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MISSIONS TRAINING GUIDE



CROSS POINTE CHURCH



WORSHIP

DISCIPLE

SERVE

SEND

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20:21

TOGETHER WE PRAY...

Mobilizing & equipping our church to seek the lost.

TOGETHER WE GIVE...

Living as a generous congregation that is advancing the Gospel.

TOGETHER WE GO...

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Will you?



Who We Are



WHO WE ARE

CROSS POINTE CHURCH

We exist to point people to Jesus and inspire them to live the cross-shaped life.
We accomplish this mission in four ways: through worship, discipleship, serving, and sending.

Therefore...

ARE YOU A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING?

Do you regularly participate in worshipping, discipling, serving, and giving towards God's mission alongside Cross Pointe Church?

AGENDA

TEAM PRINCIPLES, JOURNAL & PRAYER GUIDE



TEAM PRINCIPLES

At Cross Pointe Church, we recognize that attitudes are essential in making short-term mission experiences successful. If the attitude of Christ is present among team members, almost every situation and circumstance will be fruitful and will not negatively affect the team. Here are some principles that are crucial for our attitudes and short-term work.

WE ARE THANKFUL

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." **Hebrews 12:28**

We will give thanks in all things, understanding that thankfulness is a sign of godliness and is the only way we can offer true praise to God, glorifying Him with our lives.

Gratitude is a sign of faith. If you are in doubt about whether to show thanks, it is always better to be thankful. The word "complain" is not in our vocabulary!

WE ARE HUMBLE

"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." **1 Peter 5:5-7**

We will respect the team leader as the authority for the trip. Team members must abide by their decisions. Be a fanatic about following instructions. Humility will keep you from making critical mistakes and will build team unity. Always remain teachable; listen to your leaders; learn from every situation. If humility is our trademark, God's grace will be rich with us. If you remain humble and teachable, there is nothing that God cannot do through you.

WE ARE FAITHFUL

"...Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." **Matthew 25:21**

We will be servants. We do not need a lot of experience for short-term opportunities. The most important characteristic of His servants is that they are faithful in whatever He gives them. Faithfulness is the most widely used description of true servants of God. Strive to be dependable and faithful with whatever responsibilities you are given, and He will give you more responsibilities in time.

TEAM PRINCIPLES

WE ARE LOVING

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8

We will display love that is thick-skinned and quick healing. Thick-skinned (1 Corinthians 13:5-7) because it doesn't let you take offense easily, but rather lets you bear with one another's sins and faults. Quick healing because it strives to quickly forgive. On the field, you do not have time to be at odds or take offense. If you are offended, quickly forgive, even before being asked. Do not let the enemy bring animosity and bitterness to the team.

WE ARE FLEXIBLE

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit.' Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"

James 4:13,15

We will rejoice and put all circumstances in God's control. This may well be the most important characteristic of your short-term mission. Plans have been made, itineraries have been established, however nothing ever goes completely as planned. Be ready to handle the many surprises that will come your way—missed buses, washed-out trails, mudslides, miscommunications, extra costs, etc. If you learn to rejoice in every situation and know that all things occur within God's timing, you will be able to handle the extra stress and be able to accomplish His plans and desires. Remember, God wants to do as much through you as He desires to do in you.

WE ARE HOLY

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

Hebrews 12:14

We will grow more like Jesus every day. As you are on your short-term mission, you will want to see God working in and around you. You will want to have a good experience and to experience Him. However, if you do not maintain your walk with Him each day, seeking to walk in holiness about reproach, you very well may miss the work He is doing in your mission area. Strive to be holy, even if you fall in all your team goals, you will see the Lord's hand at work.

