



12 Ways to Make a Short Term Trip Great

1. Become part of the team. Be sensitive to fellow missionaries.
2. Be aware of your ministry expectations in relation to reality. Be willing to do menial/physical work such as typing, loading, working on buildings, painting, etc.
3. Keep up with daily prayer and Bible study. Time will go fast and you will need to schedule time with God. You can't get all you need from group devotions.
4. Be organized but also be flexible in case of delays, last-minute changes, important visits and invitations.
5. Assume the long-term/veteran missionaries are right. If it seems like the wrong method, give it time and try to figure out why. If you still have questions, *ask*.
6. Be aware of romantic relationships. It may distract you. We are not trying to expose the national Christians to progressive dating patterns in the United States.
7. Spend time studying the language. Don't be afraid to try to speak. Make friends with the nationals.
8. Be gracious and tactful concerning fellow team members. It is no one's responsibility to point out the faults of other missionaries. Criticism can/will destroy the team.
9. Get dirty, eat local food. These opportunities will allow you to make friends and maybe get sick!
10. Raising support is easy for some, quite challenging for others. Be willing to help other team members raise support.
11. Report to your supporters. Thank them for their sacrifice, for their prayers. Be respectful even if they don't hold your same philosophy of missions.
12. Be willing to continue on in the field. Be open to God's leading.