

TRIP PREP PACKET

Until the Whole World knows helps to make missions attainable and sustainable by developing partnerships with ministries and organizations around the world. We are actively developing a network of partnerships with churches, organizations, and missions all over the world that you can partner with in an effort to see long-term Kingdom growth.



We believe in relationships and we want to see your church grow by strategically partnering with and investing in organizations and missions we believe in.

PASSPORTS

Everyone who plans on traveling to another country must have a valid passport. The State Department's web site, travel.state.gov, will provide you with all the information you need to attain or renew your passport.

It may take 10 or more weeks to obtain a passport after applying, although you can expedite the process for a small fee, please plan accordingly.

Passport application fees are not included in the cost of your trip.

Make sure you carry your passport with you on your international trip.

EMERGENCIES

You will be given contact information before your trip for your family to use to contact you in case of emergency.

If you have a medical emergency while traveling, you will be covered through trip insurance that is included in the cost of your trip. You should also bring your health insurance card with you on your trip.

If a traveler must return home early due to a non-emergency, the traveler must cover the additional expenses for the change. If the traveler is under 18 years old, written and signed permission must be obtained from the parent or guardian.

SHOTS AND VACCINES

Until the Whole World Knows would like each traveler to have a current tetanus shot as a minimum when traveling with us.

If you are traveling outside of the US please visit <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel> for a list of recommended vaccines for the country you are traveling to. Charges for vaccines and shots are not included in your trip cost.

TRIP PREPARATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Attend all pre-trip/post-trip meetings and trainings.

Research where you are going before you leave. Having an understanding of the history, culture, and customs of the country can greatly impact your effectiveness in sharing Jesus. The CIA fact book is a great place to start. <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Learn some common phrases in the language of the country you are visiting. Speaking a few words in the native language will break down barriers to the Gospel.

Leave your electronics at home. Unplug and take in another culture. Its worth it.

Try to refrain from picture taking the first two days you are there. Get to know the people you are working with. A good rule of thumb - don't take their picture unless you know their name.

We encourage you to read the article, 10 Steps to Doing Short Term Missions Trips Well, at the end of this packet. It will help you make the most of your trip and prepare you for working overseas.

EXPECTED CONDUCT

Attitude

Your attitude will determine what kind of trip you have. Be gracious and patient. Remember that you are the foreigner and in their home. Please respect their cultural norms. Be flexible. Mission work can turn on a dime and your flexibility will help make any transition smooth.

Servanthood

Remember that you are a servant on this trip. Serve with a "happy heart" and do what you are asked. Consider the needs of others as greater than your own.

Sacrifice

You will be in an uncomfortable and unfamiliar place. The food and accommodations may not be what you are used to or expecting. Remember the big picture and be willing to sacrifice your comforts for the needs of others.

Sensitivity

Be teachable and avoid criticism. This is not your country and things will be done differently than you are used to. Be sensitive to this fact.

Words

Who can tame the tongue? Your words will build up or destroy others. Make sure you are using your words wisely.

Relationships

Stay focused on the mission at hand. Put aside your own desires and be someone who can unite a team. Be of one purpose and like-minded for the Kingdom of God.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR YOUR TRIP

Prayer

- Pray for your own growth
- Pray for the teams growth
- Pray for the ministry you will be partnering with
- Pray for the country you will be traveling to
- Pray for a love for the people you will share the Gospel with
- Pray for God's blessing on your trip

Bible Study / Group Study

- Prepare your heart through God's word
- Read *Gospel Hoarders* (Rick Via) and/or *Radical* (David Platt) as a team
- Focus on one passage of scripture and meditate on it
- Ask God to speak to you through His Word

Journaling

- Keep a record of your walk with Christ
- Be honest, write down your thoughts and feelings
- Pray through journaling

Your Testimony

- Be prepared to share your story of how you became a follower of Jesus
- You do not have to have a sordid past to have an effective testimony
- Practice sharing the Gospel in 60 seconds or less
- Do not share to start or win an argument

TRAVEL PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

Airline Group Desk

American: 1-800-221-2255

U.S. Airways: 1-877-874-7687

Southwest: 1-800-433-5368

Delta: 1-800-532-4777

Spirit: 1-877-663-4841

British Air: 1-800-247-9297

Alaska: 1-800-445-4435

United: 1-800-237-9524

Traveling can be difficult to plan for and Until The Whole World Knows is here to help. If you have any questions or need assistance please feel free to contact us at jeremiah@utwwk.com or (919)710-1486.



RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, _____ agree that my participation in the foreign or domestic activity (describe) _____ will be voluntary. I understand that such participation carries risks inherent both to the activities and location of activities.

For myself and all others who would claim under me, I release from all liability and hold harmless **Until The Whole World Knows, Inc.**, its trustees, employees, and agents, from any liability for loss, injury or damage to my person or property which may result from any participation.

Signature

____/____/_____
Date

Witness/Guardian

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