



# SHORT TERM MISSIONS HANDBOOK

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## PHILIPPINES

### Philippine Flag Meaning

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The white stands for peace and purity. The white triangle represents equality and the Katipunan nationalist organization.

The three stars represent the three main geographical regions of the Philippines: Luzon, Mindanao and Visayas.

The sun represents independence and its eight rays represent the eight provinces that led the Philippine uprising against Spanish rule.

The blue stripe symbolizes patriotism and justice.



The red represents valor and the blood spilt for freedom and independence.

# **Short-Term Missions Handbook**

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## Short-Term Mission — Gifts and Skills

1. What are you *currently* involved with in serving the Lord?
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4. How are you *currently* employed?
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6. What areas of *experience or expertise*?

Please Circles

### Ministry

MINISTRY	HEALTHCARE	CONSTRUCTION	BUSINESS
Teaching	Physician	Carpentry	Accounting
Evangelism	Dentist	Electrical	Marketing
Music	Nurse	General Handiwork	Manufacturing
Drama/Mime	Chiropractor	Masonry	Management
Youth Ministry	Midwife	Architect	Computer
VBS	Veterinarian	Plumbing	Agriculture

### Other

Health & Fitness  
 Sports  
 Counseling  
 Photography  
 Hair Stylist  
 Painting

Other Skills:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## STATEMENT OF FAITH

**WE BELIEVE** the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant, all sufficient Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:21).

**WE BELIEVE** there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).

**WE BELIEVE** in the deity of Christ (John 10:33);  
His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:34-35);  
His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26);  
His miracles (John 2:11);  
His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4);  
His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19);  
His personal return to earth in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11-16).

**WE BELIEVE** in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that all are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace, through faith alone, are we saved (John 3:16-19, 5:24, Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5).

**WE BELIEVE** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of the life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).

**WE BELIEVE** in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28).

**WE BELIEVE** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life (Romans 8:13-14, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).

Do you agree with these statements without reservation or question?

YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

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## Short-Term Mission Trip Team Covenant

***Please read over and prayerfully consider all details of the following covenant as you consider your involvement in this mission opportunity. If you have any questions or concerns please contact a team leader or pastoral staff.***

The most common reason that short-term mission teams experience difficulty is interpersonal conflict within the team. In order to function as a unified team, it is important to agree on a policy of acceptable attitude and behavior prior to going to the mission field. The following Team Covenant is an agreement between each team member, one to another, and the team leaders.

### **Purpose Statement:**

Our purpose is to allow God to work through us as a team to glorify Himself, and demonstrate His love to others.

### **Flexibility:**

I Corinthians 9:9 states, "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more". We agree as a team to be flexible in our attitudes, actions and circumstances as we allow Christ's purposes to be carried out through us. *"To the weak I am weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some."* I Corinthians 9:22.

### **Accountability:**

*Philippians 2:3 states "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself."* In all our actions on this mission trip, we are individually accountable to God first of all. We agree to be accountable to the team leaders, supervisors and other members of our team. We also agree to encourage each other to be faithful servants of God. Hebrews 10:24 states, "But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called today lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

### **Responsibility:**

*Philippians 2:4 states; "Do not merely look out for your personal interests, but also for the interest of others."* As team members, we pledge to carry out our tasks in a responsible and timely manner. We will handle all ministry equipment and assignments as tools and gifts in which God has entrusted to us. *"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men". Colossians 3:23.*

### **Conflict Resolution:**

As a team, we agree that when we have conflicts and differences among ourselves, we will, first through prayer and time in the Word, examine ourselves for selfish motives and unrealistic expectations of the other person. We will take responsibility to approach or confront the other person if it is appropriate. We will do this in love, for the purpose of restoring unity. We will forgive one another and pray together. We will not discuss the matter with other members of the team, causing them to become involved in the conflict. *"In your anger, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."* Ephesians 4:26-27.

If a conflict cannot be settled among the two parties they will then seek council from the group leader.

### **Team Unity:**

We agree that being united as a team means that as in *Philippians 2:1-2*, we must be *"like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."* We will accomplish this as outlined in *Philippians 2:3-8*: *"We will do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than ourselves. We will look not only to our own interests, but also to the interest of others."* We realize that each team member is vital and has something unique to contribute; he or she should be encouraged and given opportunity to develop and utilize his/her spiritual gifts. *Romans 12:4-6* states, *"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. And since we have gifts that differ, according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly."*

### **Gossip:**

As a team we agree to speak only words to and about each other that will serve to build up and encourage. We will refrain from remarks that would hurt or tear down. *"With the tongue we will praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brother, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?" James 3:9-11*  
*"Be fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

### **Relationships with the opposite sex:**

We will uphold the directives of Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor by maintaining relationships with other team members as brothers and sisters in Christ and in friendship. We will not engage in dating relationships with each other or nationals. We will also respect other cultural values of relationships with the opposite sex.

### **Relationships with team leaders:**

In light of *Romans 13:1* *"Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities,"* we will respect our God-given leadership by understanding, accepting their decisions, and praying before we approach them with our disagreements, while submitting to and obeying their authority. We will treat them as friends and give them privacy at the proper times.

### **Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor short term policies:**

As a short-term missionary participating with Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor short-term missions, we are reminded that we are ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we go to minister, we do not only represent Him but the United States and Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor. This is a tremendous responsibility; consequently we confess our dependence on the Holy Spirit that we will be above reproach in our actions and attitudes as stated in the above Team Covenant

## **Spiritual Preparation**

You have made the decision to go on a short term mission trip. Now you need to prepare for the trip. We have already given you some guidelines on how to prepare materially. We would now like to give you some guidelines on how to prepare spiritually. It will be to your advantage to remember that this particular country is not like the U.S. Things take longer and are not done according to American standards. Be flexible! Have patience! Learn this and you will be fine.

Below are some scriptures that will help you to be a better servant for our Lord as you endeavor to serve Him on the mission field, as an individual, a team, and a team leader. By studying these scriptures, meditating on them, and allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal their truths to your heart, your trip will be a blessing to God, to those you have gone to serve, and to you. One of the great benefits of a short term mission trip is being freed from our daily distractions in life and being able to focus solely on God and His purposes. We want to encourage you to take these study guides seriously which we believe will draw you closer to God and His purposes for your life and this trip.

### **As an Individual**

You need to be walking in a close personal love relationship with Jesus. It is this love relationship that Jesus desires more than anything else you can do or be for Him. Love is the very essence of our relationship with Jesus and one another. Without love there is no possibility of having a relationship with anyone or gaining eternal life!

- **Matthew 22:37-39 "The first and second great commandment!"**
- **John 15:13 "No greater love than this!"**
- **I John 4 (read entire chapter) "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."**

Jesus wants a relationship with us not religion. There is nothing we can do to be good enough or righteous enough to earn His love or grace. His love and grace are free gifts! We must be careful that we don't fall into works of religion and tradition. They will destroy our relationship with Him.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9 "It is the gift of God"**
- **Matthew 23:1-33 "The works of the Pharisees and world religion"**
- **Mark 7:1-7 "Men's tradition makes the Word of God of no effect."**
- **Revelation 2:1-7 The church in Ephesus seemed to be doing everything right. All the "works of God" were being performed. Jesus even**

**commended them for "their works". But then He told them "I have this one thing against you, you have lost your first love." They had allowed their religious works to destroy their relationship with Him.**

During this short term mission trip you are acting as ambassadors for Jesus. The people that you will encounter need to see Jesus in you. Jesus said that He would draw all men unto Himself; but He is in Heaven at the right hand of the Father. So, how will He do this? By working through you! This process is accomplished through you as they see your life of worship towards Him. Worship is not just singing during a church service, but it is a lifestyle that needs to be practiced on a daily basis. You portray to a lost and dying world a life crucified and lifted up, made new by the power of His resurrection!

- **II Corinthians 5:20 "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ"**
- **I John 3:7 "He who practices righteousness"**
- **John 12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up"**
- **Philippians 3:8-11 "That I may know the power of His resurrection"**

Finally, it is imperative that you pray and fast concerning the work our Lord would have you do for Him on this mission trip. Seek Him and His will for your life.

- **Matthew 5:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you". HE IS WAITING FOR YOU!**
- **Proverbs 3:6 "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths".**

### **Testimony and Gospel Outline Assignment**

#### **Personal Testimony:**

A personal testimony is your spiritual autobiography. Some Christians are unable to point to a crisis experience, or we do not know the exact day when God brought us into his kingdom (we may have been very young), but we all have something to testify. Communicate naturally and honestly who you were, who you are because of Christ, and who you hope to be. Be specific on how that has affected your life. If once you were proud and arrogant, give examples of how you now find forgiveness and freedom in Christ with accountability and help in the Christian community. For a biblical example, try reading **Paul's testimony in Acts 26!** Have fun recounting what God has done in your life.

1) What was I like:

- My family, friends, interests...
- My security was...
- My religious background and attitude about Christ...

2) What God used to open my eyes:

- What I noticed or thought about myself, God, others
- I was awakened to my need by (people, books, meeting, circumstances...)

3) What it was that I saw and/or understood:

- Those aspects of the gospel that touched me were...
- I came to understand that Christ...
- I saw that my need was...

4) How Christ has changed and is changing my life:

- My relationships with...
- My attitude toward...
- My desires...
- Areas I still struggle with...

5) Scripture that might illustrate themes from your testimony:

Once you have thought these things out for yourself and written them into a short essay, try sharing it personally with a Christian friend and ask them for feedback. Try to keep your testimony to 7-10 minutes. Remember to be honest and transparent, letting God's work be the center of your testimony.

### **Gospel Outline:**

Find yourself a good outline of what a decision for Christ would involve for someone, an outline of the basics of the gospel message. Study it and learn it. Use whatever format you like, the First Steps to God, Peace with God, the Navigators Bridge diagram or others. Try to write it down in your own words and be able to give a Scripture reference for each major point. Once you have a handle on the outline, get together with a friend and role-play sharing the gospel. Give feedback for clarity, paying attention to jargon, definition of terms and assumptions that may not be true. An understanding of the gospel is like a patchwork quilt. Once you start talking about one patch, you have to talk about the one next to it. Get used to sharing the gospel in an inter-related fashion.

***Here are a couple of important things to remember when giving your testimony.***

- 1) Be natural and honest-Be yourself. Tell your story in your words. It is a story, so tell it like a story.
- 2) Be specific-The biggest mistake people make when sharing their testimony is they aren't specific. Don't just say God came into my life, tell them how He came into your life. Don't just say God changed you, say how He changed you, and be specific. (for me-anger, especially on the golf course; losing the desire to swear)
- 3) Avoid "Christianese"-Don't use words that non-Christians don't understand. Regenerated, born again, spirit-filled, save by the blood, etc...
- 4) Know your audience-Know who you are talking to. Know something about the culture in which you will be involved in and tailor your story to your audience.
- 5) Be brief-You need to keep your testimony to a short story. 7-10 minutes at most. Paul only took 31 verses, that's not even 5 minutes.
- 6) Be prepared-Be ready to give the gospel message. Know how to clearly present the Gospel and share it with others. Also, be prepared to pray with people to lead them to Christ.
- 7) Do not fear. Don't be afraid to ask folks if they want to make a decision to follow Jesus.
- 8) Be expectant-Believe God can use you to bring others into His Kingdom. Okay, now you know how to share your testimony, now you get a chance to do it. Your homework assignment is to write out a 7-10 minute testimony and be prepared to share it next week. Use this outline if you like and be ready to share your story.

**Testimony Outline**

- 1) What was I like? (be brief and appropriate for the public or private setting)
- 2) What and/or whom God used to open my eyes?
- 3) What did you come to understand about yourself and/or God?
- 4) How Christ has changed and is changing my life?
- 5) Use scripture to illustrate themes from your testimony.

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Why do you think it is important that each member of the team agree to the Team Covenant?
2. Was there anything in the Covenant that you would not be able to agree to?
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Galatians 5:22-23

Be flexible, be forgiving, be gentle

1. Abstain from: use of tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, questionable contact with opposite sex
2. Obey team leaders: any questions or disputes about leadership should be in private and is welcome
3. Attend team daily devotionals
4. Be on time for all meetings (meals, devotions, work, travel)
5. Make no promises to nationals or missionaries until you are back
6. Do your assignments with a cheerful attitude
7. Do not leave the team or go off by yourself without a leaders permission

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a team member of a short term mission trip with Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor have read this Team Covenant and promise before God and this team to abide by all of the policies and statements contained therein by the grace of God. If at any time in my service on this short-term mission, my behavior constitutes a problem, Calvary Chapel of Pearl Harbor reserves the right and authority to return me home. Any additional costs incurred as a result of this action will be at my expense.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SIGN AND DATE AND KEEP COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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