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There's a reason you're reading this Global Team Guide. At some point, over the course of the past several months, or years, you've felt God's call. This might be your first trip, or one of many, either way God has prompted you to take this step of faith and obedience. This Global Team Guide was created to serve as one of your spiritual guides over the next six months. Over the course of that time, God will continue to shape you more and more into the image of Jesus.

Please visit eastview.church/globalteams for all supplemental information regarding the team process and to see all the global team videos!



You see, we often enter into this journey asking questions like:

- “What immunizations will I need?”
- “How will I raise the necessary funds for the trip?”
- “What needs to be done to complete our project?”
- “Will I be safe?”

But, if we stop and pause, we find that God’s questions are quite different. His questions might sound a little more like:

- “Do you really love me more than anything or anyone else?”
- “Do you trust my sovereignty more than your plans?”
- “Are you ready to truly die to yourself so that I can live fully in you?”
- “Are you willing to embrace brothers and sisters who don’t look, sound, or live like you?”

Finally, God is asking one other question:

- Are you ready for what I’m about to teach you in the next six months?

In the next six months, this Global Team Guide will create the space in your life to answer all these questions, **both** yours... and God’s. Thanks for choosing to say “yes” to God’s plans for your life. You won’t regret it!



A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR...

I believe that deep in the spiritual DNA of every healthy church there is a “sending and going” gene that proves our relationship with Jesus. After all, he said that his church should “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) and be Spirit-filled “witnesses to the end of earth” (Acts 1:8). Having received this great commission and because we have been called to a worldwide mission, Eastview Christian Church invests significant amounts of time, energy, and resources towards our global outreach efforts.

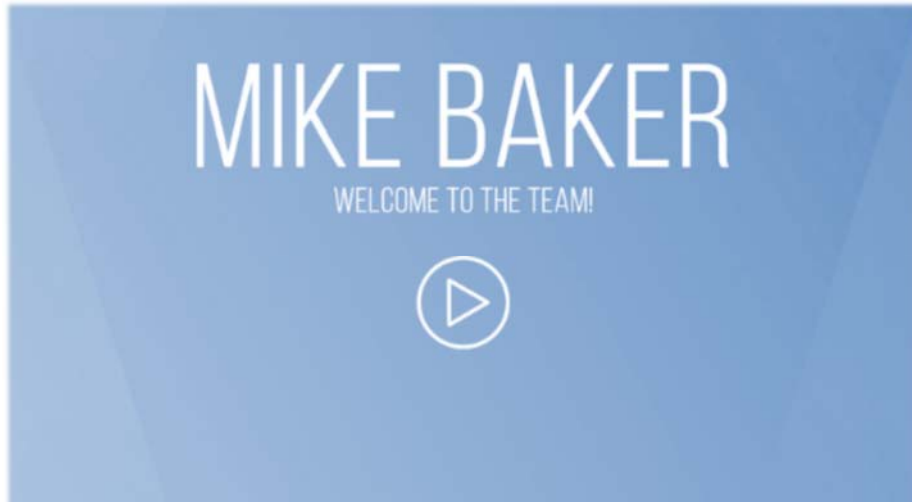
This begins with ongoing financial commitment to our world partners to build churches and homes, fund schools, feed orphans, rescue the enslaved, heal the sick, and literally change whole communities. But we don’t just send money, we send our greatest resource - hundreds of people each year go on life-changing, short term

trips to serve and love those we support. Finally, we are constantly praying for, training up, and sending out “Eastviewers” who are called to work for the cause of Christ globally. As the pastor, I’m proud to say Global Outreach is not what we do, it’s what we are.

Love ya,

Pastor Mike

Head to eastviewresources.com/globalteams to watch the welcome video from our Senior Pastor, Mike Baker.



SESSION ONE

PREPARE YOUR HEART



For many, the term “spiritual formation” may sound foreign. It’s not a word that we typically can succinctly define. For a moment, let’s look at the definition of spiritual formation created by Dr. JK Jones, Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Eastview Christian Church. This definition has six parts that we’ll look at in this month’s video!

Head to eastviewresources.com/globalteams to watch the video led by JK Jones.



Spiritual Formation Definition

God the Holy Spirit takes the initiative, through various means, in cooperation with our response, changes us to look like Jesus, in order to serve others, to the Glory of God.

What primary way do you feel like the Holy Spirit is forming you today?

From the video, we believe that God is the one leading us, not us leading him. Yet, we know our habits can create space for God to speak to us. What holy habit best helps you to connect with God?

JK challenged us to read Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18 and 1 John 3:2 in the video and answer the following question, how are you more like Jesus today than at your conversion?

Our serving experience does not start the day we fly to our trip destination. Everywhere you go is a place where God calls you to serve. What service experiences have most impacted you recently?

In six months or so, your team will travel together to a foreign place outside the authority of the United States. There, on foreign soil, everything you've been taught about how to succeed in our culture may or may not apply. In fact, the ways you'd normally act may be viewed as inappropriate by the group receiving you. Your team has to remember that the place you're going has been shaped in many different ways than we have. They've been affected by different religions, governments, histories, oppressions, natural disasters, cultures, values, and socio-economic pressures. Their culture is vastly different than ours. The way their culture thinks, analyzes problems, make decisions, shows love, and prioritizes values can be as different from our culture as fire and ice.

This session, a simple cultural fable will introduce the need for cross-cultural formation. Don't miss the deep cross-cultural truths communicated in this simple story.

The Monkey and the Fish

“Once upon a time an incredible hurricane blew through the ocean off the coast of South America. The storm raged on and on, decimating the many small-unnamed islands just off the coast. In the middle of the howling winds, the torrential rain and the huge swells in the ocean, a little monkey was displaced off the mainland onto a tiny island. While waiting for the raging storms to recede, the little monkey noticed a fish struggling to swim against the current, just off the shore of his island. It seemed obvious to the monkey that the fish was struggling and would benefit from some assistance. The monkey, being kind hearted resolved to help the fish in any way possible.

A wind-torn tree was cracked and hanging over the exact spot where the fish was struggling. At considerable risk to his own health, the monkey braved the wind and climbed up the tree and out onto the broken limb extending over the water. As he dangled over the water, he was able to secure himself and snatch the fish out of the churning water. Immediately the monkey ran back to

the safety of the island and his shelter where he laid the fish down on the dry ground. For a few minutes, the fish showed some excitement, but soon settled into a peaceful rest. Joy and satisfaction swelled up inside the monkey. He had successfully helped another creature.”

What did the monkey assume about fish culture? (We all get that he thought the fish could breathe, think deeper than that.) What were some underlying assumptions that the monkey had?

“Good intentions aren’t an excuse for poor execution.” What’s your reaction to this statement, do you agree or disagree, why? Is this a biblical view?

What advice would you give the monkey for future situations where he would like to help?

Describe a time when you could relate to the monkey or the fish in this story. What did you think and feel?

WE ARE GOING TO SERVE, NOT BE SAVIORS.

CONFESSIONS

As Holy Spirit continues changing us to be more like Jesus, he may bring some things to light in your own heart. Sin can blind us to what lies under the surface of our hearts, but it's crucial that we ask God to open our eyes.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Jer. 17:9

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

Psalm 139:23

Confession is a spiritual practice that invites God's healing and frees us to love others better. In his book, *Slow Kingdom Coming*, Kent Annan outlines some confessions that may be helpful for you to pray as you prepare for, partake in, and return from your trip.

Confess Your Mixed Motives

We are all broken people, and if we are being honest we recognize our own need for healing as we work to bring the kingdom of God to others. Confessing the way our own wounds and pride may be part of our motivation frees us to treat others as equals and walk among them with respect.

God and neighbor, I confess my mixed motives. Help the fruit of my efforts to be beautiful and just.

Confess The Desire To Feel Good When You Help

While it's not a bad thing to want to feel good when we are helping others, we can find ourselves caught up in wanting to do things the way we want to do them. Confessing the desire to feel good frees us to look at our motives and ask ourselves if we are doing what feels best for us or what is the best way to help others.

God and neighbor, I confess that I'm tempted to contribute in ways that make me feel best, not that help the most. Help me to slow down to serve my neighbor in the best way possible.

Confess Your Public Gestures

Social media makes it easy to put our good deeds on display. We need to confess our desire to look good. We especially need to take special note of how we choose to fundraise, communicate stories, and share pictures. We need to check our motives when we fundraise and share photos or stories about our trips.

God and neighbor, I confess I want to be seen as good. Free me to do what is good.

Confess Your Hero Complex

Annan points out that in the context of doing justice, Christians don't so much take credit away from God as they do from the people they want to help. We must guard against telling a story that would discount the contributions of the people we are serving.

God and neighbor, I confess that I claim too much credit. Grow my humility and show me how to rightly give credit to others.

Confess Your Privilege

Most of us have benefited somehow from the life we were born into, whether it was a result of race, gender, nationality or income class. Life may be easier for us than for a lot of people in the world. Confessing the privilege we may have been born into frees us to be more aware and respectful of other groups we encounter, and the freedom to participate in the change.

God and neighbor, I confess the privileges that benefit me. Help me to give them away again and again.

Confess Your Pain Caused and Received

As a result of living in a kingdom not yet fully come, we have each caused and received pain. This may be at a personal level or as part of a larger group.

God and neighbor, I confess I have caused pain of, and am hurt by, injustice. Help me participate in healing for others and myself.

Confess Your Longing for Change

This isn't a confession of weakness or temptation, but a confession of hope and longing for God's kingdom to come fully. Our longing is that all creation will be transformed and our own lives as well. Our longing is for the world described in Revelations 21:4, where *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."* Our confessions should always include the hope that God is completing the work he started in us.

God and neighbor, I confess my hope is in you and in this kingdom coming.

Ask God to show you which of these confessions, or any others, you need to make and write them out here. We will make time for confession at our next team meeting.

SESSION 2

CULTIVATE YOUR SOUL



We've explored a working definition of spiritual formation and then dug into God's Word. We've focused on several biblical texts where we see God's passion for the people of the world, and we get to be a part of that. Going back to our working definition of spiritual formation:

God the Holy Spirit takes the initiative, through various means, in cooperation with our response, changes us to look like Jesus, in order to serve others, to the glory of God.

Take a moment and reflect on the past two months since your team has formed. You've had a team meeting, you've sent out your support letters and things feel like they're starting to come together. Let's pause to reflect on the first three parts of our working definition of spiritual formation.

In what ways have you felt God "*taking the initiative*" in your life over the past two months related to this trip? (Support raising, team formation, new scripture insight, new compassion, increasing excitement, strange peace, joy, etc.)

What "*various means*" has God used to speak to you over the past two months? Are these the ways in which he regularly speaks or are some of them new? (Relationships, nature, service, pain, scripture, etc.)

In what ways are you creating space for God to speak and shape you? Are there any new practices or spiritual disciplines you've incorporated into your life? As you prepare for this trip, it will become increasingly important to create space for God to speak. (We'll talk more about this next month.)

In their book *When Helping Hurts*, Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert define poverty in light of the fall in Genesis 3. **They remind us that true poverty is a broken relationship that manifests itself in four distinct areas of life.**



Relationship with God

Sin destroyed the intimate relationship we were created to have with God. Fikkert writes “We were created to serve and give praise to our Creator through our thoughts, words, and actions. When we do this, we experience the presence of God as our heavenly Father and live in joyful, intimate relationships with Him as his children”. When this relationship with God is broken, we live in spiritual poverty.

Relationship with Self

People are uniquely created in the image of God and thus have inherent worth and dignity. While we must remember that we are not God, we have the high calling of reflecting God's being, making us superior to the rest of creation. When this relationship with self is broken, we live in poverty. When people don't understand their value in God's eyes, and the incredible creativity, dignity and ability we each have, we live in poverty. We will never be what God's desire for each of us is.

Relationship with Others

God created us to live in loving relationship with one another. We are made to know one another, to love one another, and to encourage one another to use the gifts God has given to each of us to fulfill our callings. When these relationships with others are broken, we live in poverty. Corruption, abuse and mistrust usher in a society and culture that can never thrive.

Relationship with Creation

The cultural mandate of Genesis 1:28-30 teaches that God created us to be stewards, people who understand, subdue, develop and manage the world that God created. God called humans to interact with creation, to make possibilities into realities, and to be able to sustain ourselves via the fruits of our stewardship. When this relationship with work and creation is broken, we live in poverty.

*Excerpts taken from "When Helping Hurts" (Corbett & Fikkert)

Head to eastviewresources.com/globalteams to watch the video entitled:
God's Heart for the Nations.



While watching the video, what part stood out to you most?

How do you see God's heart for the nations today in our world?

Why is it important for us as a church to engage in God's global mission?

In the video, we learned that the bible is a cohesive story of God's heart for every person and every nation on earth. In what way, large or small, is he calling you to engage with his mission?

POVERTY TOURISM by Kent Annan

“The jolt in Port-au-Prince herniated a disk in my lower back two weeks ago. The pain is making it hard to sleep tonight. I've walked with a sideways bent and haven't been able to pick up my two young children since. But here's the thing: the jolt happened while riding a motorcycle taxi to a meeting in a tent camp where 50,000 people live under tarps. So I can't indulge in feeling sorry for myself.

I travel to Haiti regularly for work with a non-profit, but right now I'm back in Florida where I have a safe, dry home to sleep in. I have a bed. I've already been to the physical therapist four times. I can afford ibuprofen, Tylenol, and Aleve. I eat more than enough each day. You get the idea. So when I start complaining, then remember this context, it seems my basic choices are either to be grateful or be a jerk.

On one hand, this is the proper perspective. On the other, this is a potentially exploitative "benefit" of what are typically called some variation of a "service trip" but are also sometimes critically called "**poverty tourism**." We see people suffering so much more than us, and then come back and say, "It just makes you so grateful for what you have." Or, "It puts life in perspective."

The motorcycle taxi driver I was riding with lost a staggering amount in the earthquake. The church he attends collapsed on more than 200 people inside. (his friends, his relatives). After getting off his motorcycle, I was soon talking with people in the camp who lost everything and have little reasonable hope for improvement any time soon. A sore back? Sheesh. **But if the longest lasting result of my working in or visiting a place with much suffering, is that I feel a little better about my own life, well, then I've probably exploited people struggling with poverty even more than they're being exploited already.**

So for me, three differences come to mind to keep these trips from being "poverty tourism":

First, who and how do I visit people? Is it marked by dignity, without patronizing, with humility, as a learner? Are we visiting with people or an organization who have respectful, engaged relationships with the community? What kind of photos do we take or stories do we tell? What side comments do we make to our fellow travelers? Do we ask ourselves the hard questions? How do we, or shouldn't we, talk about "them"?

Second, and related, does it make a difference to how I live "back home"? Does it change how I give, what politics I engage in, or whatever the area is that we each can make a difference to the systems that perpetuate pain? How do I think and talk and act?

Third, is my visit only the beginning of a long-term commitment to finding effective ways to help? Even if I worked hard to build a community center or learning language, or to add on to a church building, it wasn't much in the big picture. People are often gracious hosts and share the best part of their smiles and lives with us when we visit. But sometimes that seems to give us an excuse to quarantine the unsettling part of our experience, the part that might demand a lot of us.

These are some of the factors for me. I'm in Haiti many times a year, but I still need to check myself. If we come back with a kind of souvenir that makes us feel more comfortable about our lives, then it's likely been exploitation. If we come back and we're more uncomfortable, and also committed to smart, respectful ways to help, then maybe we properly honor the hospitality we've received. Can we find good ways to contribute to each other's well being?

Some people think there shouldn't be these exchanges at all. I don't agree. I think they're important for working for justice. But I do think there are differences between traveling as a poverty tourist and a citizen of the world."



How would you define “poverty tourism” to someone that hasn’t read this article?

Was there any mindset of “poverty tourism” when you signed up for this trip? If so, how has your understanding of the types of poverty described on pg. 16 changed your thinking?

How will our team practically treat the people we interact with? With dignity? Can you list specific behaviors your team can incorporate into your trip that will demonstrate dignity for others?

SESSION THREE

ENGAGE YOUR MIND



It's hard to believe you've already spent several months preparing as a team to go and serve overseas with our Global Partners. Soon, with your bags packed, you'll be saying goodbye to loved ones and driving to the airport ready to embark on an incredible adventure.

So, let's pause, halfway into this process, to pose three genuine questions:

1. Over the past months, have you created the space for God to speak to you about this trip? If so, how? If not, why not?
2. Are you actively participating in each chapter? If so, where is God shaping you the most?
3. For this session, your entire team will be challenged with an opportunity. Leading up to your team meeting, create space for God to speak to you in a new way by choosing one of the following disciplines to participate in. You should have 3-4 weeks before your next team meeting so you have plenty of time to build this into your rhythm. You only need to pick one discipline and do it once. As you do, reflect on our working definition of spiritual formation:

God the Holy Spirit takes the initiative, through various means, in cooperation with our response, changes us to look like Jesus, in order to serve others, to the Glory of God.

How is God changing you to look more like Jesus and how does that correspond to this trip. How is he changing you in order to serve others? How will one of the following disciplines continue to shape you to look like Jesus? What did you learn?

THIS MONTH I AM CREATING SPACE FOR

GOD BY...

RETREAT

Find a time to retreat for 2-3 hours by getting away from your house, work and all other distractions. Leave your cell phone off. Bring your Bible, a pad of paper and a pen. Spend the time in prayer (both talking and listening) and reflection. What is God saying to you about your walk with him? What is he saying about your upcoming trip and what does he want to teach you? Don't be discouraged if the first 30-45 minutes are spent letting all of the distractions of life go. Write a reflection about what God taught you and how it relates to your upcoming trip on the next page.

GOSPEL INTAKE

Read through the Gospel of John this month. Re-read chapters 13-17 multiple times focusing on the words and actions of Jesus. Is there one action of Jesus' that speaks to you the deepest? Is there one question he asks that penetrates your heart? Is there one challenge he states that compels you? Write a one page reflection about what God taught you and how it relates to your upcoming trip. How will your words and actions mimic the life of Jesus on your trip?

FASTING

Fasting is the practice of letting go of our appetite to seek God in worship and prayer for ourselves, others and Christ's Church. In this discipline, we voluntarily deny ourselves food for spiritual purposes. Fasting can also be used to deny ourselves from anything we seek satisfaction in (TV, cell phone, computer, etc.) and look to God for satisfaction. Use the extra time to pray or the trip and ask God to speak to you.

VOW OF SILENCE

Take a vow of silence for a day where you speak only when someone first speaks to you. During the day, reflect on the following questions: Was it hard for me to listen first without trying to steer conversations? Read James 1:19-20. What did I notice about my own thoughts and feelings as I tried to pursue silence? Write a one-page reflection about what God taught you and how it relates to your upcoming trip. How do you think the practice of silence, or listening first, can be an asset on this trip?

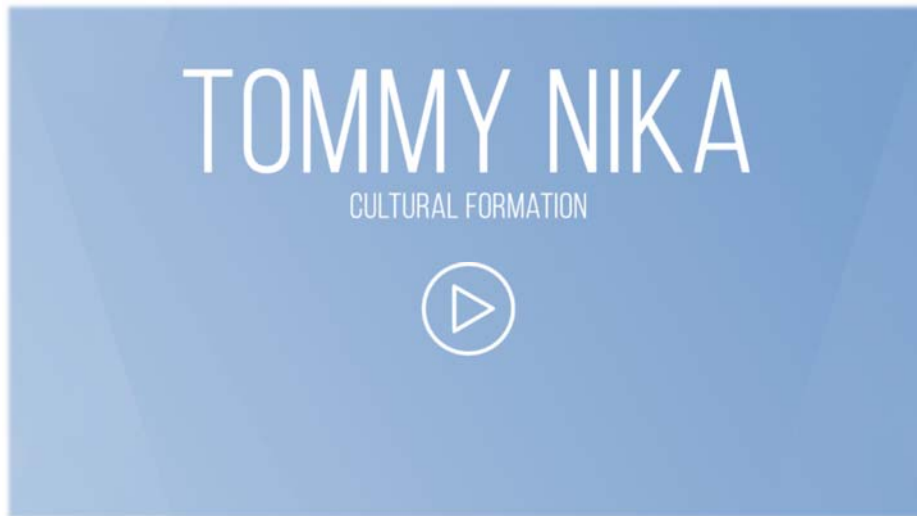
Discipline I am committing to: _____

Date I will do this on: _____

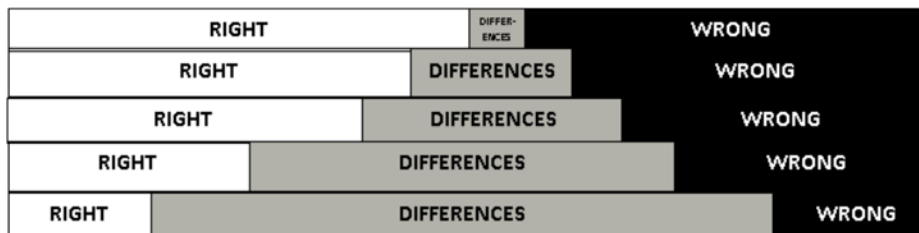


As you consider a discipline to incorporate this month let me offer a word of encouragement. This exercise may feel like a little bit of a stretch for you. Maybe you are not familiar with some of these practices and quite frankly, they feel uncomfortable. Or, it may feel like one more thing you have to add to your already busy calendar. Maybe if you're honest, as you read this, you're not convinced this is something that will "add value" to your team preparation for this trip.

Head to eastviewresources.com/globalteams to watch the video entitled:
Cultural Formation—Right, Wrong, Different.



Tommy introduced the concept of "normal" in the video, and how this influences our ideas of right, wrong and different. See the continuums below, place a "GP" next to the continuum that best represents your grandparent's perspective on life. Place a "P" next to the continuum that best represents your parent's perspective on life. Place a "me" next to the continuum that best represents your perspective on life.



What do you notice as you compare and contrast these?

In what ways do you/have you incorrectly judged other cultures?

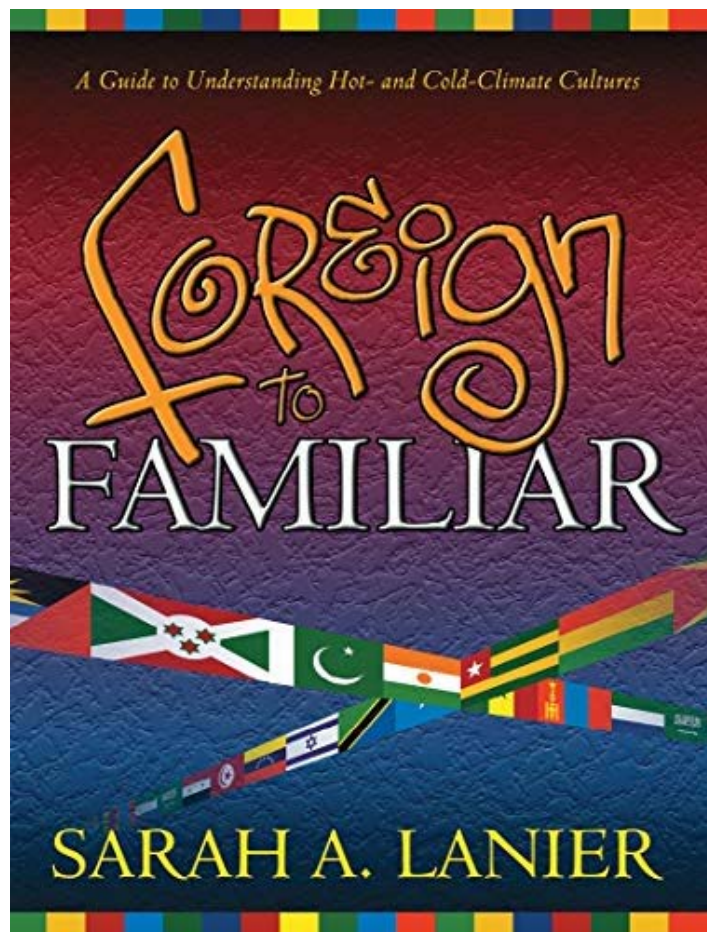
CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

When we encounter cultural differences, we usually make an immediate judgment. When we judge quickly, we usually place that cultural difference in the category of wrong, not in the category of different. As soon as we label it as wrong a new series of responses begins. First, I want to correct it. If it is wrong, it should be made right. But what is right?

Obviously, what is like me is right. Most of this goes on at the semiconscious or unconscious level, and we will realize what we are doing only if we take the time to stop and analyze our reactions. Second, once I have placed something in the wrong category, I no longer need to try to understand the cultural context. It is wrong; therefore I can reject it. But now I have lost the opportunity to learn about the new culture. Third, I am disturbed by the wrong and spread the word to others who may sympathize with me. Together we can change things. Fourth, if the people of the new culture resist my wisdom and arguments for change, I may withdraw or try to inflict some kind of sanction. If they can't be reasonable, I may try to use force – for their own good of course. Now it is not just a cultural practice that I have named as wrong, but I begin to place people in the category of wrong too. It is easy to see how people become adversaries... even enemies.

FOREIGN TO FAMILIAR

Now that we've talked about the importance of being open to cultural differences, we're going to jump into a quick read: *Foreign to Familiar*. This book discusses some of the common cultural differences that you'll encounter on your trip by highlighting the differences between "hot" and "cold" cultures. It's a quick read that's packed with engaging stories, helpful tips and easy to reference chapter summaries. It's a great resource!



SESSION FOUR

TRUST GOD WITH YOUR STRENGTHS



Head to eastviewresources.com/globalteams to watch the video entitled:

Tips to Point Others to Jesus



In the video, Tyler shared three "be" statements with us in the training video; **be prepared, be aware and be a dangerous witness.**

Be Prepared:

How do you feel God preparing you for your upcoming trip? In what ways do you feel unprepared?

Tyler challenged us to not only prepare for the trip, but also prepare to come home. How do you think your family, friends and coworkers will respond to you when you return?

Be Aware:

What assumptions do you have about the place you are going
Many assumptions involve poverty, government structures and
educational systems. Be honest!

Tyler shared that the truth behind poverty is broken relationships
not just lack of material wealth. In your past or present, where
have you been poor?

How might this trip address an area of poverty in your life?

Be a Dangerous Witness:

We know that the trip we are preparing for is only one to two
weeks of our entire year. Being a dangerous witness isn't just for
one or two weeks of our year, but for every single day.

How is God using you today to be a dangerous witness?

How do you anticipate him using you during the trip?

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TRIGGERS

HALT is a useful acronym to help us be aware of triggers that can make us react! Think about times in the past when you have been:

H Hungry

This is simply whether you are hungry! Hunger can affect our decision-making more than we often appreciate. We are what we eat, and if we aren't eating well or eating enough, you might not in the right frame-of-mind.



A Angry

Being mindful of your feelings and when resentments start to build is important. These, often unfounded, emotions can lead you to prioritize the wrong things and mistreat others.



L Lonely

Have you begun isolating? Do you need to talk to someone about where your head is at? Being lonely can cause you to start acting and making irrational decisions. Reach out to someone you trust to find your bearings.



T Tired

Sleep is one of the most important factors affecting our decision making and it can even have a delayed impact on us. A missed night of sleep from a couple nights ago can make you irritable for days.



ON THE FIELD—CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

It's inevitable that conflict will occur at some point on your trip. There will be experiences and stressors that each person will have to react to. Remember that conflict isn't something to be feared or avoided. It's often a teaching moment that allows us to grow deeper in relationship with each other and God.

We've included some general guidelines on how to deal with conflict as it arises on your team. It's not an exhaustive list and it's not something you'll remember entirely. But, you can review it several times leading up to your trip!

Assignment:

- Communicate often and clearly the overall purpose of the team which is about relationships primarily—not tasks!
- Team Leaders will try to assign responsibilities that fit each member's giftedness but remember to be a servant leader at all times!

Authority:

- Embrace the authority of the field missionaries, your team leader(s), Eastview Global staff, as well as the local and home church.
- Establish lines of communication with your teammates and team leader in advance.
- Be a model of servant-leadership.

Accountability:

- Approach problems early, before they grow.
- Communicate issues with individuals in constructive and personal ways.
- Have high expectations for yourself regarding behavior, servant attitude, and adhering to the team covenant.

Appreciation:

- Adopt the adage: “Praise in public and criticize in private.”
- Recognize the unique gifts of the team members in public.
- Be thankful for everything as an example to the team.
- Encourage wherever and whenever possible.



FIRSTWORLDPROBLEMS

#1 Airlines/ Layovers:

During the busy season we often have limited choices regarding flight routes and availability. The larger the group, the more difficult it is to get group seats; especially out of smaller airports. We take many, many things into consideration before we contract with the airlines for a group.

#2 Mosquitoes/Bugs:

Bring mosquito repellent; bug spray is important. Most people in these nations live without nets and bug spray, therefore, not all hotels see a need to provide these for our teams.

#3 Food/Diet:

There will be many carbohydrates and very few (if any) gluten free meals. You are going to a developing country, where food options are limited. Our hosts give us the best they have, but gluten free meals are limited. If you have a dietary need or preference, please let us know but also plan to pack food to accommodate that need or preference.

#4 Air Conditioning:

Our partner countries can be hot and not all guesthouses or hotels have air conditioning. Drink lots of water and bring a fan that sprays water as an option.

#5 Toilets:

Typically you will use pit latrines, which means a hole in the ground. Take wet wipes and toilet paper for use in the communities and at rest stops. It is likely that none will be provided.

#6 Transportation/ Distance/ Quality:

We rent the best transportation available in country. Air-conditioning may or may not be available. Roads are extremely rough. Flat tires are common. Getting stuck can happen. Driving is culturally different. It is fast and sometimes scary. Eastview Global and our partners strive to provide the safest drivers available.

#7 I Want To Give:

Eastview Global does not allow any individual giving on the ground. We're committed to meeting needs in our partner communities without creating dependency, or expectation. Giving a gift of any size has an enormously negative impact on the community, the relationship with the global partner, and future teams.

#8 I Want More Work:

Americans like to work and see something tangible accomplished by the end of the trip. You may work on projects, however building relationships is the focus of all Eastview Global Teams. Tools are not always available, sometimes on purpose. Use downtime to build relationships. The relationships you build will be far more important than the project itself. If your service project is not completed, do not be discouraged. The community will complete the task.

#9 Guesthouse Accommodations:

Eastview Global arranges the best-suited accommodations available. Sometimes the distance from your lodging to your service area is far. We take many things into account, doing what we believe is best for teams in terms of safety, food preparation, comfort, etc. Air conditioning is not common. Having hot water and consistent electricity is not guaranteed.

#10 I Want More Time in the Community:

Travel times to reach your service community can be long. Available flights often dictate what we are able or not able to do in terms of getting teams to their final destination as quickly as possible. For safety reasons our teams cannot be on the road after dark. The duration of our trips have been established in an effort to keep trip costs within reason.

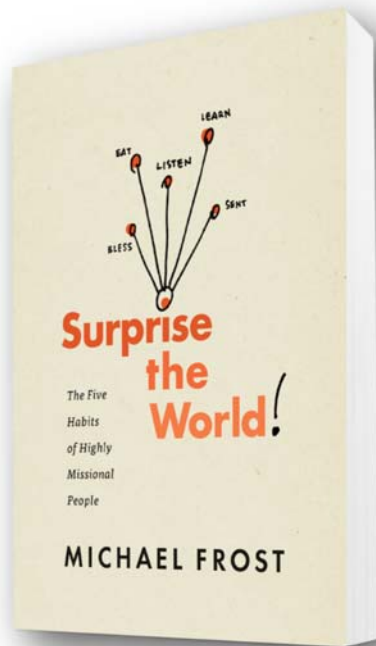
APPENDIX

TRIP JOURNAL

SURPRISE THE WORLD BOOK

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NOTE: TEAM SURVEYS AND THE “RETURNING TO THE US” ARTICLE WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU



Integrating the five habits in the BELLS model—bless others, eat together, listen to the Spirit, learn Christ, and understand yourself as sent by God into others' lives—will help you spread the gospel organically, graciously, and surprisingly.

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