

Teamwork

Relationships:

To accomplish the most and to get the most out of a volunteer mission experience, it is important to bond as a team. Bonding requires an effort to get to know people and some giving up of what we consider to be our rights.

Don't isolate yourself or pair off with friends. Work with different partners. Eat with different members of the team. Get to know everyone on the team.

Use common sense in male/female relationships. Be sure your conduct does not offend others and does not bring reproach on the organization you represent.

Mission Field Lemonade:

Resist the temptation to complain about not getting your money's worth. You came to serve, not receive.

Don't try to change fellow team members or circumstances. Simply concentrate on doing your job to the best of your ability.

Accept the situations as being allowed by God. Look for lessons and ways to make the situation better. Give God a chance to bring something good out of the situation.

Rely on God for strength, calmness, patience, and wisdom. Maintain a peaceful attitude toward all.

Mission Tour Veterans:

If you have been on another mission tour, even in the same country and with the same organization, don't go expecting a replay of a past experience. If possible, renew old friendships, but don't nag a team leader to take you to meet old friends.

- Go with the intention of expanding your view and learning new things about your host country.
- Resist the urge to compare experiences, leaders, projects, and teams.
- Resist the temptation to be a self-appointed tour guide.

If you are a mission tour veteran, make sure each trip includes a stretching experience. Set new goals, learn more of the language, reach out to a different people group than you did on previous trips, or learn more about the history or culture of the host nation.