropriate dress?
- ___ With whom will we be working? Will your members work with us? What is the host team trained and equipped to do? (Be aware that the host himself may not be with you the whole time you are there – many are Bi-Vocational Pastors who cannot be with you 24 hours a day. They also have family and other responsibilities.)

- ___ Tell us something about the community. (Culture)
- ___ Where are the nearest medical facilities?
- ___ Security concerns?
- ___ Who will publicize the events? (If your team is responsible, you will need to prepare the fliers, posters and/or other advertising tools before you leave home. If you prepare the publicity information what are the arrangements to get the materials to the host to distribute before you arrive?)
- ___ What other things do we need to do to prepare properly for our visit?
- ___ Will the host church follow-up with contacts made during the mission trip?

Frequent communication is essential throughout the preparation time. This will assure each group that you are serious about serving together. Stay in touch with the contact person by telephone, e-mail, fax or letter. Some hosts will have more than one team coming and things may change from the time of your pre-visit to the time of your actual mission trip. After each meeting or phone conversation, each leader should share with the other team members a written summary of their conversation. This will eliminate confusion and misunderstanding.





VBS, MISSION VBS, BYBC

The following chart shows the differences between VBS, Mission VBS and Backyard Bible Clubs.

Some teams use the material from their own church VBS, but many times it is too advanced for a mission trip and must be adapted for the “unchurched”.

If there is more than one team doing a study, please check with the host to make sure it is not the same one that you are doing. (One group had the same VBS material presented to them three weeks in a row.)

	VBS	MISSION VBS	BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS
Target Audience	“churched and unchurched” – assumes some knowledge of Christ	“unchurched” – assumes majority have no knowledge of Christ	“unchurched” – assumes majority have no knowledge of Christ
Uses	Church VBS	Mission trips, new Sunday School starts	Apartment ministries, multi-housing ministries, after-school programs
Ages	All ages (includes youth, adult and special education)	3 years through 6 th grade	3 years through 6 th grade
Schedule	3 hours	2 hours	1 hour
Duration	One week	One week	Ongoing
Materials	New each year	Three editions available (1999), able to reproduce much of the material and reuse	Undated, 52 sessions, able to reproduce much of the material and reuse

Materials for each of the above are available through LifeWay Christian Resources. (See Resource section.)



TRAINING FOR A MISSION TRIP

For every trip, there must be training. For some this will be their first mission trip; for others, it is a way of life. Regardless of where you are, training is a must if your trip is to be successful. There are five areas of training needed. They are:

1. **Spiritual Training** - Sometimes we become so busy getting ready physically and educationally that we forget the most important part. When we are trained spiritually, then we can handle the smooth days and the turbulent ones as well. Some suggestions for spiritual preparedness are:
 - A. Spend much time in prayer preparing yourself for what God has in store for you. Give your life to Him completely and maintain a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - B. Obtain devotional materials which will give you guidance in growing in the Spirit of Christ. Keep a journal of your thoughts and experiences to map your spiritual journey.
 - C. Read your Bible daily concentrating on the missions portions of Scripture. Keep your eyes, ears and heart open to what God may be showing you.
 - D. Be sure that each team member is trained on sharing their personal testimony and the plan of salvation. In 1 John 1:1-3, John is giving his testimony concerning Jesus Christ. Keep your testimony short and simple. Give adequate details, but keep it to the point.
2. **Specific Ministries Training and Practice** - All the learning in the world will not help if there is not a practical way to do things. If you are planning a Mission Vacation Bible School, conduct one in your own community so you will know how it works. Do a prayerwalk with your team so everyone will know what to do. Try one hour for the first prayerwalk. After you have practiced prayerwalking in your community, you will be better prepared for prayerwalking in a different area. (Prayerwalking guides are available through the Missions Mobilization Group).
3. **Physical Fitness** - Mission trips are not a vacation and can be physically exhausting. All team members should begin physical conditioning by walking and exercising.
4. **Local Culture of the Host** - Know the host culture and how to effectively share the gospel with them.

- 5. Building Team Spirit** - Work will go easier when the team works as one.
This means building a team who works well together. A team who works well together will keep down tension which comes when things do not go as planned. Meet together. Discuss together. Pray together.

One of the requirements for being a part of the mission team should be that each team member attend training. When everyone has gone through the same training, there will be less confusion as to what is being done and what the specific assignments are.





MISSION GROUP EXPECTATIONS

As a team makes preparation for any mission trip, there are certain expectations that should be explored. You, as the team leader, should know your team well enough to share their skills with your host.

There are also some things your mission team should expect from your host:

Preparation of site.

Promotion of the Mission Vacation Bible School, Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Club, Revival , etc.

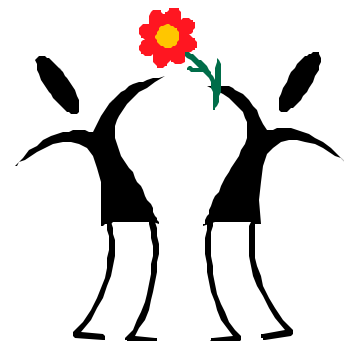
Notification of major changes in the schedule or assignment. A written schedule should be mailed to you in advance of the trip.

Assistance with projects, unless you have been told differently.

A welcome and orientation when you arrive on the field.

Evaluation by the local supervisor when the project is finished.

Follow up on decisions made by the people in the community.





FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Churches have different philosophies and policies regarding financing of special projects. Methods used to raise funds should be approved by the pastor and/or appropriate committee. Listed below are some things that can be done to help with the expenses of a mission trip:

- Funds available from the church budget
- Special mission-trip-designated offering
- Car wash
- Lawn mowing, yard work
- Window washing
- Servant-for-a-day auction, “hired-hands” day, “services” auction
- Parent’s Nite-out, babysitting
- Bowl-a-thon
- Rock-a-thon (rocking chairs)
- Golf tournament
- Rummage sale, garage sale, flea market, craft sale
- Donut sale/cake sale
- Spaghetti supper
- Pancake breakfast
- Kids carnival
- Dinner theatre
- Coffee house with live music
- Talent show
- Aluminum can, newspaper or other recycling
- Cookbook sale – favorite recipes contributed by church members
- Sale of church bumper stickers, shirts, jackets, caps
- Pie auction – both for eating and shaving-cream pie throwing. People pay to throw pies at church leaders or youth.
- Penny wars

***VOLUNTEER INSURANCE PROTECTION
FOR
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Medical Expense Coverage

We provide Medical Expense Coverage up to \$5,000 for activities both on and off convention owned premises. Any off premises injury must be in direct relation to South Carolina Baptist Convention sponsored activities. This coverage is first dollar and is not subject to a deductible. This coverage applies only to accidents and does not apply to sickness. There is no coverage for athletic activities. Coverage applies only to medical expenses and not death. Coverage is provided worldwide for any volunteer who is temporarily away from the United States traveling with a South Carolina Baptist Convention sponsored trip.

Liability Protection

Volunteers are provided liability protection for claims of Bodily Injury or Property damage to others arising from activities or operations directly sponsored by South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Personal Property of Volunteers

No coverage is provided for personal property of volunteers except limited coverage for their property while located at convention owned premises. This limited coverage pays only after any individual coverage has been exhausted (excess insurance).

Note: The insurance coverage listed above are supplemental in nature and are secondary to individual or church coverage in place for the volunteer.

This comprehensive coverage is provided by GuideOne Insurance. This is only a summary of coverage. Actual coverage is provided by the insurance policy contract. Please read your policy for complete coverage and conditions.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Name _____

In Case of Emergency, contact _____

Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____

List Known Allergies _____

Current Medications (state frequency and dosage for each medication) _____

Date of Most Current Tetanus Immunization _____

Insurance (attach copy of front and back of card):

Carrier Name and Contact Number _____

Policy Number _____

Name of Insured _____

Relationship to volunteer _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I hereby give approval for _____ (youth's name) to attend the _____ (name of church) mission trip on _____ (dates). I assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the area. I do hereby release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the _____ (church), the organizers, sponsors and supervisors from any loss, injury or other damage to us or the above named person arising out of this trip. In case of injury, I hereby waive all claims against the organizers, the sponsors, anyone providing transportation or any of the supervisors appointed by them.

To the attending physician or hospital:

I hereby authorize reasonable and necessary medical care, including, but not limited to, any emergency surgical procedure or hospitalization deemed necessary for the welfare of the above named until such time as you are able to reach me personally.

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Commissioning Service

Welcome and Invocation		<i>Pastor</i>
Hymn Medley	We've A Story to Tell Set My Soul Afire Send the Light	Congregation
Testimony	Briefly explain why you are going and tell about the project	Volunteer
Scripture Reading	John 4:34-38	Volunteer
Prayer	For people in area of ministry: -thank God for His plan to reconcile man unto Himself -the lost people who live in the area -the churches/missions with which volunteers are to work -the pastors and church leaders serving in the area	Pastor/Staff
Hymn		Congregation
Testimony	Briefly explain why you are going and tell about the project	Volunteer
Solo		
The Commissioning		Pastor
Special Prayer of Dedication and Commitment	Thank God for the volunteers who are going. Pray for: -individual assignment of each volunteer -volunteers to be able to overcome all barriers -volunteers to have physical health and safe travel -family members at home -other special requests of volunteers	Pastor/Staff
Commitment Hymn		Congregation
Benediction		Pastor/Staff
Congregation's Blessing	Invite all who are present to come forward and give to each volunteer a personal word of encouragement and assure them of your prayers.	

The Commissioning

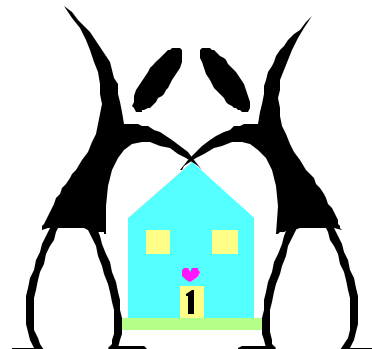
- Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- People: Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.
- Team: God, you have touched our lives and made us a part of your Kingdom. Now, we seek to follow your call to missions.
- Leader: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.
- People: And you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.
- Team: Through our words we seek to tell of God's grace and teach the commandments of our Lord and Savior.
- Leader: You show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely talking about it.
- People: Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- Team: Through our actions we seek to demonstrate the truth of the Gospel and the depth of our love.
- Leader: But how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent?
- Team: We heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then we said, "Here we are, send us."
- People: As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News!"
- Team: We recognize that we alone are unable to complete the challenge before us. God has called us and will work through us. Pray that we follow God's leadership.
- People: We commission you to go in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to support you and to pray for you as you go.
- Team: We will go in gladness knowing that you will have a part in our work of extending the gospel to the ends of the earth.
- Leader: You are God's chosen and special people. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things he has done.
- Team: Now to him, who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine,
- All: To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



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During the Trip

- A. Have an orientation with your team members as soon as you get there. Go over the rules again and stress the following attitudes:
- * * Be cooperative– **remember, you are an extension of the church and what you do and say will reflect on your host for years to come.**
 - * * Be flexible. Things do not always go as you planned, but always remember that God is in control.
 - * * Have a servant attitude. This mission trip is a servant action and not a vacation.
- B. The host may ask you to do something that you do not understand, but remember that he works closely with the community and understands them and their culture better than you do.
- * * Understand that your host may not be able to be with you all the time.
 - * * Encourage an opportunity to fellowship with the host team members.
- C. At the end of each day, it is important to have a time of devotion and a time for team members to share any feelings, concerns, excitements or whatever is on their hearts. It should be a refreshing time, a time for the Holy Spirit to fill each person anew.



MISSION VBS TRIP DAILY SCHEDULE

(Sample)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Depart	12:00 Lunch	5:00 Dinner Get settled and organized Devotional
Sunday	7:30-8:30 Breakfast Worship with host	12:00 Lunch Go into the area, publicize the event and meet the people	5:00 Dinner 7:00 Present concert 9:00 Devotional
Monday	7:30-8:30 Breakfast 9:30-11:30 Mission VBS	12:00 Lunch Prayerwalk	5:00 Dinner 7:00 Family service 9:00 Devotional
Tuesday	7:30-8:30 Breakfast 9:30-11:30 Mission VBS	12:00 Lunch Free Time	5:00 Dinner 7:00 Puppet/drama 9:00 Devotional
Wednesday	7:30-8:30 Breakfast 9:30-11:30 Mission VBS	12:00 Lunch City Park Ministry	5:00 Dinner 7:00 Worship 9:00 Devotional
Thursday	7:30-8:30 Breakfast 9:30-11:30 Mission VBS	12:00 Lunch Prayerwalk	5:00 Dinner 7:00 Commence- ment for Mission VBS 9:00 Devotional
Friday	7:30-8:30 Breakfast SIGHT	12:00 Lunch SEEING	6:00 Fellowship/ cook-out with host and those to whom you have ministered 9:00 Devotional
Saturday	7:30-8:30 Breakfast Depart for home	12:00 Lunch	Arrive home

COMMUNITY NEEDS AND PROSPECT SURVEY

Resident's name _____ Sex _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, ZIP _____

"Hello, (Mr./Mrs. _____). My name is _____ and I am assisting _____ with a survey of households in this community on religious activities and views. The interview takes only a few minutes, and you may skip any questions you prefer not to answer. Will you help us?"

(If the resident agrees to help, complete the interview. If the resident refuses, thank him or her graciously and leave.)

"First, a few questions about your family's religious activities:"

1. About how often does your family attend church? Would you say weekly, once or twice a month, seldom, or never?

Weekly _____ Seldom _____
1-2 Month _____ } Go to No. 2 Never _____ } Go to No. 3
Don't know _____

2. Where does your family attend church? _____

3. Does your family have any religious preference? _____

4. In your opinion, what are some specific needs within this community _____

"Now, just a few questions about your own religious view. Again, you may skip any question you prefer not to answer."

5. In your opinion, why do many people no longer attend church today? _____

6. Would you want a child of yours to receive religious instruction?

Yes _____ No _____ No children _____ Don't know/not relevant _____

7. Would any of your family members attend a new church in this community?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know/not relevant _____

8. How important would you say religion is in your own life? Would you say it is very important, fairly important, or not very important?

Very _____ Fairly _____ Not very _____ Don't know/not relevant _____

9. (Confirm name of interviewee:) _____

"Thank you for your help."

Interviewer's name _____

For incomplete survey, check:

- _____ Refused (couldn't talk)
- _____ Refused (wouldn't talk)
- _____ No one home, (date) _____
- _____ No household member home, (date) _____
- _____ House vacant (moved)
- _____ New construction (not occupied)

For incomplete telephone survey, check:

- _____ Wrong number
- _____ No answer (1st attempt), date _____
- _____ No answer (2nd attempt), date _____
- _____ Busy, call back
- _____ Phone not in service
- _____ Moved



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Follow Up

1. Provide a time of debriefing for the mission group
2. Prior to or at the time of debriefing give each team member a copy of the **evaluation form** on page 25. Set a deadline for the return of the form. Meet with your coordinators to review the responses and compile written recommendations to improve your next mission trip. Please share suggestions on how the Missions Mobilization Group can better serve teams on the **trip leader's report** form on page 26.
3. Provide a time for testimonies and reports to your church. Many missions volunteers are given the opportunity to make presentations of their missions experiences to groups. This provides a tremendous avenue for encouraging others to become involved in missions giving, praying and going. Preparation is a key to making effective presentations that will be a positive experience for all that hear. Refer to the tips on page 24 to assist you in developing an effective presentation.
4. Write a letter of appreciation to your host church and particularly the contact person.
5. The host and the trip leader should evaluate the project details together.
6. You may want to invite the host to your church to share.
7. We really are interested in your trip and how God used you in His service. In order to be able to assist others who want to make mission trips, please fill out and return the **trip leader's report** provided by the Missions Mobilization Group. Statistical information will be shared with the Associations involved.
8. Continue to pray for the host and those to whom you ministered.
9. Follow up with team members who made decisions or commitments.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS MINISTRY!



**Boring Mission Trip Presentations -
NOT ME !**

Tips to consider when preparing to share your mission experience:

- ★ ★ **Pray and ask God to give you wisdom** about what and how to share your experience to allow Him to plant the desire for others to be a part of future mission trips.
- ★ ★ **Know your audience** and target remarks to their specific needs/interests.
- ★ ★ Be sure you know the **time allotted** for your presentation and stick to it.
- ★ ★ Plan materials, souvenirs, handouts, presentation equipment, etc. that you will need.
- ★ ★ Use a **variety in presentation methods** to hold the audience's attention: video, slides, drama, music, storytelling, involve the audience, etc.
- ★ ★ The **adult attention span** is about 10-12 minutes. Be concise, clear and organized.
- ★ ★ Have a **theme and main points**. **Transition quickly** from one to another.
- ★ ★ **Know your material**.
- ★ ★ **Include as many on the team** as possible in the sharing time.
- ★ ★ **Tell personal stories** of how you saw God at work in lives.
- ★ ★ Don't try to tell everything that happened. **Leave the audience wanting to know more**.
- ★ ★ **Motivate** listeners to action: pray, give, go. Give specific prayer requests, ministry opportunities, etc.
- ★ ★ Make sure your presentation **equipment has been tested** and works properly.
- ★ ★ Allow **time for questions** if the setting is appropriate for this.
- ★ ★ **Thank the audience** for their interest and support.
- ★ ★ Be sure **Jesus is lifted up** and **give God the glory for His work**.

EVALUATION FORM FOR TEAM MEMBERS

Name _____

List your work assignments _____

Please rank the following with either (1) Excellent or (2) Adequate or (3) Poor:

Training for Assigned Project	_____
Spiritual Preparedness	_____
Accommodations	_____
Host Prepared	_____
Devotional/Sharing Time	_____

Do you feel that, as a group, we showed a servant attitude? ___ yes ___ no

Do you feel that we accomplished our purposes? ___ yes ___ no

Did you have the information you needed in order to successfully complete your project? ___ yes ___ no

Do you think that your time was well utilized at the site? ___ yes ___ no

Would you be interested in further mission trips? ___ yes ___ no Please explain your answer.

Other comments or suggestions:

On the back share how this trip impacted your life.

TRIP LEADER REPORT

SC Church/Organization

Mailing Address

Phone/E-mail

Association of SC Church

Trip Dates

Trip Leader Name, Position

Mailing Address

Phone/E-mail

Host Church & Association

Project Description

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Volunteers:

Adults

Youth

Children

Total Volunteers

Number of Host Churches Served.....

Number of Professions of Faith

Number of Rededications

Other Decisions (**Explain**).....

Number of People Contacted/Surveyed

Number Enrolled in Events in Host Area:

- Training
- BYBC
- Day Camps
- VBS
- Sports Camps
- Concerts
- Block/Community Party ...

Number of Construction Projects

Number Attending Revivals and Other Meetings

Other Results:

What are your future plans for involvement in this area?

What are your overall impressions of your experience? Include suggestions for future trip planning, the role of the Missions Mobilization Group, communications with host churches, etc.

On a separate sheet:

- Please share a story from your trip
- Please provide the names and addresses of adult volunteers who would like to receive information on future mission opportunities.

Thank you for helping us gather information on what God is doing in and through SC Volunteers.

Please return to:
Missions Mobilization Group
190 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210-8254



WHAT MUST I DO NOW?

Your experiences related to your mission trip will end. But the impact of this experience can continue through eternity for you and those you impacted for Christ. It is now your responsibility to share your experience with others and consider how God desires to use this time to transform your walk with Him.

God is still at work in the world and you are gifted to serve Him in ministry to others. You are called to join God in His work around the world. Consider the following as you pray about future missions involvement.

1. You may want to plan for another mission project in the near future. Begin to make initial plans.
2. God may have used this experience to confirm your personal calling to career missions or a longer term project. Contact your state convention office, North American Mission Board, or International Mission Board for additional information.
3. You may sense God's leadership in establishing on-going ministry groups in your church or becoming a part of your Woman's Missionary Union or Men's Ministries. (See resource section for contact information).
4. God may have called you to become a "prayer warrior" for missions. Consider investing a significant portion of your time in praying for missionaries and the needs around the world. For specific international missions requests call 1-800-395-PRAY and for specific North American missions requests call 1-800-554-PRAY.
5. God may be calling you to give of your financial resources to support missions. He may be leading you to increase the amount you give to missions through your church and special missions offerings.
6. God may be calling you to simply tell the story of missions. He may use your sincerity and enthusiasm to encourage others to pray, go, and give so that all people may know Christ.





ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

Resources

South Carolina Baptist Convention

Missions Mobilization Group
190 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia SC 29210-8254
803-765-0030 or instate 800-723-7242
e-mail missmob@scbaptist.org
www.scbaptist.org

North American Mission Board

4200 North Point Pkwy
Alpharetta GA 30022-4174
800-462-VOLS or 800-462-8657
www.namb.net

International Mission Board

PO Box 6767
Richmond VA 23230-0767
800-999-3113
www.imb.org

LifeWay Christian Resources

One Lifeway Plaza
Nashville TN 37234-0118
615-251-3876
Materials Service 800-458-2772
www.lifeway.com

Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

PO Box 830010
Birmingham AL 35283-0010
205-991-8100
www.wmu.org

International Bible Society

800-524-1588
Fax 1-719-488-0870

American Bible Society

800-32-BIBLE or 800-322-4253
Fax 1-212-408-8765

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Columbia SC 29250-5845
803-758-1400
www.gintl.com

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www.grouppublishing.com

Child Evangelism Fellowship

1-800-748-7710
www.cefinc.org

Your local Baptist Association Office



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