



I-GO MISSION TRIP LEADER GUIDE



Mission: Our mission is "Empowering The Next Generation."

Purpose: Our goal is to recognize the uniqueness of every child. We are committed to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and disciple, equip, and release them for ministry in the church and as missionaries in the world.

Definition of Child: Birth through 18 years of age

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GENERAL INFORMATION/TRAINING OUTLINE FOR LEADERS

This outline will be the training content for leaders to train before they arrive on their scheduled mission trip. L.I.T. will require all leaders to certify that they have gone through the online training prior to their arrival.

The Mission Trip Vision

The Lord wants to take His children (of all ages) deeper with Him and has directed the focus and structure of this trip to do just that. By empowering kids to serve Him on the mission field, He not only gives us all an avenue to obey the Great Commission, but He also positions us to be stretched and to trust Him as we yield and obey in new and uncomfortable situations.

During this week, a Host Church will provide housing for all of the teams participating in the trip. Every day the focus is on God and His Word, from morning devotionals to evening worship services. Teams will share the Gospel at local communities by holding Kid Power Camps daily. They will connect the people they meet with the Host Church for further discipleship opportunities. This mission trip will impact everyone by the power of the Holy Spirit and will change lives forever, both in the church and in the world!

Overall Leaders In Training Principles

"I know this may sound radical, but we are suggesting that all young people should be raised with the conviction that they are to be missionaries and that their primary goal is to use their gifts and resources to advance God's kingdom so that every tribe, nation, and people group have the opportunity to respond to their rightful king."¹

—Kenneth Hemphill and Richard Ross

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

God's objective is to make disciples who make disciples—to multiply.

¹ Kenneth Hemphill and Richard Ross, *Parenting with Kingdom Purpose* (B&H Books, June 1, 2005), 7.



GREAT COMMISSION

Matt. 28:19-20



- The Great Commission is Christ's call to make disciples of all nations.
- All believers are called to fulfill Christ's command.
- The Great Commission is clear for all believers to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). This includes children!
- Children are the greatest harvest field. Seventy percent of those who trust Christ internationally are between the ages of 4 and 14. This bracket is known as the 4/14 Window.²
- Children are the most effective agents for reaching children in the 4 to 14 age bracket.³
- Approximately 70 percent of those who accept Christ today say they were influenced by their peers.⁴
- They are not restricted because of age. They have the HOLY SPIRIT.

Understanding a Child's Identity and Purpose in the Body of Christ

Every believing child receives a new identity at the new birth. This new identity comes with a calling to use what God has given them to build up the body of Christ and reach the world with the Good News of Christ.

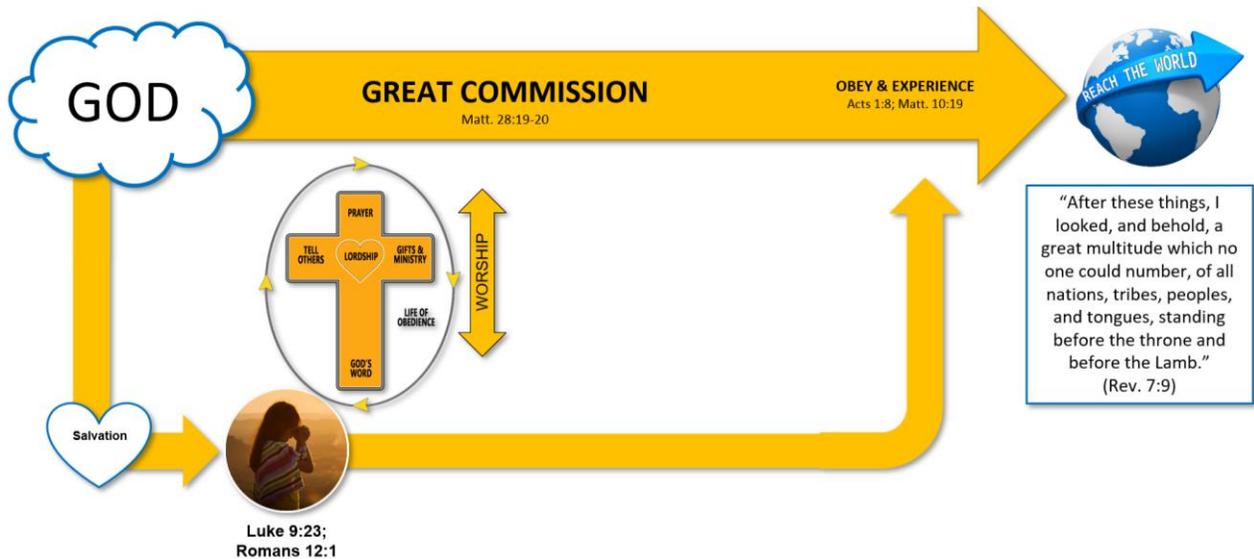
² www.4to14window.com

³ Dan Brewster, *Child, Church and Mission, Revised Edition* (Compassion International, 2011), 171.
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⁴ *Ibid.*, 171.

Align Their Plans with God's Plan

You are aligning children and students with God's eternal plan so that all people might hear the wonderful message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is when they will experience the Holy Spirit's power in amazing ways.



Surrender

Preteens and leaders are called to make a holy sacrifice to God—*surrender* (Romans 12:1).

- Surrender is not a choice to do or not do—it is expected.
- If you want to follow Christ, you must lay down your life, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).
- Surrender leads to obeying God's calling and direction to join the church to reach the world with the Good News of Christ.

The Ezekiel Principle (Ezekiel 47:1-5)

If you want to see the transformation and true "God encounters," push your group out of their comfort zone every time you have the chance. Don't allow anyone to check out or sit off to the side not participating. They may be the ones you decide will teach the next day. Remember, when you allow a spiritual crisis in a child's life, it causes them to go to God for the answer.

Spiritual Revelation

Spiritual Revelation is a *striking* or *conscious* disclosure of something not before *realized* about God and His will for the believer in Christ.

"When they experience God in their giftings, they will be established in their faith. They will begin to create a history of experiences in which God has backed up their faith with His manifested presence." —Adam Stadtmiller⁵

When we move children from what is comfortable, many times they experience God in new and fresh ways:

1. They move from what is *comfortable* into a *new reality* with God.
2. Children have spiritual revelations when we move them from *standard practice* to fully engaging them in missions.
3. When they move to a new typical—to the Great Commission—they experience *God* in ways that they never will see by staying inside the church walls.
4. They experience the Spirit's *power* in the midst of ministry and missions.
5. The more difficult the task, the more they experience at times the Holy Spirit's *presence* and *power* when they learn to rely on Him fully.

How the Holy Spirit Works in Children and Students in Alignment with the Great Commission (Acts 1:8)

These observations come through 30 years of observation of preteens on mission trips. They are consistent markers which you may personally witness on your trip.

1. Children become bold *prayer warriors* for the lost.
2. The Holy Spirit *moves* and *speaks* through them.
3. When the Holy Spirit takes over, He speaks through them, and they have *no recollection* of what they shared.
4. They sense His *presence* in their lives.

⁵ Stadtmiller, 22.

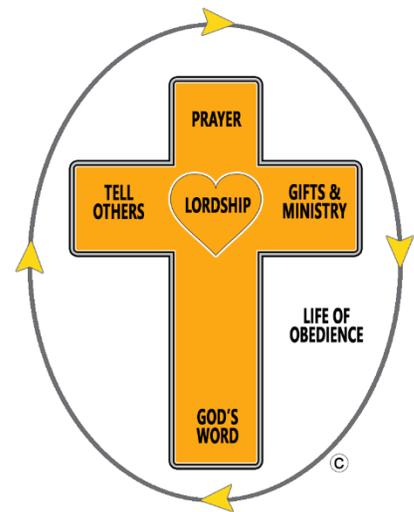
5. They become *sensitive* to the Holy Spirit's leading.
6. They become *fearless* in sharing their faith.
7. They experience *inexpressible* joy after the Spirit works through them.
8. There is *rapid* spiritual growth that occurs in ministry and missions.
9. Their spiritual gifts *manifest* very quickly in ministry and missions.
10. They become in *tune* with God and His heart for the lost in the world.
11. They are not *constrained* by age. The Holy Spirit works freely in all age groups.

Living Out The Cross

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

The L.I.T. Cross models a personal relationship with Christ. This cross is what we want to reinforce on the mission trip.

- **Lordship:** Call your group to surrender to Christ daily. He calls us to abandon all and follow Him (Luke 9:23).
 - Surrender to the Lord daily.
 - Surrender and ask Him to take control.
 - Surrender to the Holy Spirit before speaking or ministering.
- **God's Word:** Use the trip as a continual teaching time. Use God's Word to teach, correct, rebuke, or encourage throughout the week (2 Tim. 3:16).
 - The Word of God comes alive through action and application.
 - Read it and do it.
 - Memorize as a group the daily memory verse and claim its promises as you live it out.



- Prayer: Prayer is key to your success during the I-GO Mission Trip and at your ministry location.
 - Prayer walk your ministry site before you begin. Ask the Holy Spirit to break down any strongholds in the place where you are ministering. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of the lost.
 - Armor up every day and prepare for the spiritual battle (Ephesian 6:10-18).
 - When distractions occur, pray and encourage your team to pray at all times during your ministry to children at your site.
 - Pray at all times.
 - Prayer is spiritual warfare (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)
 - Prepare each day spiritually and be ready for battle.
 - Pray when situations arise where you need God's help and guidance.
 - Pray for those who will be teaching, sharing, or leading at the site.

- Evangelism: Every believer is called to share. Every believer has access to the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to speak through your team at your site.
 - Pray for wisdom and discernment in counseling.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to take control of your counseling conversations.

- Gifts and Ministry: Every believer has spiritual gifts to be used for serving.
 - Spiritual gifts will manifest in your team as they minister.
 - Watch and encourage them when you see their gifts flourish.
 - Make a point to allow those with specific spiritual gifts to use them at your sites when possible.

- Life of Obedience: Living out The Cross is living a life of obedience.
 - Remind your team that as we read, we do.
 - Obedience shows our love for Christ.

APPLYING THE L.I.T. PRINCIPLES TO THE MISSION TRIP

Release Your L.I.T.s to Minister

Remember, this is THEIR mission trip. It will be very tempting to take over and rob them of this wonderful opportunity to be used by God on mission for Him.

1. Have them pray and ask the Holy Spirit what He wants them to do.
2. Allow them the freedom to follow the Spirit's leadership.
3. Make sure that what they feel led to do aligns with the Word of God.
4. Allow them to plan each day using the Site Planning Sheet (**page 22**). There is a young, gifted administrator in your group ready to use their gift.
5. Sit back and watch their spiritual gifts manifest before your eyes.
6. Pray while they are ministering, for boldness and courage to proclaim the Gospel.
7. Pray for those who will be teaching, sharing their testimony, or leading each day.

Keep a Positive Attitude and Trust God

Your site and the sites of other teams are likely to be totally different. God is in control! He has purpose in all the details. You may have 20 children while another team has one or none. There is no way to know how many children will show up until you arrive at your location. Always be positive. "Hey, guys! We have one child at our site. Let's trust that this is who God has sent to us and make them feel like a king." That one child might be the next Billy Graham. Keeping a positive attitude will help your team stay positive. Trusting in the sovereignty of God will grow our faith and help us see His plans.

Keep an Attitude of Prayer

Paul tells us to pray *at all times*. This truth is very profound on the mission trip. Have your group stop and pray regularly. Develop a habit—if an issue arises: STOP and seek God for His help and answer through prayer.

Flexibility Principle

There are many things that will be out of our control, from distractions to unexpected schedule changes, etc. *Be flexible* and know that this is normal.

- Hindrances: *"Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us." (1 Thess. 2:18)*
- God Changes Our Plans: *"So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man from Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the Gospel to them." (Acts 16:8-10)*

Leadership Principle

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

- Make it your goal to be an equipper.
- Allow preteens and teens to flourish in their gifts.
- Allow them to make mistakes.

Mission Trip Leadership Roles

Mission Trip Director: The I-Go Mission Trip is led by the Mission Trip Director. The Director is responsible for the complete oversight of the mission trip.

Assistant Mission Trip Director: The Assistant Director will assist you throughout the trip.

Food Service Director: The Food Service Director will cook and serve the mission groups during their mission trip.

L.I.T. (Leaders In Training) Preteens (9 thru 12-year-olds)

The role of preteen L.I.T.s is to be missionaries of the Gospel.

- The trip is set in place for their success and to stretch their faith through responsibility and action.
- They will be given opportunities to discover their spiritual gifts and use them on the trip.
- We will challenge them to trust the leadership of the Holy Spirit during the trip and in their lives.
- They will participate with their team in the daily service schedule.
- They are younger brothers and sisters in Christ serving in the body of Christ.



Csalt (Christ's Servants and Leadership Training) Students*

Csalt allows former L.I.T.s to go to the next level on mission trips. They will take on servant-leadership roles during the mission trip.

- They are called to be servant leaders.



- They will bus tables and take part in serving at the church.
- Some will lead at ministry sites.
- They will work directly with L.I.T.s and support their efforts as young missionaries.
- They will assist the adult team leaders at the ministry sites.
- Adult leaders will look for ways to stretch and challenge them to lead out and flourish in their gifts.
- Csalts are not over adults and are expected to respect the adult leadership at all times.

***Note:** Not all mission trips will have students taking part with you. Those trips with students attending will assign Csalts according to availability and need at each site.

Adult Leadership

The adult leader takes on the role of Coach. Your call is to give direction and freedom for Csalts and L.I.T.s to flourish. The goal of discipleship is for the player to become the coach, and the mentee becomes the mentor.

- Be spiritually prepared for the mission trip by going through the Spiritual Preparation Guide.
- Pray daily before the mission trip for the Lord to bless the trip and your team.
- Be an encouragement to the Csalts and L.I.T.s in your group.
- Keep an attitude of prayer.
- Keep your group safe at all times.
- Watch for ministry opportunities for your team.
- Look for ways to stretch both the L.I.T.s and Csalts in your group.
- Keep a positive attitude at all times.
- Keep in mind that you are training missionaries.

Safety & Security

In Case of an Emergency, Call 911

Medical

All medications must be in their original containers and turned in to the mission trip nurse upon your arrival at the church. Please be aware of the daily medical needs of individuals in your group. Make it a point to find the nurse at the appropriate times for medication distribution each day.

Security

Armbands and Name Tags: All L.I.T.s, Csalts, and leaders must wear a name tag and armband *at all times* at the church and ministry sites, no exceptions. If you need a new armband, check with any Assistant Director.

- Those staying at the church will all have a name tag and armband.
- Local church staff, church members, and guests will have a different color armband.
- If an individual does not have the appropriate armband, please notify or bring them to the Director or Assistant Director for clearance.

Safety Requirements While Moving Around the Church Facility (Stay in Threes)

- Restrooms: You may go to the bathroom in groups of three and return to the Worship Center in the mornings.
- In Rooms: There must be an adult (18 years or older) and at least two others in any room at any given time.
- Evening Worship: You must be accompanied by an adult and at least one other.
- If minors need to leave the big group, they must walk around in groups of three.
- L.I.T.s and Csalts are NOT allowed outdoors without adult supervision at all times and must stay in groups of three.

Leaving the Facility with Children or Students

- If you need to leave the facility with children or students for reasons other than scheduled activities, you must first have clearance from the Mission Trip Director or Assistant Director. The release form must be filled out and signed.
- If you leave, you must return to the facility before lights out. No exceptions.

Policies

Cell Phone Usage: Adult leaders, *please* use discretion when using your cell phone on the mission trip. Do not let it become a major distraction for you so that you miss God working in the lives of children. You should not be using your cell phone at sites, meals, or other times when you are with your group, unless it is an emergency.

- **L.I.T.s** and **Csalts** cannot have or use cell phones on the mission trip due to security concerns. With your permission, they may call parents from a leader's phone.
- L.I.T.s are **not allowed** to access any social networking platforms from a leader's phone for any reason.
- **Support Staff** and **Staff** will have cell phones to contact the Director and Assistant Directors while on the mission trip. If there is an emergency, please contact the Director or any Assistant Director immediately.

Photography: Every L.I.T. and student must have a photo release completed and signed by a parent on their application, or they will be excluded from all trip and team photos. Follow Us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LeadersInTraining (Pictures are uploaded daily during the mission trip.)

MISSION TRIP SCHEDULE

There are 3 daily schedules posted in various locations for you to check each day. One for showers, one for service assignments, and one for general schedule. The schedule on the name tags is the general schedule for each day. **Note:** All schedules may be subject to change due to circumstances out of our control!

TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

3:00-5:00 p.m.	Arrival
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Commissioning Service
10:00 p.m.	Lights Out

Activities

Monday: Mission Project
Tuesday: Splash Night
Wednesday: To Be Announced
Thursday: Church Night Out

MONDAY-THURSDAY

7:00 a.m.	Rise/Devotional Time/Straighten Sleep Areas
7:30 a.m.	Team Leader Meeting
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Morning Worship
9:45 a.m.	Team Preparation
11:00 a.m.	Bible Study/Lunch at Ministry Sites
1:00 p.m.	Debriefing
2:00-3:00 p.m.	FOBOB
3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Activities
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Church Group Time
8:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
10:30 p.m.	Lights Out

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m.	Rise/Devotional Time/Straighten Sleep Areas
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Clean Up and Pack
10:00 a.m.	Depart for Home

SHOWER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
8:30 P.M.

SUNDAY
5:30 A.M.
8:30 P.M.

MONDAY-TUESDAY
5:30 A.M.
4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY
5:30 A.M.
8:30 P.M.

THURSDAY
5:30 A.M.
8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY
5:30 a.m.



Schedule Breakdown

Daily Quiet Times

- Everyone should have a daily quiet time, including L.I.T.s, Csalts, and adults.
- L.I.T.s will have their quiet times in the worship area.
- Csalts and leaders need to review the daily memory verse from the Bible study with their L.I.T.s at breakfast.

Leader Meetings

Monday-Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the leadership meeting room

Morning and Evening Worship Are Priority

Morning and evening worship services are some of the most critical times during the mission trip.

- All church groups must attend **all** worship services, no exceptions.
- Make it a priority to arrive for worship on time.
- Make it a priority to sit with your group or church.
- Watch and correct L.I.T.s and students to ensure they are not distracting others.
- **Don't leave out early during evening prayer times.** These are the most important times of the trip. You will miss God moving in the lives of your group if you are not there.
- We are not in a hurry or on a strict schedule if God shows up powerfully. That is not the time to leave the worship center.
- Listen to the prayers of the children. Their heavenly tone will bless you.
- Altar calls are a very important part of the mission trip. These are times when the Holy Spirit speaks to the hearts of preteens and students alike.
- If the Lord is moving in the hearts of L.I.T.s or students in your group, prayerfully ask them to share what the Lord is showing them.
- Pray with your group and team.

Team Breakdowns

Before your mission trip, we will ask your ministry leader to assign teams from your group. These teams consist of five L.I.T.s and one or more leaders. Upon your arrival, the units will be combined with another group to form the ministry site teams. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as the body of Christ and serve together.

- You will discover new friends.
- Your group will partner to fulfill the Lord's work at your location.
- Groups will ride together to the sites and back.
- Teams will eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner together.
- Teams will serve together where assigned on the mission trip.
- Teams will celebrate together.

Team Planning Time

To succeed at your ministry site, you must plan, practice, and implement properly (follow the attached Site Planning Sheet). Use the Site Planning Sheet as an order of service each day at the ministry site. As the mission trip progresses, allow the L.I.T.s in your group to plan one day at a time.

Here are a few suggestions to prepare your team to minister at your site each day:

- Pray
- Practice lessons
- Practice sharing testimonies
- Sing songs
- Review crafts
- Check tote (If you are missing anything, please let any Staff member know so we can get what you need.)
- Make sure you have everything before you leave the church.

- Prayer walk your site. Evangelism and missions are spiritual warfare, and the enemy will not be happy with your arrival—armor up at the site. Then, walk in groups around the location. Pray for the Lord to open the eyes of those who do not know Christ. Pray for God to crush the enemy's attempts to thwart God's plans. Pray for the Lord to deliver the unsaved from the dominion of darkness to the kingdom of God (Colossians 1:13).

Ministry Site Information

Ministry sites can be at a number of different locations on the mission trip, from mobile home parks, apartments, Y.M.C.A.s, Boys and Girls Clubs, parks, etc. Here are some guidelines for your greatest success.

Community Ministry—Kid Power Camp



- Kid Power Camp (KPC) is a series of evangelistic daily Bible studies during the mission trip similar to V.B.S.
- KPC will be held Monday-Thursday at the ministry sites.
- KPC usually begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.
- Be flexible with the schedule. Kids will not show up on time, so it is okay to start a little later.
- You will want to arrive at your site 30-45 minutes early.

What if you get to your site and no one shows up?

1. Stop and pray.
2. Walk around the location and look for homes with toys and bicycles in front. Pray and have your L.I.T.s knock on the doors and invite the children to attend your Bible study.
3. If you have only one child show up, many times they will know where all the kids live near them. Walk around with that child and let them invite their friends to join you. Don't worry about starting on time. You need children there before you can minister to them.

Safety and Security at Ministry Sites

- L.I.T.s should lead out at all times. Adult and Csalt leaders control the crowd to make sure the L.I.T.s can lead successfully.
- Keep a watchful eye at all times. (Silence your cell phones.)
- NEVER send Csalts or L.I.T.s out by themselves at your ministry site unless they are in your sight *at all times*.
- Walk children who have attended KPC home after your camp is over.
- NEVER allow L.I.T.s and students to enter a child's home at your ministry site.
- Be aware of your surroundings. While the L.I.T.s are ministering, be aware of what is going on around you.

Set Up a Safe Environment Where the Kids Can Minister: The goal of the I-GO mission trip is to release kids to minister. One of the ways for them to have the greatest success is when you set up a healthy environment for them to do so. You will want to step back and allow them to serve and minister using their gifts. However, if the kids at your site are out of control, they will become very frustrated. Take time to set boundaries for behavior and then allow your kids to minister.

Be Flexible! Each ministry location is different; they are never the same. Children are in different situations in life. Some may be poor while others are from the opposite circumstances.

1. Don't worry about time schedules as much as connecting with lost kids.
2. Take the time to get to know the children at your site. Play games at the very beginning to start the time off in a fun way.
3. The L.I.T.s in your group will draw them in just by being kids with them.
4. Leave your expectations at the church.

Site Records and Registration Information: One of the most important things you will do at your site is collecting accurate information from each child who attends and especially their personal decision to follow Christ. You will want to designate a person to be responsible for records at your site.

How to register: Please use the record forms included in your tote to register a child for Kid Power Camp properly. We must have complete records.

Fill in your ministry location, and then add your leaders and children to your list.

- The leaders will include all L.I.T.s, Csalts, and adults.
- As children arrive at your site, you will add their names, grades, and home address information.
- All the information on the physical sign-in sheet will be typed into Google Sheets by a group leader or adult.

Note: We will have computers set up in the L.I.T. Mission Trip office.

Food Orders for Ministry Sites (Monday-Thursday): An adult leader from your site will be responsible for **texting** your group count to Kitchen Assistant Monday-Thursday. (The number will be given to you on the mission trip. No phone calls please.)

- Add "Kitchen Assistant" to your contact list.
 - Text your name and site location right now!
- Text M-Th between **11:00-11:15 a.m.**
 - Site Name
 - Total Number of Children and Adults (Count everyone, including L.I.T.s, Csalts, adults, and kids at your site.)
 - **Sample Text:** "Murfin Market 26"
- **Note:** If you forget an item or need additional supplies, include what you need in your text.

Debriefing: Every step of the mission trip is a significant teaching and discipleship time for you as the leader.

- The debriefing time is a perfect time to share and talk about the day.
- Talk about what the Lord did and how to make improvements for the next day.
- Use your Site Planning Sheet to guide your discussion and plan the next day.
- As the Lord leads, share His Word to encourage them or correct attitudes or inappropriate behaviors.

Note: The purpose of the mission trip is to allow the Holy Spirit to work. He will guide and speak in and through the lives of the L.I.T.s and students on the trip. Plan one day at a time and allow the Holy Spirit to plan the rest of the week as He speaks to their hearts.

Service Schedule

All teams will serve in the church in different capacities throughout the week. Please be aware of the service schedule. Be a positive role model. Be upbeat and make it a fun activity as your team serves together. Cleaning toilets can be fun if everyone has the right attitude!

Team Service Assignments

Each team will be a part of the rotation to serve during the mission trip.

- Food preparation for breakfast and dinner
- Wash dishes after a meal
- Clean dining hall
- Clean tables
- Reset dining hall
- Sweep and mop the dining hall and kitchen
- Clean worship center
- Clean restrooms.
- Fill water bottles
- Pack totes

F.O.B.O.B. (Flat On Back On Bunk)

On many of our mission trips, heat is a factor. At some locations, it may hit over 100 degrees at the outdoor ministry sites. Also, sleeping on air mattresses on the floor on mission trips is not always restful. F.O.B.O.B. is simply a cool name for a rest break. It is an hour break where we shut off the lights and everyone lays down, cools off, and rests.

I-GO Store

The I-GO Store will be open daily following your return from the ministry sites. We will have soft drinks, candy, and various snacks for purchase. All items will be between \$1.00 and \$2.00 each. All proceeds go to L.I.T. Ministries.

Daily Activities (3:00-5:00 p.m.)

- Monday: Mission Projects. We will work with the Host Church to establish afternoon ministry projects at the church or in the community. It might be anything from minor lawn care to cleaning up around the church.
- Tuesday: Splash Night. Splash is fun for the kids to cool off with water games on the church grounds.
- Wednesday: Block Party. The Wednesday evening block part is our effort to connect children and their families to the Host Church. We will invite families from the ministry sites to join us for a fun evening of fellowship.
- Thursday: Church Night Out: This is an evening with your church group to celebrate the close of the mission trip together. Churches can choose what they want to do that evening until worship time. Church groups are responsible for the cost of their outings.

Showers

When looking for a mission trip location each year, we try our best to find a Host Church with shower facilities. We make this a priority for each trip. If we cannot find a facility that provides showers, we explore other options.

- On many of our trips, the state disaster relief teams allow us to use their mobile shower units at little to no cost when they are not already in use. However, the trailers are pulled out if a storm, tornado, hurricane, or any other natural event occurs and they are needed.
- A third option is portable showers. We use a canopy with a tarp around it, and there are multiple shower heads (cold showers). The students and leaders shower separately while wearing their swimsuits.

We do our best to accommodate showers, but many times things are out of our control.

Church Group Time

Church group time is a wonderful time to get together with everyone in your church group and share your hearts. It is an opportunity to hear each other's stories and testimonies. It is also a teaching time when you can continue the discipleship process and encourage them.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Allow them to testify about how they have seen the Lord work. God moments are when God shows up in the midst of their time ministering or during their quiet times. Encourage those who have a significant story to share during the testimony time during the worship service.
2. This can also be a time of correction. As you observe your group throughout the week, you will see attitudes or actions that are not Christ-like. Use the Word of God to correct in love and encourage change.
3. It can be a time to encourage your group to care for each other and stand in the gap through prayer.
4. Take the time to pray together in anticipation of the evening worship service.

Lights Out Policy

The mission trip is an exciting time for all of us; however, the celebration needs to end at the posted Lights Out times. We are on a mission trip to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. If you stay up all night, you will not be able to function properly the next day. *If a group in your area does not comply with this policy, please contact the mission trip Assistant Director.*

THURSDAY at Ministry Sites

Thursday is one of the most important days of the week as we close out the mission trip. Here are very important steps you will want to take:

1. Make sure all of your records are correct and up to date. This should be your top priority.
2. Sit down and talk with every child at your site to find out where they are spiritually. Some have made professions of faith, while others are not there yet. This is critical to find out where they are and record that in your records.
3. Pick up the Kid Power Camp sign(s) and stand and return them to the church.

4. Clean up all trash at your site and leave it better than you found it.
5. Remove labels on the outside of your ministry site tote and discard them.
6. When you return to the church, remove all items from your tote and place them in the appropriate bags for the next trip.
7. Remove labels from coolers and place them with others cooler when you return.

FRIDAY Cleaning up the Host Church

All teams will be expected to leave the Host Church in better condition than when we arrived. This includes the sleeping areas, bathrooms, worship centers, kitchen, and eating areas that we have used. Vacuuming, taking out trash, sweeping, mopping, breaking down tables, and stacking chairs are all tasks to be expected. All coolers, water jugs, and tents that different teams have contributed to the week will need to be returned to them before departure.

GOOD TIRED

The mission trip is going to wipe you out. But remember that this is a "good tired." Rest when you can. You may know the saying, "We can be tired in God's will, but not tired of it." Get ready for an unbelievable experience that will change your life—we pray—for the rest of your life!

TEAM LEADER SITE PLANNING SHEET

In the spaces below, you will need to assign the different individuals in your team in a fair way. You will want to assign them according to their talents and abilities. This may be difficult, but spend some time planning with your group as you debrief at the end of each day.

ASSIGNMENT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Set Up					
Records					
Praise and Worship Leaders					
Opening Prayer					
Craft					
Memory Verse					
Game					
Personal Testimony (Two people)					
Bible Study					
Prayer Team					
Distraction Team					
Counselors (Must have Bible and Counseling Card)					
Food Service (Will serve and clean up)					



Debriefing Questions:

1. How did God use you today to minister to others?
2. How do you feel the children responded to our message?
3. What has God shown you today/this week in how you can be used by Him?
4. What are some God moments where you saw God work?
5. What do you think we could do better tomorrow?
6. What is something that the leaders can do to make things go easier tomorrow?
7. What was the high point of today's ministry?
8. What was the low point of today's ministry?

