



How to Get Ready for Your Mission Trip

Pre-Trip Preparation

The following is a list of things you can do to better prepare you for your mission trip:

- **Pray** – This is the most important part. Begin to pray for the country, the people, for divine appointments, for your team, and for the finances to come in for your trip.
- **Research** – Research your country as much as possible; the people, history, major religion(s), culture. Travel books and the internet can give you a feel for the country.
- **Read Your Bible** – Especially read books like Romans and John, that can help you while witnessing. Memorize relevant scriptures to use in personal evangelism.
- **Read** – Read Christian books that encourage you in your walk with God.
- **Prepare Your Testimony** – Practice sharing your testimony, approximately 1 to 2 minutes long. It can either be about your salvation experience, a miracle God has done in your life, a healing, or God's provision that you've experienced. Make sure it's personal. Your PDs and TLs will continue to help and coach you.
- **Learn the Four Spiritual Laws** – The following principles are a great tool as you share the gospel message:
 1. God loves you and created you to have a personal relationship with Him.
John 3:16, John 17:3
 2. Man is sinful and guilty before God, who is perfect and just. Sin has separated man from God and the relationship between them is broken. We must repent.
Romans 3:23, 2 Thess. 1:8-9
 3. Jesus Christ is God's solution for man's sin. Through Him alone you can have a personal relationship (He died in our place, rose from the dead and is the only way to God).
1 Peter 3:18, Romans 5:8, John 14:6
 4. We must each respond and ask Jesus Christ into our lives as Savior and Lord.
John 1:12, Romans 12
- **Practice Basic Spanish** - People you meet will connect more when you learn a few phrases and can show that you care about their language and culture.

Spanish Basic Sayings

These are SO IMPORTANT... Even just being able to speak a few words in Spanish will help you build relationships and open doors for the Gospel. If you've never formally studied Spanish, try practicing these basic sayings before your trip. You can also look online for Spanish resources, tutorials and even live people who will practice with you!

- **Buenos dias** – Good morning / Good day / Hello
- **Buenas tardes** – Good afternoon
- **Buenas noches** – Good night
- **Gracias** – Thank you
- **De nada** – You're welcome
- **Mucho gusto** – Pleased to meet you
- **Igualmente or Igual** – Same to you (ex. as the response to "pleased to meet you")
- **Con permiso** – Excuse me
- **Salud** – To your health / Cheers!
- **Hola** – Hello
- **Adios** – Goodbye
- **Donde esta el bano?** – Where is the bathroom?
- **Donde esta el estacion de autobus?** – Where's the bus station?
- **Como se llama? / Como te llamas?** – What's your name? (**se** for adults, **te** for kids)
- **Que hora es?** – What time is it?
- **Lo siento** – I'm sorry
- **Jesus te ama** – Jesus loves you
- **Dios te bendiga** – God bless you
- **Cuanto cuesta esto?** – How much is this?
- **Cuanto mas tiempo?** – How much longer? (Alt., **Cuanto falta?** How much is left?)
- **Por favor repitalo mas despacio** – Please repeat that more slowly
- **No hablo espanol** – I don't speak Spanish
- **Esta limpia esta agua?** – Is the water filtered?
- **Si** – Yes
- **No** – No

Spanish Plan of Salvation

Read this dialogue aloud several times before your trip... It'll build your confidence to share!

Hi, my name is... *Hola, me llamo...*

Did you understand the drama? *¿Entendiste la obra de teatro?*

God wants you to know Him personally, but our sins separate us from God.

Dios quiere que le conozcas personalmente, pero nuestros pecados nos sepean de Dios.

God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross so we could once again have a way to God.

Dios envi su hijo Jesucristo a morir en la cruz para que tuvieramos un camino hacia Dios.

God then raised Him from the dead to give us eternal life through Jesus.

Dios entonces resucito a su hijo de la muerta para darnos vida eterna.

God wants you to: *Dios quiere que tu:*

- 1) **Turn away from your sin.** *Te arrepientes de sus pecados.*
- 2) **Receive His forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus.**
Recibas su perdon y vida eternal por medio de su hijo Jesus.

The Bible says that if you believe God raised Jesus from the dead and confess Him as your Lord, you will be saved. *La biblia dice que si tu crees que Dios resucito a Jesus de los muertos y confiesas con tu boca que Dios es Senor seras salvo.*

When you confess this, you are made a new person through Jesus Christ. His Spirit gives you eternal life and victory over sin, sickness and death. *Cuando tu confiesas esto, eres una nueva criatura en Jesucristo. Su espiritu le da vida eterna y victoria sobre tus pecados, enfermedades y la muerte.*

Do you want to receive Christ as your personal Savior?

¿Quieres recibir a Cristo como tu Salvador personal?

We can pray for you right now to receive Jesus.

Podemos orar ahora para recibir a Jesus.