

SEND ONE
TAKE ONE
BE ONE

GLOBAL MISSIONS & GO STUDENTS NETWORK

2026 PROJECT LEADER TRAINING
Thursday, September 25, 2025

10:00 - 11:00 am

Celebrate

3 things that made it successful?

Wins! What went well?

What did God teach you personally this year (showing you in your life)?

11:00 am - Noon

Evaluate

Trouble shooting

Something you deal with we are missing

Lunch (working)

3 Questions: Keep doing? Add? Stop doing?

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Equip

What you need to know:

Planning & Communication

On-project Plan

Parent approval & Communication

Safety/Safeguards

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Equip

Team, Teaming, Expectations

Pipeline

Conflict Resolution

Discipleship not just project

Dismiss

Send one. Take one. Be one.

We hope today inspires, equips, and mobilizes you and your church for short-term or long-term missions HERE, NEAR, and FAR! Our prayer is that we can Create AWARENESS of lostness around the world, equip the church for READINESS, and assist you to go in OBEDIENCE to the Mission Field wherever the Lord may take you! Let's advance the Gospel together!

LET'S GO!

Prayer

Begin with prayer, seeking God's guidance and wisdom in establishing a missions ministry.

Prayer points:

- Where does God seem to be calling you to go?
- What does God want to do in the life of your church through a missions ministry?
- What is His desire in using your church in the Great Commission?

Cast Vision

Vision is one of the most important parts of having a successful missions ministry. Vision allows you to know where you are going, what God is calling you to do, and keeps you from missions drift. Without a clear vision, we will not fully reach our potential in the role God wants us to play in reaching the world.

Role of a missions leader/team: (staff or non-staff)

- Set vision.
- Cast vision.
- Communicate vision.
- Refine the vision.

Vision needs to have a:

- Mission statement.
- Mission value.
- Mission non-negotiable.

Make sure your lead pastor understands the vision so he can:

- Be a cheerleader.
- Celebrate missions.
- Incorporate missiology in sermons as much as possible.
- Support the missions effort.
- Participate on mission.

A missions ministry will only be successful when the lead pastor buys into his role and the vision.

Communicate the Vision

Communicate to the staff.

- Help staff understand how missions benefits their ministries.
- Make them a part of the process.
- Listen and learn from staff. What ideas do they have?
- Generate buy-in.
- Missions is the one ministry that touches every ministry in the church.
Help staff understand that you are not there to compete,
but to complement what they are already doing.
- Serve your staff.

Communicate to lay church leaders.

- Share stories that help communicate your vision.
- Keep sharing the vision even though you are tired of sharing it.
Most likely they have not heard the vision yet.
- Keep the vision in front of them as much as possible.
- Every church and ministry has influencers. Identify the influencers and communicate well what you are doing and how it benefits them.

Communicate to the church.

- Missions is for every member.
- Every member can at a minimum do one of the following for each trip:
Go, Give, Pray, Encourage.
- Before sending out your short-term teams or long-term workers, pray over them in front of your church.

Leadership Team

What are the roles and responsibilities for the missions leadership team?

- Oversee the overall vision, strategy, implementation, and evaluation of the missions ministry.
- Coordinate missions projects and initiatives, including planning, organizing, and evaluating your missions ministry.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for missions partners and ministries.

Prayer Team

- Lead efforts to mobilize prayer support for missions projects and missionaries.
- Organize prayer meetings, prayer chains, and prayer walks focused on missions-related needs.
- Maintain communication with missionaries and provide prayer updates to the congregation.

Communication

- Create an effective plan to communicate the needs, strategies, and ministries of the missions department between the missions team, church leadership, and congregation.

Financial Team

- Develop and oversee the budget for the missions ministry.
- Track expenses, donations, and financial commitments related to missions projects.
- Provide financial reporting and accountability to the church leadership and congregation.

Partnerships

Good partnerships can make or break your missions ministry. Therefore, the missions team should spend time focusing on:

- Cultivating and maintaining relationships with missions partners, agencies, and organizations.
- Set goals and expectations between your church and partner.
- Facilitate mission trips and partnerships with churches and organizations.

Project Leaders

- Lead specific missions projects or initiatives, overseeing planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- Recruit and mobilize volunteers for missions projects, providing leadership and support throughout the process.
- Serve as a liaison between the missions team, project participants, and missions partners.

Logistics

- Coordinate aspects of mission trips and outreach events, like travel arrangements, accommodations, and transportation.
- Ensure that necessary supplies, equipment, and resources are available for missions projects.
- Address logistical challenges and provide support to missions team members during trips and events.

Advocacy and Awareness

- Advocate for missions-related issues and causes within the church and community.
- Raise awareness about global and local missions needs, sharing stories and testimonies of impact.
- Mobilize support for advocacy campaigns, fundraising drives, & awareness-raising events.

Evaluation and Reporting Coordinator

- Evaluate the effectiveness and impact of missions projects and initiatives, gathering feedback from participants and those whom you serve.
- Prepare reports and presentations summarizing the outcomes and achievements of missions efforts.
- Evaluations should affect and help future planning and decisions within the missions ministry.

Characteristics of a missions leadership team:

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| • Passion for missions | • Communication skills |
| • Spiritual maturity | • Flexibility and adaptability |
| • Teamwork and collaboration | • Commitment to accountability |
| • Leadership skills | • Commitment to equipping and empowering others |
| • Cross-cultural sensitivity | |
| • Strategic thinking | |

Be Intentional

Becoming a sending church does not happen naturally. We must constantly fight against the desire to make what happens at church only about us. Taking intentional steps to push people out of the pew and put them on mission is the role of the missions leader. Let's ask God to give us 20/20 vision for the world and lead our members on mission at home and abroad.

Include your staff members and/or volunteers to:

- Make a way for staff to go on trips overseas.
- Help staff understand how missions benefits their ministries.
- Make them a part of the missions process.
- Listen and learn from staff. What ideas do they have?
- Generate buy-in.

Church Leaders

- Share wins.
- Ask them to pray. Ask them to give. Ask them to go.
Challenge every leader to go on a mission trip.
- Make sure they know what is happening overseas.

All Age-Level Ministries

- Missions is for every member.
- Have special events in Sunday school, Wednesday nights, youth nights, children's events.
- Have someone ready to fill in for Sunday school teacher to teach on missions.

Worship Services

- Face Time/Zoom both short-term and long-term missions workers into the service.
- Make praying for long-term workers a rhythm of your services.
- Pray for unreached people groups.
- Send out and pray for missions teams and long-term workers in front of the church.
- Ask long-term workers to make videos from their countries.
Have them welcome guests, pray for the service, or encourage offerings.
- If you have an active WMU, utilize this ministry. They already know what is happening around the world.

Social Media

- Look out for and share any Oklahoma Baptists Global Missions and/or IMB videos.
- Show pictures before the service of the last mission trip.
- Utilize Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms.

Provide Missional Experiences

One of the best ways to help people understand God's mission to reach the world is by providing missional experiences at home and abroad. Most members want and are willing to serve others, however, most of the time they lack the ideas or ways in which they can serve.

Neighborhood

- Look for ways to serve your neighbors.
 - Make cookies, mow lawns, or invite them into your home.
 - Pay attention to any needs that may arise.

Local

- Serve in your church.
- Invite international students or families into your home for Thanksgiving or Christmas.
 - When you meet them, ask their name and where they are from.
 - Make them feel welcome.
- Get involved with the refugee ministries either through your church, Oklahoma Baptists, Send Relief, Oklahoma Baptists, GO Students I Network, BCM, Disaster Relief, Hope Pregnancy, Centers, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, and more!

International

- Oklahoma Baptists Global Missions (ex: Entry Level Trips)
- IMB

A critical piece of missions ministry is identifying what missions projects and ministries to support. Steps in identifying those projects or ministries would be:

- What are the needs and opportunities within your local community?
- What area of the world is God calling you to?
- What people groups live near your church?
- What gifts, talents, and abilities do the members of your church have? (Teachers, medical, construction, etc.)
- Are there current missionaries from your church serving overseas? If so, they make great partners.
- Do certain people groups or parts of the world continue to come up in conversation?
- What are realistic expectations and commitments for your church in a calendar year?

Missions Education

What are key elements to educate your church on missions?

Preaching and Teaching Series

Dedicate sermon series or teaching sessions to topics related to missions, such as the Great Commission, the biblical basis for missions, stories of missionaries in the Bible, and the role of the church in global outreach.

Missionary Guest Speakers

Invite missionaries or representatives from missions organizations to share their experiences, stories, and vision for missions work during church services, small group meetings, or special events. Personal testimonies can be powerful in inspiring and motivating church members to get involved in missions.

Missionary Spotlight

Regularly feature missionary updates and testimonies during church services, newsletters, or bulletins. Highlight the work of missionaries supported by the church and provide opportunities for church members to connect with them through prayer, correspondence, or financial support.

Missionary Partnership Trip

Organize short-term mission trips or partnership exchanges with missionary partners or missions organizations. These trips provide hands-on opportunities for church members to engage in cross-cultural ministry, serve others, and gain a deeper understanding of missions work.

Cross-Cultural Training Workshops

Offer workshops or seminars on cross-cultural communication, cultural sensitivity, and effective ministry in diverse contexts. Equip church members with the knowledge and skills needed to engage respectfully and effectively in cross-cultural missions settings.

Missions Education Classes

Provide classes or small group studies focused on topics related to missions, such as missiology, world religions, global issues, and practical aspects of missions service. These classes can deepen participants' understanding of missions concepts and help them discern their own roles in missions.

Missionary Prayer Groups

Establish prayer groups or prayer chains dedicated to praying for missionaries, missions projects, and global missions needs.

Encourage regular prayer gatherings focused on specific countries, regions, or unreached people groups.

Missionary Prayer Cards

Create prayer cards or prayer guides featuring specific missionaries, missions projects, or unreached people groups. Distribute these cards to church members as a tangible reminder to pray for missions needs regularly.

Missionary Support Events

Organize fundraising events, missions fairs, or cultural nights to raise awareness and support for missions projects and missionaries. Provide opportunities for church members to learn about different cultures, sample international cuisine, and engage in activities related to missions.

Missionary Resource Library

Establish a resource library or digital repository with books, videos, articles, and other resources related to missions. Make these resources readily accessible to church members for personal study, reflection, and inspiration.

Training/Discipleship

What are key elements to train and disciple the ones you will be sending?

- Plan and coordinate training events, workshops, and seminars for church members interested in missions.
- Provide resources and materials for cross-cultural training, evangelism, and ministry skills development.
- Equip and empower missions team members with the knowledge and skills needed for effective service.

Biblical Foundation

Provide a solid Biblical foundation of Biblical missions.

Theology of Missions

Teach the theological significance of missions, emphasizing God's heart for the nations, the role of the church in fulfilling the Great Commission, and the missional nature of the Christian life. Explore theological themes such as evangelism, discipleship, justice, and reconciliation.

Cross-Cultural Training

Offer training in cross-cultural communication, cultural sensitivity, and effective ministry in diverse contexts. Help church members understand cultural differences, develop empathy for people from different backgrounds, and learn practical strategies for engaging respectfully in cross-cultural settings.

Evangelism and Discipleship

Equip church members with evangelism techniques, discipleship principles, and strategies for sharing their faith effectively. Provide practical tools and resources for initiating spiritual conversations, building relationships, and making disciples in their local communities and beyond.

Prayer and Spiritual Warfare

Emphasize the importance of prayer in missions work, both as a means of seeking God's guidance and empowerment and as a spiritual weapon against opposition and spiritual forces. Teach church members how to pray strategically for missions needs, breakthroughs, and protection.

Practical Skills Training

Provide training in practical skills relevant to missions work, such as leadership development, teamwork, conflict resolution, fundraising, and community development. Equip church members with the skills needed to plan, implement, and evaluate missions projects effectively.

Missionary Perspectives

Invite missionaries or representatives from missions organizations to share their experiences, insights, and lessons learned from the field. Provide opportunities for church members to learn from real-life examples of missions work and engage in dialogue with experienced missions practitioners.

Local and Global Issues

Educate church members about local and global missions needs, including issues such as poverty, injustice, human trafficking, refugee crises, and unreached people groups. Raise awareness about opportunities for missions engagement and advocacy in these areas.

Member Care

Provide ongoing support, mentoring, and accountability for church members engaged in missions work. Offer opportunities for debriefing, reflection, and peer learning, as well as mentorship from experienced missions leaders and practitioners.

Partnerships and Networking

What to look for when partnering with local and international partners.

- Theologically aligned.
- Vision, goal, and value alignment.
- Clear understanding of expectations from both sides.
- Good reputations in the missions community.
- Flexibility.

Missions Budget

When developing a missions ministry budget these are some key questions to consider:

- How much budget money will be allocated for each trip or project?
- How long will your church commit to a person, project, or ministry?
- How will funds be raised without impacting the overall budget and giving from the local church?
- Will any budget money be available to help lower the cost of church members' trips?

WHAT TO TRAIN YOUR GROUP ON

GO Students aims to...

- *Create AWARENESS* of Lostness **HERE, NEAR,** and **FAR**
- *Equip for READINESS* with Training and Resources
- *Go in OBEDIENCE* to the Mission Field
- *Champion a LIFETIME* of Missions beyond the short term.

EQUIP

GO Students seeks to help families and churches equip students with the task of sharing Jesus with unreached, unengaged people. We pray students will become aware of the physical and spiritual needs of this world, receive training that dynamically shapes their lives, and engage their communities, nation, and world as a powerful witness of the Gospel. We pray the experience will spark a desire to engage in missions for a lifetime.

SEND

GO Students sends individuals and church groups. GO Students is designed to prepare and send students to work with Southern Baptist field personnel all over the world. Students will work alongside these field personnel to accomplish the task of planting churches, strengthening Christian community, serving the needs of the surrounding communities, and advancing the Gospel.

PARTNER

GO Students works closely with other Southern Baptist sending organizations. We are a denomination of close cooperation. Southern Baptists work in cooperation with one another to extend the reach of ministry impact around the world through gifts and service. This is foundational to Southern Baptists as we embrace the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

3 LEVELS OF MISSIONS

Missions is a ministry to the PEOPLE of a specific culture.

We serve with our hands -

ACTIVE WORK, community betterment.

We serve with our hearts -

ACTIVE COMPASSION, prayer and expression.

We serve with our hope -

ACTIVE PROCLAMATION, sharing the Gospel.

Missions is a ministry catalyst to the PARTICIPANT.

It is a catalyst for spiritual *inspiration*.

It is a catalyst for spiritual *sanctification*.

It is a catalyst for spiritual *occupation*.

Missions is a ministry to the field PERSONNEL.

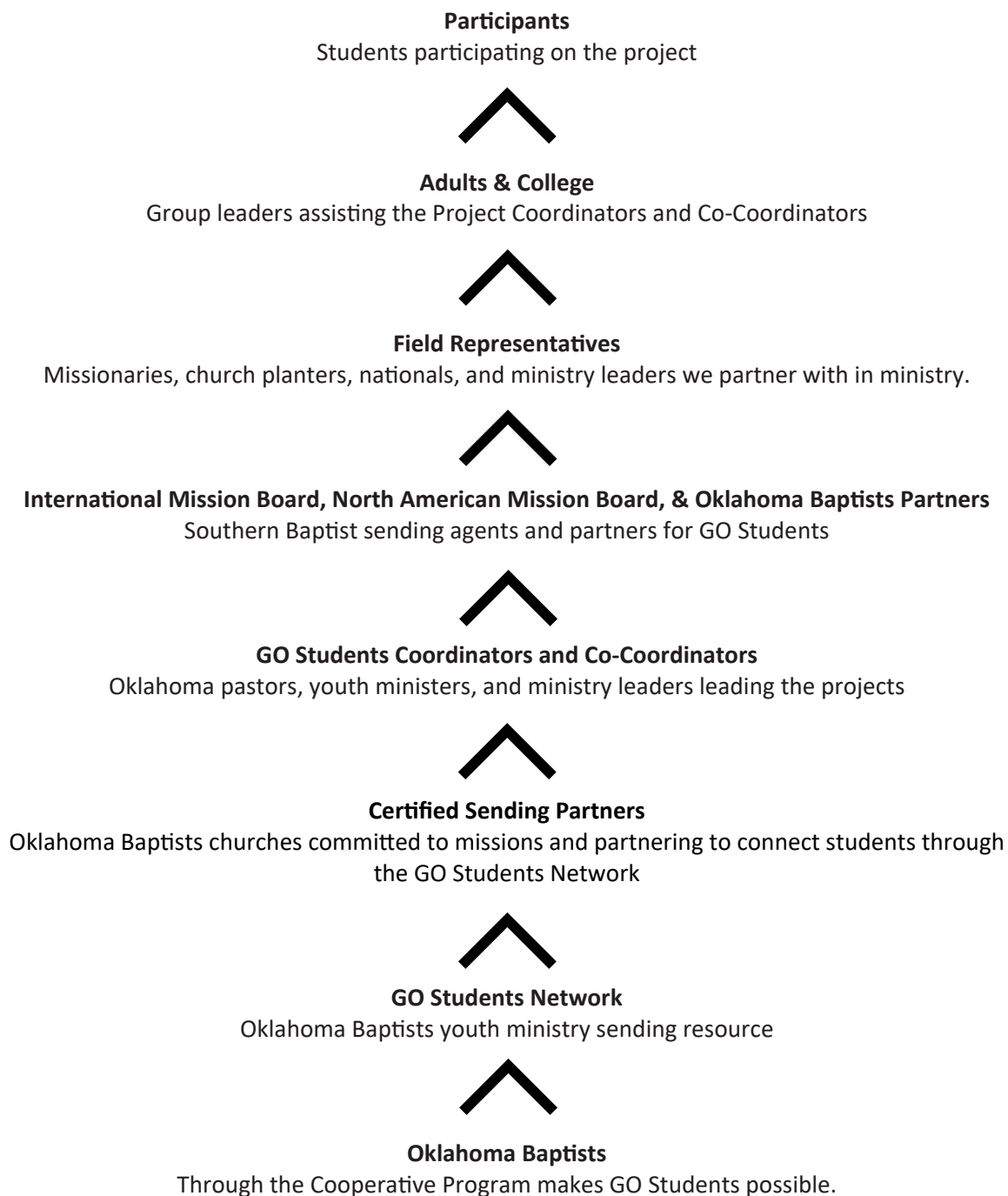
They receive personal *commitment*.

They receive personal *encouragement*.

They receive personal *communion*.

- Though spread out, God's people remain in communion because of the Gospel.
- Being in service together deepens our prayers for the fellowship of saints.
- Gospel advance is a Kingdom mandate that all believers embrace.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR YOUR TEAM

It is important you see this project as an opportunity to develop your group spiritually before, during, and after the project. This is a fantastic opportunity to make disciples. Here are elements you need to have in place, to create space for, and to promote with your group for your project:

Pre-project

Lead up study prior to your project

All projects please, at least use, the following IMB Courses with your group

Short-term Trip Planning Guide

Pre-project daily devotional

Provided by GO Students

On-project

Daily personal devotional for team members (use provided journal). Daily guide can be scriptures assigned by the project coordinators, or you may use the daily devotional guide provided by Oklahoma Baptists.

Daily team devo/worship/debrief to discuss what you are learning, and the work God has done while you have been serving.

Assign team members to do the devotional each day. Material assigned by or guidance given by project coordinator.

Pray daily for team members in prayer partners or groups. Also, pray for your field reps and the work there.

Other Suggested On-project Activities

Please take daily time to invest in your group either at the evening debrief/study or in the morning before you go out to serve.

Here are a few exercises that you could choose from and use during that time:

- Have each team member take time to describe the Gospel in 6 words then share.
- Have each team members describe the Gospel in 6 sentences and then share.
- As a group project, take turns and write out the entire story line of the Bible?
- Toward end of week, take time to write a ministry plan to reach the area you have been serving. Include:
 - Outreach
 - Activities
 - Cost
 - Staffing
 - Prayer
 - Etc.

PARTICIPANT CHECKLIST

Pray.

Make sure you are spending time praying alone and with others about the ministry opportunity before you, for your team, the field representatives, and the people you will serve.

Communicate.

Communicate with your Coordinator(s) and Oklahoma Baptists Staff. It is critical that participants read and reply (reply when indicated) to emails, phone calls, texts, and/or mail. Communication is vital, vital, vital.

Stay current.

Keep up with financial deadlines and other important information. It is important to keep your coordinator and co-coordinator updated on financial deadlines. If you, as the participant, cannot make payments on time, it is important for that to be communicated with your project leaders to work out a plan.

Complete the training.

It is mandatory for each participant (all projects) to complete the bible study and evangelism training your coordinator assigns. It is important that you are spiritually prepared and ready to share your faith for your project.

Complete the Participant Travel Form.

Complete the form and have it notarized. Your coordinator must have the form for you to board the plane.

Share information.

Make sure you give your family a copy of your itinerary (your coordinator will send this to you). Make sure your coordinator has your ID info, passport info (if applicable), and all emergency contact information.

Obtain Proper Immunizations.

Immunizations are as needed by project. Your coordinator will communicate requirements for your project. These immunizations apply to international travel.

Pack Well.

Pay close attention to the packing instructions. Packing light is always the best strategy.

Commissioned.

Consider asking your church to have a commissioning service or prayer during a morning worship time before you leave.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

No project is without expectations and standards. We want this to be a great experience for you and the people we serve on the field. So much is at stake, even in a short-term mission experience. Do your part to live up to these responsibilities. These responsibilities are designed to make the week a pleasant experience for all involved. If project participants choose not to accept these responsibilities, they forfeit the privilege of project participation.

Be responsible for exhibiting a CHRIST-LIKE SPIRIT. Always strive to exhibit the best attitude towards other participants, your host, your project leadership, and the residents of the community. Do not abuse others with your words. Be an encourager. Be quick to make the best of things.

Be responsible for keeping yourself HEALTHY. Keep yourself hydrated, as well rested as possible, and nourished. The use of tobacco, tobacco products, vapes of any kind, alcoholic beverages, and non-prescription illicit substances is prohibited. If you are not feeling well, say something! Stay 'aware'.

Be responsible for the SAFETY of yourself and others. Possession and use of fireworks, firearms, and weapons of any kind is prohibited. Avoid practical jokes; they usually end up with someone getting hurt in some way. Remember what is funny in one culture could be offensive in another.

Be responsible for following the project SCHEDULE. No changes will be made in assignments or schedule without the permission of the Project Coordinator. In consideration of others, "in rooms" and "lights out" times will be respected.

Be responsible for staying in designated PROJECT AREAS. For your own safety and security, you must always stay with the group. Do not leave the ministry site or lodging facility without the permission of the Project Coordinator. Also, there should be no "aimless wandering" in the lodging facility. Girls should not be in the guys' rooms and guys should not be in the girls' rooms.

Be responsible for guarding the POSSESSIONS of others. Show the utmost of respect for others' property and possessions by not tampering with or taking anyone's belongings including project resources. Do not play jokes by hiding someone's things.

Be responsible for maintaining a clean ENVIRONMENT. Do your best to keep all areas of the lodging facility clean and free from litter. It is part of your witness when you are careful to respect the property and grounds of the place we call "home" for the week. Any damage to the lodging facility property or grounds becomes the personal responsibility of the person causing the damage.

Be responsible for avoiding any type of PDA. Romantic relationships between students tends to interfere with the team fulfilling the mission trips priorities and assignments. Dating students are discouraged from being on a team together but not strictly prohibited. Inform your coordinator if you are in a dating relationship with another team member.

MORE ON CONDUCT

Be focused on the most important thing: Building bridges.

The words that come from your mouth and the actions you show may be that final link in the chain leading the children and/or their families in our communities to come to know Christ. Ask yourself: "Are the words I am saying and the actions I am presenting, helping these kids draw closer to Jesus?"

Be good stewards.

Take care of people, situations, and things.

Clean up after yourself.

Do your best to not leave your personal items lying around.

Keep your dorm area picked up and free from trash. You will be cleaning your own room/dorm space at the end of the project. Help yourself by keeping things picked up and trash in the trash can. Don't be a bad or messy roommate. No one needs that.

Clean Up Your Messes

If you make a mess, please clean it up. If you need help, please let us know. It is better to notify us of any mishaps right away than for us to find them after you leave. Your work is not done until things are put away.

Don't take liberties or assume authority.

Don't do things you don't have permission to do. Example: Do not touch the thermostats.

Follow the RULE OF 3 ON CAMPUS AND OFF.

Do not be alone with anyone.

Be Considerate

Only play ball, etc. in appropriate or designated areas.

Represent Well.

Help us present a good image to everyone. Be courteous and grateful wherever you go even when not in a ministry environment. Everywhere you go is your mission field.

There is no on/off switch in following Jesus!

A WORD ON RELATIONSHIPS

Because our main thing is Jesus Ministry, and we do not want anything to distract from this, we do not allow any romantic relationships while serving on a mission team. Public displays of romantic affections and flirtations are a distraction for you, the object of your affection, for the rest of the team, and for the people you are ministering to. Please do not put anyone in the uncomfortable position of having an awkward conversation regarding this.

WHAT IS MY ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PROJECT?

GO STUDENTS PROJECT ROLES AND ACTIVITIES

Adults and students may have multiple roles. Some of the roles/activities below may not apply to your specific project or may be altered slightly. Coordinators may make up new roles/activities to meet project needs.

POSSIBLE ROLES

Coordinator: The Coordinator works closely with the Field Representative to prepare for the project and communicates details to the participants. At the project, the coordinator supervises the overall program, participants, any adult leaders, and finances. They also work with the co-coordinator on ministry elements of the project, such as organizing team groups, site selection (in cooperation with the Field Representative), enlisting adult leaders, obtaining ministry materials, prioritizing group activities, and changing everything at the last minute.

Co-coordinator: The Co-coordinator serves as a ministry coordinator for the project. They will assist the coordinator in project details and hold primary responsibility in maintaining relationships, promoting group unity, monitoring group well-being, and coordinating ministry related supplies and activities.

Field Representative: These are code words for “missionary”, “church planter”, or “host”. The FR determines the strategy for the project, assists with organizing logistics, and knows the culture and customs. This is the boots on the ground person advancing the Gospel all year long. Our job is to move their ministry forward.

Adult Leaders/College Students: These are qualified adults and college students who are enlisted to lead students in small teams to accomplish their task at the ministry sites. These leaders need to be flexible, good with students, and supportive of the coordinators leading the project.

Group: Groups are the main unit of ministry at a project. Groups are often made up of people from different churches and backgrounds that come together for a common goal, to advance the Gospel. They may start out as strangers but are able to work together as a unified team and build lifelong friendships!

First Aid Coordinator: The first aid coordinator is an adult volunteer who at minimum has knowledge in basic first aid. This person is enlisted by the coordinator(s) to provide basic first aid as needed to injured and ill participants at the project. They should carry first aid supplies and keep Coordinators and Field Reps up to date on any medical issues. They may be asked to make sure students take medication.

Devotion Leader: The devotion leader leads a daily group devotion during the morning, lunch break, or evening. The devotion leader is asked not to “preach” but to lead discussion and encourage the group to pray together. Teams are encouraged to have several devotion leaders during the project. They should prepare their devotions prior to the project when possible.

Group Reporter: The group reporter is a student or adult who is sensitive to the work of God at the ministry site and communicates daily events in a written report to the coordinator. Each written report should include a story of how the team could see God moving through what they did that day. They should also log the number of Gospel conversations, salvations, and other important spiritual activity each day. The group reporter should compile an end of project report of stories and spiritual activity numbers.

Group Photographer: The group photographer, carefully following any protocols given by the Field Representative, seeks to acquire good pictures and videos of the group's ministry each day. It is important for this person to capture ministry in action, not just cool videos or pictures of the fun elements of the project. We need both! The photographer is expected to provide these to the designated Coordinator or to the GO Students office at the end of the project via photo circle app.

Supply Master: The Supply Master works closely with the coordinator(s) and adult leaders to make sure the group has all the necessary ministry supplies for the task. Ex: VBS, Block Parties, Park Ministry, etc.

Other Duties as Assigned: We welcome your Coordinators' creativity and ingenuity in adding meaningful group positions. You never know when someone will be needed to make sandwiches, serve tables, or get ice cream!

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

Ministry: The main thing you do at the project. Can include a multitude of possibilities but must be strategic and according to the FR's strategy.

Orientation: This is a meeting for everyone at the beginning of the project led by the FR. This is a great time to tell participants how to have a great experience and move their ministry forward with the project.

Group Position Training: We would love for everybody on the mission team to have a job. Group position training should take place prior to the project. Group "jobs" include break masters, first aid coordinator, supply masters, devotion leaders, and adult leaders, etc.

Group Devotions: A time set aside each day for the group to pray together and be encouraged from God's Word.

Worship: Should be conducted each day at the project if possible. Can be morning, noon, or night. Should reflect the nature of the project and help participants process their experiences, engage in prayer, and celebrate God's work. Pyrotechnics, intelligent lighting, and studio sound not required. Consider using journal entries at the end of this manual to encourage discussion during these experiences.

Activities are set by the coordinator and related to project needs.

HOW TO PRAY FOR FIELD REPS

MISSIONARIES/CHURCH PLANTERS/MINISTRY LEADERS

Pray for their:

- **Spiritual Health**
 - Love for God
 - Consistency in God's Word and in prayer
 - Spiritual growth
 - Battle against sin
- **Physical and Emotional Health**
 - Physical needs
 - Protection from sickness
 - Safety in difficult and dangerous places
 - Protection from depression, anxiety, and loneliness
- **Family Health**
 - Relationship with spouse (if applicable)
 - Relationship with children (if applicable)
 - Relationship with other immediate family
 - Relationship with church family (sending church and local church)
- **Team Health**
 - Communication with teammates
 - Submission to one another and to leadership on the field
 - Relationships with locals, other missionary teams and partners/ pastors/evangelists
- **Ministry**
 - Boldness to proclaim the Gospel
 - Open ears and soft hearts to receive the Gospel
 - Sound teaching and doctrine
 - Sustainable presence in the area where they're working

3 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

Pray for those that hear the Gospel, that their hearts may be opened to see their need of the Savior.

Pray for the missionaries and church planters, that they may seek only God's glory and rest on His wisdom and strength.

Pray for the churches of Oklahoma, that we may be obedient in the call, supporting and sending the Gospel to our state, our nation, and the ends of the earth.

"God, send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me, only sustain me. And sever any tie in my heart except the tie that binds my heart to Yours." David Livingstone

ENGAGING CULTURE

If you have never read *Honor and Shame: Unlocking the Door*, by Roland Muller, I would encourage you to do so. Below are some cliff notes that I teach from that may be an encouragement to you. Through Genesis 3:7-10, we really are provided a good understanding of three world views. We experience these views throughout the world and can base our evangelism message around them. I hope this explanation will help you, however, I do recommend you get the book.

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ And he said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.’”

Genesis 3:7-10 ESV

Genesis 3: 7 - 10

Vs. 7: “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”

- As soon as they sinned, their consciences kicked in and immediately they felt guilty.
- They instantly understood that they had done wrong.

Vs. 8: “And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the Garden.”

- They felt shame.
- For the first time, man is also in a position of shame before God.

Vs. 9: “Then the Lord God called to the man and said to him ‘Where are you?’”

Vs. 10: “And he said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself.’”

- The third emotion we see is fear.

Guilt Based Culture

Our Western world view is a guilt vs innocence society. We believe in right vs wrong. It's the yard stick we use in our culture. Innocent until proven guilty. Good guys and bad guys. Right vs Wrong. We fight for our rights. Look at our politics right now. We do everything we can to avoid being guilty. Flip side is innocence. This is the unspoken goal of our society. I'm ok, you're ok. We all want to express our innocence with the statement that 'we are as good as the next guy'.

When we share the gospel in our Western Culture we start with:

You are guilty - you broke God's law: Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9, 10:13. This plan of salvation is very legal. It does not require much knowledge, other than accepting the fact that we are guilty, and that God offers us pardon.

4 Spiritual Laws

1. God loves you and has a plan for your life.
2. Man is sinful and separated from God.
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin.
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Or God, Man, Christ, Response.

These explanations of the gospel work in the West because

1. Most people understand the concept of there being higher laws and the concept of sin and guilt.
2. Most people in our society live with a certain measure of guilt.

These methods of expressing the gospel help people deal with their need for God because we are guilty of sin. That sin leads to spiritual death, which then allows the Holy Spirit to lead us towards salvation. So, let's add to our tool belt of evangelism two other world views and how to share the gospel in these contexts.

Fear

Another world view developed from the fall. Fear. Adam heard God coming and hid.

Fear Based Cultures

- Their lives revolve around their interaction with the spiritual world.
- They believe that gods and spirits exist in the universe, and they must live in peace with these unseen powers either by living quietly or by appeasing these powers.
- They actively live their lives living in peace with these spirits or gods.
- They fear the supernatural.

At the end of the 19th century, a man by the name of E. B. Tylor studied the differences between Europe and Africa and the South Americas. He coined the word "Animism". Fear based cultures are known today as Animistic societies. Fear is driving their world view. Witch doctors thrive in these cultures because they use fear as control. Do we have people today living in fear? Absolutely.

What causes fear in people today? (I pose this question to the group)

The opposite of fear is power. We have an all-powerful God. What verses come to mind when demonstrating God's power, and how we live that out in our Christian life? What is the key to sharing the gospel with those whose world view is Fear? Passages that demonstrate God's power. We must share the gospel in a way that demonstrates God's power over fear and weakness: Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 1:7.

Shame-Based Cultures

- There will be an honorable and dishonorable way of doing things.
- Shame and honor are positions in society, just as being right (justified) is a position in our Western culture.
- You are always representing your family. You never want to dishonor your family. Shameful deeds are covered up. If they can't be covered up, they are revenges.
- What makes a shame-based culture unique is that its people relate almost everything to the shame-honor paradigm.

I believe that in America today we are making a shift towards shame-honor. Young people don't like labeling things right and wrong. How do we share the gospel with people or groups of people struggling with shame?



The opposite of shame is honor. The position of shame is described in the Bible in a series of ways; defied, naked, sick, poor, accursed, ignorant. In all these passages are powerful illustrations of God's desire and power to move us from shame to honor. What passages come to mind of God taking us from shame to honor? The story of the Bible begins with man's fall into shame and ends with his being anointed with glory and honor at God's right hand. The overall message of the Bible is not just the story of redeeming His people, but it is also the story of God raising mankind from a position of shame to the ultimate position of joint heir with Christ.

To state the obvious is that God's Word, the gospel, and receiving Christ doesn't change. The Bible is clear that we must believe and repent of sin. (Romans 10:9) However, understanding people's world views allows us to build a bridge to open their hearts toward the gospel. The other obvious statement is that salvation is a work of the Holy Spirit. Only God saves. Our role is to be the messenger to proclaim His Good News.

SECURITY AND SAFETY FOR LEADERS

Keeping Your Group Safe

- Err on the side of safety.
- Be constantly counting heads – always know the whereabouts of your group.
- Remind the kids to watch out for each other and never go anywhere alone.
- Trust your gut/the Spirit. If you sense something is wrong, don't ignore it – trust that instinct.
- Beware of your surroundings.
- Be the first one up and last one to bed.
- Watch for the loner student - always try to keep them engaged with the group.
- Everyone should be able to have a seatbelt.
- When walking into a restaurant or other public places:
 - Know where exits are in case you need to evacuate quickly.
 - Always sit facing the door, where you can watch who enters.
 - Beware of people walking in and leaving something (ex: putting a backpack down and walking out).
- Create contingency plans.
 - Plans should include:
 - Who to call?
 - Who goes with the student?
 - Who is in charge of the team when you leave?
 - What will you say to the parent?
 - If the student is ok, make sure to assure the parent of this to open the conversation.
 - Write a contingency plan for if someone:
 - Gets lost
 - Gets hurt
 - Is in an accident
 - Has a medical event
 - Someone dies
 - Protocol:
 - Call your pastor. He delivers the news to the family in person.
 - Do not call the family.
 - Do not give the news over the phone.
 - Wait to call them until they have been told in person.
 - What you will do if you are overseas and someone loses their passport.
 - Immediately get online and make an appointment at the embassy in that country.

What other contingencies do you have in place or can you think of?

TRAVEL, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

We take safety and security very seriously throughout the project whether traveling, at ministry sites, or any other time.

- Stay in groups. It is always best to be in groups when traveling. Always maintain groups of 3.
- Never be alone or alone with those you serve in the project.
- Reduce your level of risk.
- Make sure there are adequate numbers of adult leaders always present.
- Don't give off the wrong signals.
- Keep your personal items safe. Reverse backpack, wallet in front, etc....
- Know your surroundings. Who, what, where...
- Know the contingency plans. On the train, bus, walking around town, etc....
- Think: Assess the risk – develop a plan – reduce the risk.
- Loose articles of clothing lead to loss of items.
- It's better to ask and be safe. Don't assume you can do something... always ask.
- Most emergencies that happen are a result of participants not paying attention to instructed warnings and precautions.
- Look out for one another.
- Please don't bring any apparel that would offend the people you are serving. Your field personnel will speak to this in the training.
- Carry emergency numbers. Be familiar of how to make and receive phone calls on your trip.
- Maintain safe boundaries when it comes to prevention of abuse and inappropriate activities.

THINK in terms of "3 Rules * 6 Boundaries"

RECOGNIZE

Modesty - No Private One-On-Ones
Good and Bad Touch - Good and Bad Talk
No Bullying - Protect Your Space

RESIST

If anyone/anything makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe,
RESIST, say NO, and go find a safe adult.

REPORT

If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation or see someone else
involved in one, please IMMEDIATELY REPORT the incident.

*If at any time, you do not feel safe, please report this immediately to your coordinator, co-coordinator, or an adult leader. We will be asking you at some point during the week, if there has been anything that has made you feel uncomfortable or unsafe to make sure you have every opportunity to report when needed.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Oklahoma Baptists and GO Students leadership are committed to a positive, uplifting, Christian environment and do not tolerate and expressly prohibit sexual harassment and sexual abuse. This policy applies to everyone on a GO Students project, including coordinator, co-coordinator, adult leader, or participants.

Oklahoma Baptists and GO Students leadership do not tolerate and expressly prohibit sexual harassment by any means that creates a hostile or intolerable environment for any participant [e.g., coordinator, co-coordinator, adult leader, or participant] because of his or her gender. This policy applies to every person on the project and everyone who participates in project-sponsored activities, no matter his or her authority, position, or classification.

ON REPORTING

Suspected violations of this policy are to be reported immediately to your project leadership. Upon review by the coordinator and co-coordinator, suspected violators of this policy will be removed from the project. Employees of Oklahoma Baptists who are suspected of violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment and criminal prosecution may ensue. Suspected abuse or neglect of a minor, whether on or off project activities or locations whether perpetrated by GO Students personnel or others, will be reported to authorities, as required by law. All GO Students leadership staff have completed and cleared a background check and have been screened and vetted in accordance with Oklahoma Baptists child safety and predator recognition training.

If you have concerns about this policy, do not feel comfortable reporting as listed above, or if you did report and are not satisfied with the response, then you should direct your report or dissatisfaction to Thomas Jordan in the Oklahoma Baptists, Human Resources Department.

Oklahoma Baptists HR Department 405-942-3000 ext. 3505

If you feel uncomfortable discussing your questions, suggestions, or concerns about this policy with those listed above, you can direct them to the Executive Director of Oklahoma Baptists.

Oklahoma Baptists Leadership Office 405-942-3000 ext. 3102

Air Travel

- Arrive early at the airport. In most cases, check in at least two (2) hours prior to the domestic flight departure time. Local regulations may vary. Talk with your coordinator(s) about your specific project report times.
- Keep your ID/passport safe. Make copies of your ID/passport and put them in every bag you bring with you. Each international team will have a different passport protocol. Know it.
- Know TSA requirements in advance. Be extra polite, but do not joke with agents. Remove everything from your pockets and anything with metal before screening. USA airports may require you to remove shoes, belts, and coats. Pay attention to what is being asked.
- In carry-ons, only 3 ounces or smaller containers of liquid or gel are permitted. The container size is a security measure. What constitutes a liquid or gel? If it can be poured, pumped, squeezed, spread, smeared, sprayed, or spilled, it qualifies. Use a 1 quart-size, clear plastic, zip-top bag to hold the 3 ounce or smaller containers. Check specific airline and country requirements as you plan and before packing. Your coordinator can help you with these details.
- Be smart with luggage. If applicable, keep your luggage receipts with your travel documents. Mark or tag your luggage to distinguish it from all others. Label your bags inside and out, include your name, address, and phone number. If practical, also put your destination address/ phone inside the bags. Remove any old airline tags from previous trips! Pack extra clothes, glasses, medicines, and toiletries in your carry-on in case your luggage is lost.

Money

- Keep your money safe. Expect pickpockets in unexpected places.
- Do not put a wallet in your back pocket or an easy-to-reach zipper pocket in your backpack.
- Remember: If it is easily accessible to you, it is also easily accessible to thieves.
- Purses with thin straps are an easy steal. If you must have a purse, use thick straps that fit over your head.
- Never leave any of your luggage unattended...even in a restaurant.
- Manage your money well. Meal costs are included with the GO Students registration fee. Participants are responsible for airport meals to and from the project. Ask your project coordinator about how much extra spending money is best.

Fundraising

Fundraising can seem like an impossible task, but it is possible with God. Some fundraising ideas include sending letters, church presentation, dessert auction, etc. To find more information visit oklahomabaptists.org/youth/gostudents

Social Media

- Keep social media to a very minimum. Do not continue ongoing social media with those you meet on the field.
- Each project may have different protocol for social media. Know it!
- Fasting from social media never hurt anyone. Ever.
- Keep in mind the people who are giving to and praying for your trip.
- Social media is not a place to make fun of, exclude, or insult other people.
- Don't just post things that give the appearance that you're on the trip to see cool sites and hang with your friends.
- Remember what Teddy Roosevelt said about social media.

PACKING

Pack Smart, Pack Light

Note: The list below are general guidelines. Talk to your Coordinator(s) or Field Rep about specifics regarding your project.

1. PACK SMART

Keep these things in mind when you pack:

- . The climate of your project area during your project
- . The culture of your project area
- . The work of your ministry assignment
- . The advice of your Coordinator(s) and Field Rep

Here are a few more guidelines to remember about clothing:

- . Bring modest, rather than revealing clothing. See dress code on page 30.
- . Avoid graphic t-shirts and clothing that conflicts with Christian witness and values.
- . Plan to be comfortable, but not sloppy.
- . Choose low-maintenance clothes in basic colors that can be worn multiple times if necessary.
- . Bring washable fabrics rather than dry-clean only.

Remember that the way you dress makes a statement (whether you realize it or not) about how you think about yourself and most importantly, your view of God. You don't want to offend people before you ever open your mouth. Contact your Coordinator(s) to ask about the kind of clothing that is appropriate for church services, social events, work, and tourism.

2. PACK LIGHT

Take this literally. Pack only what you can carry. You may be dashing to catch connecting flights, chasing trains pulling away from stations, and hauling your luggage upstairs in your lodging. You should be able to walk quickly without being burdened by your luggage. Pack only what you need. Leave behind everything you can do without.

Remember your baggage limit. The allowable number of checked bags varies by airlines. Participants on some trips will be asked to not check a bag at all and just take a carry on and backpack. Talk to your Coordinator(s) about what will be allowed for your specific trip. If you are checking a bag, make sure and find out the weight limit per checked bag for your airline. You will be charged if your luggage exceeds the weight limit. These days, airlines are increasingly strict about weight and size limits for carry-on luggage as well. Talk to your Coordinator(s) or airline if you have any doubts about the size and weight of your bag(s).

The prospect of having to wear the same thing twice in a week may be painful to you, but we promise that no one will be scandalized if you do. Pack sensibly. Two pairs of shoes are enough—tennis shoes, comfortable everyday shoes, and maybe a pair for dressier situations (this could depend on your project context). If you need one entire suitcase for your shoes, you better think again. Take a few tops and a few bottoms that mix and match. Get several looks out of a few pieces.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BRING IN A CARRY-ON BAG:

- . Airplane boarding passes and itinerary
- . ID or Passport—Do not pack these in your checked luggage!
- . Notarized Participant Form
- . Cash/debit card/credit card
- . Contact information as provided by your GO Students Coordinator(s)
- . Several masks (depending on location these may be required most of the time)
- . Eyeglasses and/or contacts, if you wear them
- . A Bible that you are comfortable traveling with
- . Travel size toiletry items—shampoo, soap, cleansers, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb or brush, antibacterial hand soap that doesn't require water, etc. There are security regulations about the amount of liquids that you can have in your carry-on baggage. Remember, all liquids and gels cannot exceed 3.2 ounces (by listed volume), packed together in a one-quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag with a limit of one bag per passenger. Greater quantities of liquids or gels must be placed in checked luggage or left behind. For more information, visit: www.tsa.gov/travel/travel-tips/travel-checklist
- . Any prescription medications you need (in their original containers), even if you will not need it during the flight. If you pack a prescription in checked baggage and your luggage is lost, you may not have your medication(s) the entire trip.
- . At least one extra set of clothes—your luggage may not arrive when you do. You will be glad for an extra set of clean clothes (including several pairs of underwear) while you are waiting for your luggage to catch up to you.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BRING IN CHECKED LUGGAGE:

(If applicable, many trips may be limited to a carry on)

A photocopy of your ID or passport (Include one in each bag).

Clothing—Remember the climate, culture, and your project assignment.

Closed-toe shoes—Make sure they are made for walking and well broken in.

Hat—For protection from the sun.

Sunscreen/lip balm with sunscreen.

Wet wipes/tissues/waterless antibacterial soap.

Compact poncho so you can work in the rain.

Insect repellent—If relevant to your project.

Feminine products—If needed.

Ministry-related materials (Your Coordinator(s) will advise you on this.)

Pictures of your family, friends, city and favorite activities. Use these to make conversation with new friends at the project, but not to make a statement about your living standards.

THE NON-ESSENTIALS — WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND:

Girls: Most of your make-up—Take only what you absolutely cannot live without. Limit your selection.

Electronics—Unless required by your project assignment.

Do not bring anything that you do not want to lose.

DRESS & APPEARANCE ON A PROJECT

This is a mission experience where participants are expected to be always on mission: at ministry sites, at the lodging facility, and during free-time activities. A lot of advance work has been done to ensure that people know who we are and why we are there. We are closely watched. How we dress is an important part of our witness. Participants should make a special effort to wear clothes that are modest and appropriate for the ministry to which we have been called.

DRESS CODE

Sleeved shirts are to be always worn by all participants (no spaghetti straps or midriffs – this includes dresses) at the ministry site, worship, the lodging facility, and on the way to and from the showers, pools, etc. If the sleeves are torn off the shirt, it no longer meets the code.

Modest shorts are acceptable. Modest can be generally defined as extending to just beyond the fingertips (GENERALLY a 5" to 7" inseam). Talk to coordinators about shorts and pants policy.

Tight fitting workout style pants or leggings as pants are not permitted.

Dresses and skirts must reach the top of the knee.

Durable shoes good for walking long distances will be important. If the team will be doing work projects, closed toed shoes will be required.

Participants are to be fully dressed in accordance with this dress code at all times they are outside their assigned room at the lodging facility, including travel to the bathroom.

ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODE

Adult Leaders are asked to review dress code with participants before leaving for the project. The Oklahoma Baptists Missions Conference is an excellent time to review the dress code. Please be certain everyone in your group understands what is required and what is prohibited.

Adult Leaders will be asked to enforce the dress code among participants during the project.

The Coordinator(s) will remind participants and Adult Leaders of the dress code when necessary.

Violation of the dress code at ministry sites may result in participants being transported back to the lodging facility. Participants will not be allowed to serve if not dressed according to the dress code.

If necessary, the Coordinator(s) will take appropriate action to ensure that all participants follow the dress code.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Sleeveless shirts or sleeveless dresses
- Shirts or dresses with spaghetti straps
- Short shorts
- Workout style tight fitting/spandex pants or leggings
- Shirts that expose the midriff
- Expensive clothing or jewelry

Clothing with controversial or inappropriate statements or advertising (such as alcohol, tobacco, vape/Juul, or banned substance endorsement).

Be smart.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU GET HOME*

Here are eight suggestions that could transform this past summer's post-trip high into a life-altering, Christ-exalting experience:

Pray

Take the ministry you served this summer before the Lord daily. Keep praying for the missionaries and church planters you met. Pray for the people who joined you and ask God to create a greater passion for missions in them. Ask Him to refresh and keep your heart focused on missions and seek His will for your next step.

Share

Did you tell your friends and family about your experience? This is perhaps the best way to get others in your church and social circle excited about missions. Post photos and videos on social media. Write reflections on a blog. Make sure and share it with GO Students (gostudents@oklahomabaptists.org)! Tell others how you saw God at work. Share stories you heard of how God is being glorified in another culture. And if you haven't already, ask your church leaders if you can make a presentation before the congregation, youth group, or Sunday School class after you return.

Love

Care for missionaries/church planters you know. These obedient servants are among the most silent suffering Christians in existence. So, serve them and show your appreciation. E-mail, post, message, or call periodically. Drop them a quick note letting them know your church is praying for them. Remember their anniversaries and children's birthdays. Send them eBooks or electronic gift cards from Amazon, Starbucks, iTunes, etc. Ask how you can serve and care for their personal needs.

Give

Missions does not happen without money, so contribute sacrificially to a missionary or ministry. God has called some of us to go and some of us to support, but he has called all of us to participate in missions. Maybe you have learned that mission trips aren't for you. If you are not a goer, then become a sender. If you're an Oklahoma Baptists church, note that when you give to your church, a percentage of that money goes to help missions/ministry all over the world through the Cooperative Program!

Read

There are thousands of books on missions. Consult your pastors or missionaries for recommendations of missionary biographies or books on missions theology. Learn what Scripture says about missions. Read about missionary heroes from the past and learn about their obedience, their struggles, their service. Dive into modern missions blogs maintained by

missionaries currently on the field. Learn what it really takes to be a full-time, cross-cultural servant. Check out www.imb.org/training.

Follow

Most missionaries use blogs, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, or another form of electronic media. It is easier than ever to follow the regular activity of new missionary friends. Sign up to receive prayer letters via e-mail. Many missionaries communicate both the amazing and the mundane, the joys and the struggles. Social media has been an incredible benefit to missions. Almost everywhere in the world missionaries have access to the Internet and are regularly sharing their experiences to bring greater awareness to believers and glory to Christ.

Return

Start planning your next short-term trip. Get it on your calendar. Make annual trips a priority. The more direct exposure you have to missions, the better your understanding will be about God's passion for the lost. Now that you have a bit of missions experience, ask your church leaders if you can help organize and lead the next trip. Check out oklahomabaptists.org/gostudents/projects for upcoming opportunities.

Explore

Prayerfully discern if God is calling you to a longer-term commitment to the mission field. Many full-time missionaries initially developed a desire for missions on a short-term mission trip. You may have just met your first missionaries this summer. You now know that missionaries are not super-Christians; they are simply those willing to accept the call. Does God want you to cross a culture to spread His fame in that place? Ask Him to make the answer clear. Reach out.

Spreading the Vision

Not every church is involved in missions, and few Christians have ever participated in or supported missions. This is a tragedy. The reality is that this summer's trip alone gave you more missions experience than most Christians have.

So, use your experience and excitement to expand missions involvement in your family and church. Become a zealous champion for reaching the lost through missions because God is zealous about reaching the lost through missions.

*8 suggestions taken from www.thegospelcoalition.org

BEYOND GO STUDENTS

Feel called to be a missionary?

Trying to figure out your next steps after a week-long group mission experience? The North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the International Mission Board (IMB) have a multitude of opportunities for students to serve on mission in the United States and other countries, ranging from two weeks, two years, to a lifetime.

- Summer long: There are lots of reasons to consider serving overseas for a summer (usually 8 weeks). You can accomplish more in your service, develop a deeper appreciation for a culture, and return with life-long friendships.
- Semester long: Semester assignments (fall or spring) are front-line missions that typically involve evangelizing unreached people groups, discipling new believers, and helping to start churches.
- Two years or more: A NAMB or IMB consultant is ready to answer your questions and help you consider the possibility of serving in a long-term position overseas. One of many opportunities is the two-year Journeyman program for college graduates.
- Full-Time Career: There are Church planting and missionary roles that are full-time, fully-funded, field-based roles that form the core of the NAMB and IMB missionary presence around the world.

The NAMB and IMB staff are available to help you make the connection.

Contact them at:

www.imb.org/students or www.namb.net/students

FOR GROUP LEADERS: PROJECT TIMELINE

Six months

- Pray where God would have you serve.
- Contact missionary or local pastor to set clear and agreed upon objectives.
- Begin promoting to your church body.
- Set aside a budget of expenses.
- Set volunteer cost.
- Designate a leader and co-leader.

Four months

- Set a deadline for deposit.
- Begin fund raising if you allow that.
- Must be vaccinated.
- Secure plane tickets.
- Schedule training meetings.
- Research country and learn the history of the country.
- Create a group me or text chain to communicate with each other.

Month three

- 1st training meeting.
- Give history assignments.
- “When Helping Hurts”.
- Establish goals and objectives for the trip.

Month two

- More training.
- Review highlights from “When Helping Hurts”.
- Pray.

Month one

- Prayer time together.
- Commission from the church.
- Ask your team to check themselves in 24 hours before you leave.
- Ask people to pack so that they can carry on the plane.
- Arrange transportation to the airport. Know how everyone is getting there.

Leave for airport:

- Circle up for prayer.
- Ask everyone to make sure they have their passport.
- Leave the church in time to arrive at the airport at least two hours before flight.

OKC airport:

- Help those who need help checking in.
- Clear security.
- Take everyone to the gate first so everyone knows where the gate is.
- Ask people to be at the gate at least 25 minutes before boarding.
- As the leader, always be watching for a gate change.

- Board as soon as you are allowed to.
- Make sure everyone has a seat assignment on all flights to destination.

Connecting Airport:

- Wait for everyone to get off the plane. Stay as a group.
- Allow people to go to the bathroom if time allows.
- Co-leader is making sure you know where your gate is.
- Go together to the gate first.
- Be back 30 minutes before boarding.
- Board as soon as you are allowed. Have passport and ticket in hand.

On plane to destination:

- Rest as much as possible.
- Be prepared to fill out immigration paperwork.
- Walk through the plane and ask each person if they have any questions.
- Make sure everyone knows the address of where you will be staying.
- Customs is not scary.
- Put your passports away before you exit the airport.

Exiting the airport:

- Go out together.
- Look for missionary or contact.
- Closely watch out for each other's things.
- Load up on arranged transportation.

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