

Short Term Mission Orientation Course Checklist

- The Biblical Basis for Mission
- Introduction to sending agency (history, vision, aims etc)
- Cross Cultural Issues
 - What is culture? – understanding where you come from
 - Introduction to the culture you're visiting
 - What is culture shock? And how to deal with it?
 - Case studies – of cultural dilemmas
 - The view from the other side – how might you be viewed by your hosts
- Health tips
 - Physical
 - Emotional – keeping balanced when adapting to a new culture
 - Spiritual – growing in faith whilst away
- Travel and Safety / Security
- Team Building
 - Get to know one another
 - What is a team?
 - Assign specific roles to team members
 - Discuss expectations and hopes and fears
 - Resolving conflict
 - Worship and Pray together
- Introduction to your host country, including understanding its religious context
- Practicalities
 - Outcomes and goals of the trip
 - Itinerary
 - Project details
 - Finances
 - Lines of responsibility /authority
 - Insurance cover
 - Emergency procedure and contact details
 - Involving your Church
 - Time management and coping with different perceptions of time
 - Child protection issues
- Language Learning
- Preparing to Return Home
 - Reverse Culture Shock
 - Debriefing arrangements
- Extras
 - Sharing your faith in a cross cultural situation
 - Using Drama in mission
 - Using Sports in mission
 - Working with children
 - Teaching English
 - Dealing with poverty / suffering
 - Leading Bible Study Groups
 - Student work
 - Keeping in touch with supporters
 - Issues for singles / couples / families
 - Photo tips, including how and when to take photos