



Short-Term Missionaries Standards for Sending

God-Centeredness

An excellent short-term mission seeks first God's glory and his kingdom and is expressed through:

- Purpose: Centering on God's glory and his ends throughout our entire Short Term Mission process
- Lives: Sound biblical doctrine, persistent prayer, and godliness in all thoughts, words, and deeds
- Methods: Wise, biblical, and culturally-appropriate methods which bear spiritual fruit

Empowering Partnerships

An excellent short-term mission establishes healthy, interdependent, on-going relationships between sending and receiving partners and is expressed by:

- Primary focus on intended receptors
- Plans which benefit all participants
- Mutual trust and accountability

Mutual Design

An excellent short-term mission collaboratively plans each specific outreach for the benefit of all participants and is expressed by:

- On-field methods and activities aligned to long-term strategies of the partnership
- Goer-guests' ability to implement their part of the plan
- Host receivers' ability to implement their part of the plan

Comprehensive Administration

An excellent short-term mission exhibits integrity through reliable set-up and thorough administration for all participants and is expressed by:

- Truthfulness in promotion, finances, and reporting results
- Appropriate risk management
- Quality program delivery and support logistics

Qualified Leadership

An excellent short-term mission screens, trains, and develops capable leadership for all participants and is expressed by:

- Character: Spiritually mature servant leadership
- Skills: Prepared, competent, organized and accountable leadership
- Values: Empowering and equipping leadership

Appropriate Training

An excellent short-term mission prepares and equips all participants for the mutually designed outreach and is expressed by:

- Biblical, appropriate, and timely training
- On-going training and equipping (pre-field, on-field, post-field)
- Qualified trainers

Thorough Follow-Up

An excellent short-term mission assures debriefing and appropriate follow-up for all participants and is expressed by:

- Comprehensive debriefing (pre-field, on-field, post-field)
- On-field re-entry preparation
- Post-field follow-up and evaluation

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