

How should we prepare our youth?

The following building blocks are essential elements in training your youth group mission team. Contact RMM if you would like assistance in the training of any of these areas.

Building Block 1: Cross-Cultural Awareness

Sensitivity to different cultures is vitally important for youth groups to understand. Plan carefully this portion of your training.

Building Block 2: Team Dynamics

Your mission team is not a group of individuals merely going to a country to do some work. Rather, it is a team that has come together to create an environment where they will be able to work, learn, and grow together.

Building Block 3: Language

Lighthearted, practical instruction will leave team members with just a few phrases they can use confidently with the nationals they meet.

Building Block 4: Personal Preparation

Encourage them to develop spiritual disciplines prior to the mission, to set personal goals for the mission, and prayerfully address potential problems that may arise during the mission.

Building Block 5: Logistics

Team members will arrive with questions and concerns about travel, packing, shots, and so on. The team leader should compile all necessary information and impart it clearly.

Building Block 6: Host Country Overview

The depth of your training here obviously depends on the resources available to you. At the very least, team members should be provided with as much information as one would find in an encyclopedia entry or a travel guide.

Also, you will most likely be able to contact the host country's leaders and ask them questions.

Source: *Vacations with a Purpose*, by Chris Eaton & Kim Hurst.

RMM's Pre-Trip Training:

We would love to come to your church to provide orientation, details, and instructions on how to get the most out of your trip. We also show segments from the "Go Prepared" Video Series, as we teach the youth about preparing for their mission.

