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## LEADER'S PACKET

### INTRODUCTION

One of the most fruitful things that can happen with a short-term missions project is for the pastor to accompany his team on their outreach! This helps to consolidate the gains of the missions experience and to anchor the experience in the local church when they return. Now you may or may not be the Senior pastor, but you will be the "shepherd" for your "flock" while on this trip. We are very thankful you are coming so we prepared this packet of information that will help you prepare your team.



We look forward during this trip to be able to serve you! We have gained experience over the years, and together we can serve the purposes of God for the participants, and the lives they will touch. One of the unique things about Dove International is that we believe the pastor (youth pastor) must retain his leadership position during the outreach. This requires Dove & you to "do our homework" on what you will do and what we will do. In general, Dove staff works with the host missionaries in the area of logistics & schedule. You will be with us at all leaders meetings to give input.

### THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO BRING

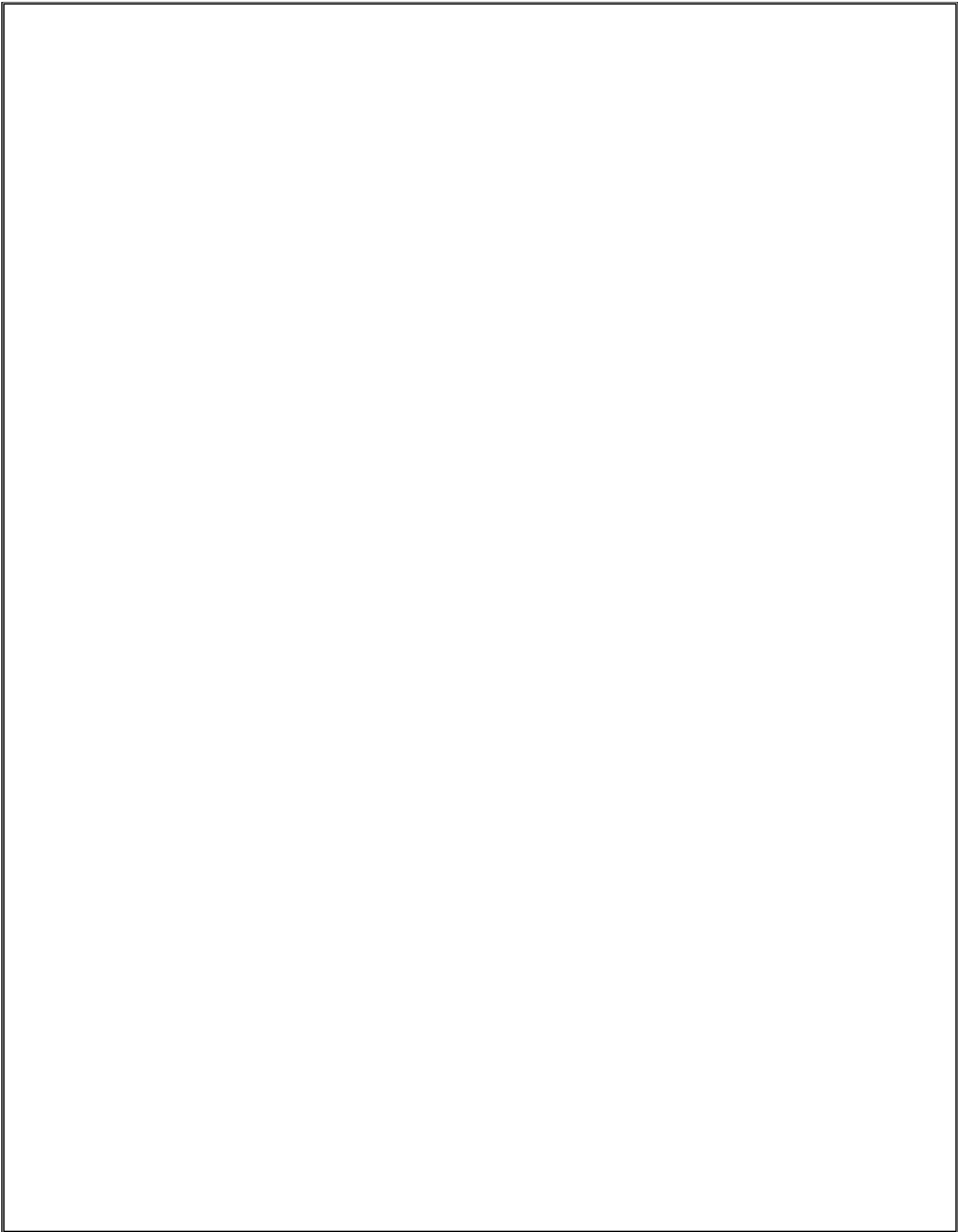
God has called us to Mexico to serve: To serve the people, serve the culture, serve the churches, pastors, legal authorities, and to defer to them. Your attitude in leadership is most important here!

Remember that we are foreigners in Mexico, and we will win hearts to the degree we have a humble heart ourselves. Could you lead your group during your times of preparation in a meditation on the following scriptures? 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, Matthew 20:25-28, & John 13:12-17. Then pray that God will build you together in humility to be a militant team for His Glory! **THANKS!**

### SOME "PREP" MEETINGS

Have numerous preparation meetings prior to the outreach. This helps to build team identity. Equally important, **your team's ministry preparation will make the ministry in Mexico far more powerful.** During these meetings you can study the above scriptures, practice ministry (drama, skits, puppets, music, etc.), memorize Spanish, share info on Mexico, eat tacos, & pray for a powerful move of God. We can arrange for an outreach "veteran" to be there during one of these meetings for a Question/Answer time if necessary. We can also supply ministry resources & ideas. **Be sure that all the team has birth certificates & notarized release forms in perfect order** well ahead of departure date. Also, **strongly enforce the small suitcase rule!**

**Familiarize yourself with the material here. Copy it as necessary, and make sure to contact us if we can serve you in any way!**





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## POINTS OF AGREEMENT/ MAXIMIZING DOVE'S EXPERIENCE & YOUR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Sharing Each Other's Vision  
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Since Dove International is a ministry (not a charter service), we would like to detail some areas we can agree upon. We would like this form to serve as a "Spiritual Contract".

Our drivers will represent Dove on your outreach. They will vary in personality types, giftings, & experience, but all are trained to "defer to & defend the shepherd" (that's you). They will work with you to realize the best combination of your input and ours to make this a life-changing outreach. So in a spirit of Christ's servant heart, we'd like to make a mutual commitment on these points. Please discuss and pray over these points with any other outreach leadership, then sign and return. Keep a copy for yourself.

- Evangelism will be the primary focus of the outreach, and we view the trip as a life-changing missions outreach.
- The sending church will commit itself to prepare the team well with ministry (i.e.: skits, drama, children's ministry, Spanish music, etc.)
- The participants must know who the outreach authority is. Primarily this is the pastor (you) working in conjunction with your co-leaders; it will include Dove staff, and those of the mission receiving us. Please have one individual be the primary recognized authority on your team. This helps in the daily planning and flow of the outreach, and allows you to bring correction if necessary.
- We commit ourselves to serving God's purposes for one another. We will try to exhibit the "fruit of the Spirit," and agree that our mission & each other's lives are too important to exhibit the "works of the flesh". (Galatians 5:19-26)
- To maximize our focus, we will encourage "brother/sister" relationships only and say, "no romantic relationships (touching) unless married".
- We commit ourselves to be "servant leaders" & to prioritize others above ourselves. If there is a schedule change, mechanical delay, or other unforeseen problem, we will view "flexibility" as a virtue. We'll handle any disagreements away from the participants. (Col.3:12-15)
- Personal devotional time will be emphasized, and an uncompromizable time will be made for it in the daily schedule.
- We will have at least five Group gatherings during the outreach for the purpose of teaching, discipleship, worship, prayer, & sharing with one-another. One of these shall be a 'Re-entry' the final night before leaving Mexico. Dove staff may be strongly involved in these.

- We will work together on fulfilling all the points of the “Team Leader’s Checklist”(accompanying page)
- Team members less than 15 years of age, or with medical/emotional difficulties must be cleared with Dove office

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(Dove Staff)

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(Pastor or team leader)

**Note:** Determine before the outreach how much input Dove staff will have in your group.

**“Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus....”**



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## Team Leader's Checklist

If you're The team leader, the most important thing you can do in the states is to keep your people practicing, praying, and expecting god to do great things in them and through them on the outreach. Conveying the importance of both a humble/serving spirit, and yet also having a disciplined/militant spirit will be an important part of your prep meetings.

...But once you're in Mexico, this check list will be an essential part of your outreach! Work together with dove staff to make sure that these things happen. If the dove staff member(s) accompanying you is basically a driver(s), it is crucial you take the lead in these things.

This is not a list of "suggestions", but a list of the most critical responsibilities you have. Your faithfulness to perform these will greatly enhance both the quality and lasting benefits of this outreach.

- ✓ Make sure you meet with your host missionary (Equippers, YWAM, Bethany, etc.) within 16 hours of your teams' arrival...preferably within 4 hours. The church team leaders, Dove drivers, missionaries, and food organizer should be included. You should discuss, immediate needs, and assure a general overview of the outreach.
- ✓ Before each day ends make sure everyone will have something to do the following day. Make sure you have planned a team ministry/work/activity schedule for the following day and that this, along with kitchen help, and work crews are posted or clearly announced the prior evening. A good time to announce these things is before they get off the bus from the last ministry event of the previous day.
- ✓ A teaching must be given on daily, private time with God at the first team gathering, then make this time an uncompromisable part of the daily schedule. Personal time with God is crucial for what God wishes to do.
- ✓ Make sure to have at least 5 scheduled team gatherings during the week. These gatherings can include Praise, Worship, group prayer, and a few of them should include time in which team members can openly share feelings, perspectives, and /or testimonies. At least three of these meetings must have teachings on such topics as: personal devotions, God's heart for missions, making a difference with your life, etc.
- ✓ Make sure to have a **"Re-Entry"** session the final evening before leaving. There should be a challenge to life-long commitment to Christ & His Commission. Then each team member should have 1-2 minutes to share what God has shown them during the outreach. Group prayer should follow with lots of hugs.

**NOTE FOR CHURCH LEADERS:** All head drivers for Dove are experienced, seasoned men & women who are a resource for you in making this an effective outreach. The role they play will depend on your previous experience, and what was agreed upon during the outreach-planning phase. They will work with you on fulfilling these points, but it will be your responsibility to see them carried out.

ALL LEADERS: Please read the reverse side prayerfully.



## NOTES FOR TEAM SHEPHERD (YOU)

### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A "DEBTOR" TO OTHERS (Romans 1:14-16)

As a minister, to a large degree, your effectiveness on this outreach (& in life) is determined by your ability to relate in an appropriate manner to the various constituencies you will encounter. The following guidelines may assist you in your relationships, which in turn will cause others to desire to follow your spiritual leadership. You may only apply a few of these principles during the outreach; we include the rest for your future, because they have been so helpful to us. The Gospel message is often muted unnecessarily by sincere people who simply have not allowed the Holy Spirit to help them learn to get along with others.

1. Always maintain a Christ-like attitude.
2. Seek to have a concept of ministry that is larger than your personal responsibility.
3. Move beyond a view of ministry where all things must "hub" off of you
4. Understand what is appropriate for the occasion.
5. Be amenable to the authorities in your life.
6. Be personally accountable for your actions.
7. Seek the advice/counsel of wise, experienced leaders.
8. Learn to make adjustments without complaining.
9. Guard the words you speak very carefully.
10. Keep your commitments with discipline.
11. Never become defensive.
12. Learn to handle criticism properly.
13. Do not allow misunderstandings to remain unattended.
14. Do not develop a competitive spirit toward others.
15. Know the distinction between principle and preference.
16. Ask for divine guidance in what, when, and how to confront.
17. Do not try to impress others with words or actions.
18. Be willing to "share the credit" with others
19. Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
20. Be polite and considerate to family/close associates.
21. Look for ways to express appreciation/encourage others.
22. Be a peacemaker.
23. Attend to details.
24. Handle finances properly.
25. Do not become a nuisance.
26. KEEP WORKING AT IMPROVING RELATIONSHIPS.
27. GENUINELY LOVE PEOPLE AND LET IT SHOW!!!

#### Scripture references:

**Matt 20:25-27** Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave..

**John 13:35** By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

**Gal. 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**1 John 4:10-11** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.





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## WELCOME TO MEXICO!

A beautiful country of some of the most loving, curious, patient, and relationally warm people in the world. It is also a "harvest" nation.. a nation where thousands are coming to Christ each week.

Travel time is exciting. We bond as a "family" and play, talk, laugh, and practice ministry & Spanish, but make sure you have done serious ministry preparation before leaving.

Before the day of departure, ask God to give you a more deeply humble heart, and a **serving spirit!** Meditate on these scriptures: 1 Cor. 9:19-22; Matt. 20:25-28; & John 13:12-17. We know you will experience the joy of being part of some of the most exciting work on earth! Get other people involved in praying for you while you are working in Mexico. **Their prayers will help your success.**



### SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- Day 1-2: Travel To Border. Possible stop at the Alamo. Get to Motel on the border.
- Day 3: Receive Visas, Change Money, cross border, and travel to target city.
- Day 4: Orientation, Introduction to Mexican church, ½ day of ministry.
- Day 5-8: **Morning:** Group & Personal devotions  
**Afternoon:** Door-to-door work and literature distribution, children's ministry, and distribute invitations to evangelistic meetings. Door to door and street evangelism is done in teams of 2-4 Americans and a Mexican nationals. We will use skits during street evangelism sometimes.  
**Evenings:** Evangelistic meetings involving preaching, testimonies, skits, drama, music, etc.
- Day 9: Clean-up, Final ministry, We'll be tourists in the afternoon. In the evening we will have a group gathering & debriefing . We call it "Re-entry".
- Day 10: Travel (Mexican shopping at the border)
- Day 11: Travel home.

### WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ **Small suitcase** (and one carry-on), slpg. bag (never bring foam pads & use a **very light slpg bag in summer**), pillow, & a roll of TP.
- ✓ Shirts w/collars for men while on ministry & non-revealing blouses for women.
- ✓ Pants/skirts. Women need skirts during ministry in Mexico. Men's pants should be nice shape.
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes, a sweater in the winter, & work clothes (if necessary)
- ✓ Sunday outfit (men bring a tie, a sport-coat is not necessary)
- ✓ "Travel clothes" can be whatever you want

**Notes:** Pack light. Gaudy jewelry, immodest clothing, punk or long hair, and earrings on men don't work.

- ✓ Proper Identification (passport or certified copy of birth certificate, release form, and parental consent form for those under 18)
- ✓ Bible, pen, notebook, & journal
- ✓ Camera, lots of film, & a roll of TP
- ✓ Clock, watch, flashlight, and bug repellent
- ✓ Two batches of fresh-baked cookies, bars, or goodies for the team.

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**Payment:** A \$25 deposit is due for each person registering for a trip. Register as soon as possible to reserve your seat. The remaining trip funds are due two weeks prior to departure. Checks should be made payable to your church unless your pastor or Dove office says otherwise. Your pastor or coordinator will let you know the total cost. Families may get some discounts (talk to your pastor). **Any participants less than 15 must be cleared by your pastor and the Dove office.** Remember, if raising money or getting time off is a problem, **God will make a way!** Pray and get others to pray!

**Other Financial Notes:** Mexican visas will cost \$20./person at the border. Traveler's checks are difficult to cash in or near Mexico. Then they will be "docked" 5%. Meals at the hotel and in Mexico will be provided, but you'll need to purchase travel meals (3-4 each way. We'll stop at fast food places). Other than this the only expenses will be souvenirs, snacks, and a possible restaurant meal. We will also take up an offering for the missionaries who assist us.

**Living Conditions in Mexico:** Mexico is a poor country. You will be exposed to conditions far less comfortable than at home. Lodging is dorm style. Bunk beds are the norm. We'll let you know if you need air mattresses, but never bring bulky foam pads. Always bring a sleeping bag & pillow. Showers are available, but sometimes are cold. Toilets are always available, but seldom have paper. All water and food we provide will be safe. Always use the **very smallest suitcase possible** and, in the summer, only bring a light sleeping bag or two sheets and a blanket.

**Medical:** Travelers have limited liability insurance for bus-related mishaps only while in the U.S., and are responsible for their own medical coverage. **All participants must have appropriate release forms and papers in order to board the bus.** Short-term travelers insurance information is available from your insurance agent or the Dove office if you want it. If you have any physical limitations or medical needs, please advise us in advance so we may be considerate of these. Immunizations are not required, although you may wish to contact your doctor if you are concerned.

**Travel:** We will travel through the night, so have necessities like contact lens solutions, medications, toiletries, etc. in your carry-on on the bus. **Only beverages with screw-on lids are permitted on the bus.** Don't forget some cookies, bars, or other goodies that we can pass around the bus. Bus travel will be a great time to talk, laugh, pray, read, share the Word, share testimonies, & get to know one another

**EMERGENCIES:** The following phone numbers are for emergency only! Mexico: 011(528)412-1437, Fax: 320-634-3240. Dove Office (320)634-3240. Director's Home (320)634-4266. Other numbers may be on your itinerary.

Again, we're so glad that you'll be joining us! We're praying that this trip will be a life-changing experience for you. Start preparing and praying that we'll all have open hearts for everything that God wants to teach us, for safe travel, and for God to prepare the way for our ministry in Mexico. Pray for those setting up our work both here and in Mexico. Pray that **we will all have the power of the Holy Spirit**. Finally, pray that we will work in a **spirit of unified love**, both with one-another, and with the Mexican believers we will work beside.

**VAYA CON DIOS!**



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## BEHAVING ABROAD

As Christians, we represent Jesus Christ in a foreign country as much as we do in the United States. This means that we should always be courteous and kind, both with our teammates and host nationals, as well as any personnel with whom we may have contact (hotel clerks, cab drivers, etc.).

People in other lands are frequently quite sensitive to the "Arrogant American." Thoughtless, sarcastic remarks about ways of doing things, environment, facilities, etc., though made in English, are understood more widely than we think, and cause great resentment. Respect for the culture, on the other hand, is deeply appreciated. Just because things are done differently from the way we do them does not mean they are inferior or deserving of ridicule.

Interpersonal relationships are of the utmost importance on a short-term mission trip. A positive, supportive outlook goes a long way in minimizing friction. If you look for trouble, you'll find it. If you look for the positive aspects of people and circumstances, you'll find this too.

Flexibility is an essential ingredient of harmonious relationships. Honesty is vital, too. If you feel something when a subject or course of action is under discussion, speak up. Don't bottle up your feelings, and then gripe to others later; If something major is bothering you, go to the leader first., rather than getting others agitated. Sometimes, for the sake of the group, you will have to go along with a particular plan or do something you wouldn't ordinarily choose to do. Responding cheerfully to such instances is a sign of maturity. Pouting is both selfish and disruptive.

Since we are guests in foreign countries, we must graciously conform to their customs and habits, even though they seem outmoded to us. For instance, women in Europe are requested, and sometimes required, to cover their shoulders when entering a cathedral. It is not becoming a Christian to try to flout or argue about such customs.

The very fact that we have enough money to travel to Europe, Latin America or Asia is a shock to many nationals; particularly students. We must empathize with their material as well as spiritual situation and avoid any tendency toward a feeling of superiority.

Traveling with Christians is not only a very rewarding experience culturally and socially, but spiritually as well. The experience is not "automatic" however. The maintenance of a daily devotional life, full participation in group Bible study, devotion and prayer, and an open heart of love to all Christians and non-Christians you meet will result in spiritual growth. Anything less will cheat you of the experience that God wants you to have!

We'll share some good orientation before crossing the border on things to be careful of while in Mexico.

Scripture sums up the key to maximum enjoyment and growth as a member of a short-term team:" Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"(Hebrews 10:24).

## 12 WAYS TO RUIN A SHORT TERM

Believe it or not, it is possible to have a bad short-term experience! Situation & organization is not nearly as important as attitude. Please go over these with a loving prayerful heart. It is not meant to be cynical, but helpful. In an effort to make the short-term experience the best it can be, here is a checklist of what **not to do**.

1. Go it alone. Beware of joining your life and heart with the group. It could really cramp your style.
2. Remember that your purpose is spiritual: you want to win the country to Christ. Refuse to let menial work—dishwashing, loading trucks, working on buildings—distract you from your task.
3. Abandon daily prayer and Bible study. The days will go fast so you really won't have time. You can usually get all you need from the group devotions.
4. Be organized. Expect the group to stick rigidly to its organized plan. Delays, last minute changes and impromptu visits and invitations are obstacles to be avoided at all costs.
5. Help the missionaries by pointing out their mistakes. Bring them up to date with the latest missiological trends. Sometimes they can be stubborn, so be sure to win support of others by gossiping about them before actually confronting them with their errors.
6. A short term is a perfect time to get involved in a romantic relationship. It may distract you slightly from the work, but it's a good way to expose the national Christians to progressive dating patters in the United States.
7. Don't embarrass yourself by trying to pick up the local language. Remember that English is spoken all over the world, and people will want you to help them.
8. Be sure to point out the faults of your team members right away. Time is short, and it may be difficult for people to make the needed changes if you don't help them from the start. Especially focus criticism on the leaders.
9. Take cares not to get dirty or eat the local food. You may miss a few friendship opportunities with "the natives," but you will avoid any chance of getting sick.
10. Don't practice any ministry before arrival. You will have the "anointing" anyway.
11. When you report at home, castigate your congregation and friends for their lack of commitment, prayer and giving to missions. This is one of the few times you will have their deferential respect, so make the most of it.
12. After it's all over, remember that as an overseas veteran, you have an "honorable discharge" deferment from attempts to draft you into more missions work. Resist the urge to go long term. A person like you is probably most valuable at home speaking to groups on the world mission of the church.



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## "KOINONIA" ON OUTREACHES

### DEFINITION:

**koi no nia** [Gk communion, association, partnership, fr. koinos common] 1:the Christian fellowship of body of believers 2:intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community <the Koinonia of the disciples with each other and with their God>

As we read the New Testament, it becomes clear that a "*koinonia*" (love & fellowship) existed among the believers that it is easy to envy! Back then, the relationship of Christians was so interwoven and so unified in purpose and being that every individual Christian became a part of each other's spiritual growth, Christian maturity, and even physical health.

"Koinonia" was God's divinely ordered "environment" in which His people would fulfill the great commission. The joy of the Lord would be their strength, and their love and life style would be the envy of those "outside" of their faith! They would "labor for the Lord", bringing more people into the BODY of CHRIST! "Koinonia" was God's environment for their victory, growth, maturity, encouragement, love, and unity!

We can speculate as to why it is in shorter supply today...maybe the "hurriedness" of our western civilization, or maybe our complexity of life, or overemphasis on "things". Whatever that reason, we seem to escape from it on these outreaches. You'll notice God's miracle of "Koinonia" on these outreaches! You'll be actively involved every day in the thing closest to God's heart... MISSIONS! This "Koinonia" between you, the Mexican believers, and others on the trip will be remembered for a lifetime!

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

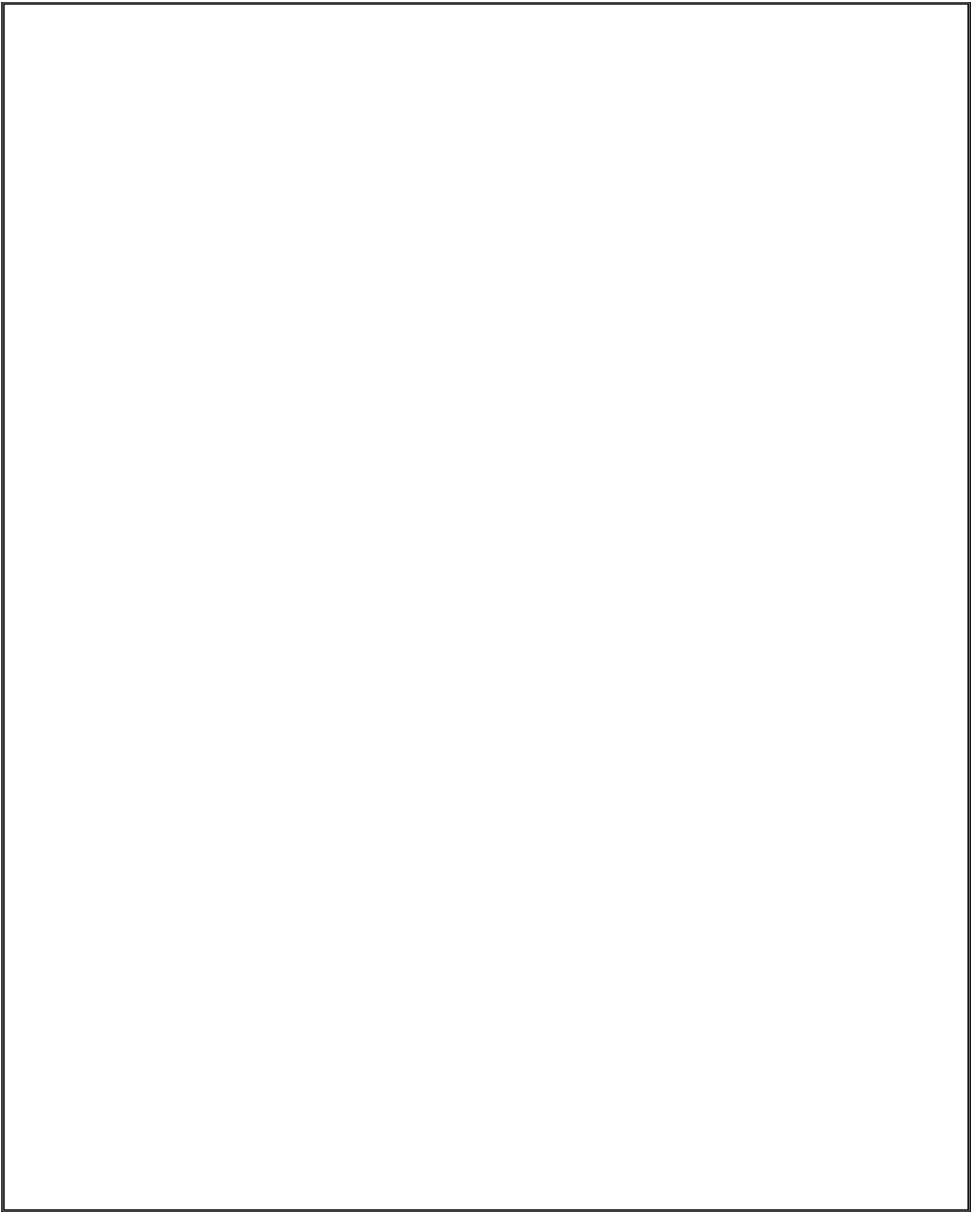
Acts 2:42   Rom.11:17; 12:13; 15:27   1 Cor.1:9; 9:10; 9:23; 10:16-20   Eph. 5:11  
2 Cor.1:7; 6:14; 8:4; 8:23; 9:13; 13:14   Gal.2:9; 6:6   Phil.2:1; 3:10; 4:14-15  
1 Tim.6:18   Philemon 6,17   Heb.13:16   1 Pet.5:1   1 John 1:3,7   Rev.1:9,18:4

### TWO GOOD NOTES!

\*"Koinonia" has nothing to do with romantic relationships. In order to really focus on our "koinonia" relationships as brothers and sisters in God's family, we make a commitment to each other to avoid romantic relationships during the outreach.

\*Pray that God will bond our hearts with those of one-another, and with the Mexican believers!

*"...so the Word of God spread."*





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## MEXICO FACTS

**Population:** 90,000,000 (U.S. 3x larger) Mexico is the largest Spanish speaking country in the world.

**Age:** 50% of all Mexicans are under the age of 15! (U.S: 20%)(this is why we focus children's ministry as an important part of our Mexico outreaches)

**Area:** 761,600 square miles (U.S.5x larger)

### Ethnic groups

- 60% Mestizo (mixture of Indian and Spanish)
- 29% Indian (usually living in more remote areas)
- 9% White

**Religion** 89% Catholic (One of the heaviest concentrations of "evangelicals" is in Monterrey:20-30%!). Monterrey is the third largest city in Mexico-6,000,000, and because of its Industrial base, it has a great economic and political influence in the country. Pentecostals account for the majority of the Protestant churches.

**Capitol:** Mexico City: This is their Federal District (like our Washington D.C.).

**Population:** 25,000,000. Largest city in the world. (7x larger than Chicago or L.A.)

**President:** Vicente Fox (He won an upset election in 2000 that threw out the party that had held control for over 70 years.)

**Number of states:** 31. Most of Doves work is in four of the N.W. states

**Amount of oil:** 2x more than U.S.

**Money:** Peso (presently trading at about 10 for one U.S. dollar). Average yearly Income per family-\$2,370 (U.S. 8x more). Minimum wage-\$4./day

**Cars:** 1 for every 17 people (U.S. 1 for every 2);

**TV's:**1 for every 9 people (U.S. 1 for 1)

**Telephones:** 1 for every 9 people (U.S. 1 for every 2);

**Radios:** 1 for 5 (U.S. 2 for every 1)

**Births:** 2x faster than U.S. / **Infant deaths**-4x higher than U.S.

## **MEXICO MINISTRY AND BIBLE FACTS**

Some of the ministry you will be involved in will be door-to-door Bible distribution and evangelism. Here is some information you need to know:

The average home in the U.S. has 7 Bibles, the average home in Mexico has none. In many areas of Spanish speaking nations, 90% of the homes have no Bible.

In many ways, Mexico resembles England and Germany prior to the Reformation. Once Bible portions were made available to the common people, it so changed the culture that western nations are still feeling the impact of it in their literature, laws, and ethics. We believe that Mexico and other Latin American nations are in a similar place today. Now is the time to bring God's Word to these nations!

Mexicans are very relational, responsive, curious, and they love Americans to pieces! The team effort of American and Mexican Christians doing door-to-door evangelism has been one of the most effective forms of ministry in Mexico because it takes advantage of these qualities. The Americans always are the "door-opener". They speak first (usually with very limited Spanish); this always creates a bond between the Gospel message and the hearer.

During our door-to-door work, we also will be inviting the people to evening evangelistic meetings involving preaching, testimonies, Gospel movies, and any specialized ministry your team has worked up.

### **Consider this:**

If only 1% of the churches in the U.S. would send just 10 people on a trip like you are going on, we could share the Gospel and give a Bible to every home in Mexico City (the world's largest city) in only 5 days!

If 100% of the churches in the U.S. responded in sending 10, all of Mexico, Cuba, and all nations of the Latin Caribbean could be reached in 3 hours, and the whole world in less than 3 weeks!

(These statistics were compiled with data from the U.S Center for World Missions, Youth With A Mission, and Equippers International. Surprisingly, they reflect only the potential of the church in the United States!)

We're sure that one of the things that the devil fears most is that the church would discover its own potential, and determine to obey Christ's command to "GO"! Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8





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## SPANISH PHRASE SHEET

**Buenos dias, buenas tardes, buenas noches**

good morning, good afternoon, good evening

¿Como esta Usted? How are you?

¿Como estas tu? (use with younger person, thru teens)

Response might be **"bien gracias, y Usted?"** (Fine thanks and you?)

You reply, **muy bien**(very fine)

**Me llamo \_\_\_\_\_ y mis companeros se llaman \_\_\_\_\_**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my companions are \_\_\_\_\_.

¿Como se llama Usted? What's your name?

¿Como te llamas tu? (Use with younger person)

**Mucho gusto!** It's a pleasure to meet you! (shake hands)

### PURPOSE OF VISIT

**Estamos aqui para compartir el evangelio De Cristo con usted. Estamos trabajando con la iglesia \_\_\_\_\_.**

We are here to share the gospel of Jesus with you. We are working with the church \_\_\_\_\_.

**Estamos aqui para regalar la palabra de Dios a cada familia que no la tenga.**

We are here to give the word of God to every family that does not have it.

¿Tiene Usted un Nuevo Testamento en su casa? Do you have a New Testament in your house?

If answered 'Si', you may want to ask; ¿Eres evangelico? Are you a Christian?

¿Quiere un Nuevo Testamento? Do you want a New Testament?

**Es un regalo. No cuesta nada.** It's a gift. No charge.

**Jesucristo te ama mucho! El quiere tener una relacion personal con usted y su familia. El quiere ser su Senor y Salvador. Jesucristo murio en la cruz para perdonar nuestros pecados. ¿Quiere invitar a Cristo en su corazon?**

Jesus Christ loves you. He wants to have a personal relationship with you and your family. He wants to be you Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ died on the cross to forgive our sins. Do you want to invite Christ into you heart?

If the answer is “si”, continue...

**Primeramente Usted necesita arrepentirse de sus pecados. Para conocer a Jesucristo personalmente Usted debe entregarle a el su vida y pedirle que el entre en su corazon.** First you need to repent of your sins.

**Quiere usted conocer a Jesucristo personalmente?** Do you want to know Jesus personally. **Aqui hay una oracion. Vamos a orar. Repita despues de mi.** Here is a prayer. Let's Pray. Repeat after me.

**Padre Santo / gracias por enviar a tu hijo Jesucristo / a morir en la cruz por mi / gracias pos tus promesas de salvacion escritas en la Biblia/ Senor Jesus / yo soy un pecador / perdona todos mis pecados / entra en mi corazon para que seas mi Senor y Salvador / gracias porque en ti soy una nueva persona / ensename en tu palabra / y ayudame a amarte cada dia / gracias Senor / en el nombre de Jesus Amen.**

Useful phrases

**¿Podria usar su bano?** May I use your bathroom?

**Queremos invitarle al servicio especial esta noche.** We want to invite you to a special service this evening.

**Jesuscristo puede sanarle!** Jesus can heal you!

**Dios le bendiga.** God bless you. **Adios.** Goodbye.

**Muchas gracias.** Thanks. **Por favor.** Please.



# DOVE INTERNATIONAL

"Using the Church to Touch the World"

## HOW DID DOVE INTERNATIONAL BEGIN?



We saw the local church as the only thing with the manpower and resources to win the world in our generation. We also saw many pastors responding to God's call to mobilize their church. It was clear that these churches & pastors needed an experienced and relational resource that could make their vision a reality. The goal became not only to bring people on an outreach, but to touch all lives involved in the most profound way possible. God's word to us at the beginning was, *"mobilize & train the local church by serving its leadership, do it for the benefit of the local church"*

From the beginning, we knew Dove would have to have various venues of training to fulfill its mission. Four training programs developed: **1)** We view the outreaches as times of discipleship. Dove always structures the outreaches so we have at least 1-2 hours/day to "guide the stream" of what God is doing in participants lives. **2)** A 3-week Guatemala Language School (GLS). **3)** Our "World-Changers Weekend" (WCW) held in September as a "follow-up" to the year's outreaches). **4)** Discipleship and Leadership Programs of our World Changers Outreach Institute (WCOI) held in Antigua, Guatemala in the fall & winter. The focus of this school is to make a life-long unwavering disciple of Christ's! **5)** Guatemala Summer Outreach, a one-month program that focuses on Spanish language acquisition and outreach.

## WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?



The results have been changed lives both on the field and at home. We have seen over 20,000 decisions for Christ since 1986. We have taken over 4000 people to Mexico by coach since that time. There are dozens of people in full-time ministry today who have been influenced by Dove's life-changing ministries. Others are giving, praying, and serving the missions programs of the local church

## THREE METHODS OF ACTION

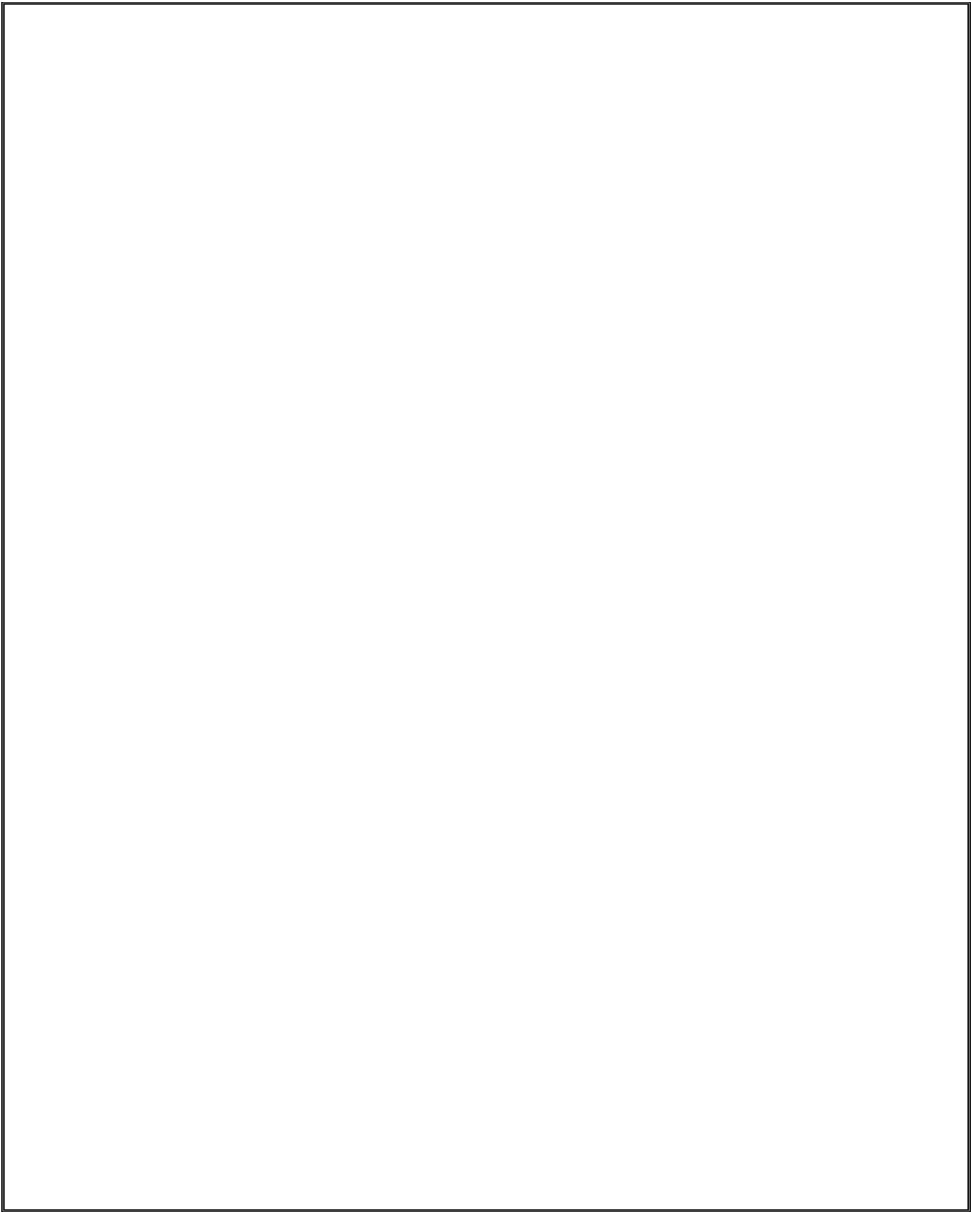
**Mobilizing-** Giving lay people and pastors hands-on experience in a third-world country.

**Training-** Our schools are for teachings and presentations at



mentioned above. Also Dove staff is available missions conferences, schools and other events

**Serving-** We are an ongoing relational resource. Our conviction is to serve the authority structure, vision, & purpose of the local church.





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## CONSTRUCTION/MEDICAL MINISTRY RESPONSE FORM

Please assign each person to only one of the categories listed below. You may want to classify any multi-talented people in your group under the General Handyman category. The total at the bottom should be the total estimated number of people on your team. This does not mean every one will be involved in this ministry or even that **anyone** may be involved in it. This will help us plan any possible construction (or "helps") ministry.

( ) My team is interested in construction    ( ) My team will not be doing any construction (leave form blank)

	High Skill	Moderate Skill	Total
Carpenters			
Masons			
Plumbers			
Electricians			
Painters			
General Handymen			
Heavy Manual Labor			
Light Manual Labor			
People unable to work in construction			
			<b>Grand Total</b>

Please send response six weeks in advance to:

Dove International  
PO Box 97  
Glenwood, MN 56334

If there are less than six weeks to your departure date, please fax the response to (320)634-3240.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** (Such as: only a few want to do this kind of ministry, special giftings like medical talents, etc.)

## SAMPLE SUPPORT RAISING LETTER

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Greetings from \_\_\_\_\_!!!! I'm writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity that has been given to me to bring the gospel to the people of Mexico. A group of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ will be going on a missionary trip to \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

During this missions trip we will be going door-to-door and giving Spanish New Testaments to people who have no Bible, holding big "Kid's Crusades", performing drama skits that share the gospel, doing church construction, Also we will be sharing in the Mexican Church services, and in the evenings having open-air evangelistic services in neighborhoods and parks. I and the team are working hard on memorizing Spanish phrases, and practicing some exciting drama presentations.

The area we will be working in is very poverty stricken. The living conditions are bad and the kids generally dress in rags. However, the exciting news is that we are trying to go there and do what we can to help. The Mexican people are very hungry to hear about God's love for them.

I am writing you to ask if you would begin to pray for us that God would help us to share His love, protect us during our bus trip and times of ministry, that all team members would not get sick, and most importantly that the people of Mexico would open their hearts as we share about the Love of Jesus.

The total cost of this per person will be about \_\_\_\_\_ which will cover the bus ride round-trip, food and lodging during the trip, as well as the cost of the Spanish Bibles that we will be distributing and other needed items to help make this trip possible.

Would you pray about helping me raise the needed amount in order to be able to go? If you would be able to make a donation of \_\_\_\_ that would greatly help in making it possible for me to go. Whatever amount you could give would be of great help.

In order to go I need the full \_\_\_\_\_ amount paid in advance by \_\_\_\_\_.

I appreciate your prayers during this time of preparation. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or write.

Sincerely,



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## RELEASE OF LIABILITY / CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

I/We hereby release **Dove International**, its agents, assistants, board, and director from any liability whatsoever arising out of any injury, illness, damage, or loss which may be sustained by said person during the course of involvement with **Dove International**.

I also understand that liability insurance provided by **Dove International** is minimal, and only available under limited conditions, and only while traveling in the U.S. **No insurance of any kind is provided by Dove International while in Mexico or Central America.**

I/We also agree to the performance of such treatment, anesthetics and operations as in the opinion of the attending physician is deemed necessary on me should the situation arise.

### Applicants Medical Information

Medical Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical condition: or are you taking any medication that may require a doctor's advice for you to participate in this outreach? Please check one. \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

If YES please provide Dove International with a written description of the condition.

### Insurance

Dove International does not provide insurance for the applicant. We can provide information about "Traveler's Insurance" at your request. Please Initial the Following Statement:

\_\_\_\_ I assume responsibility for my own insurance needs. Any medical expenses are my responsibility.

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's age (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature(or responsible party if applicant is less than 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

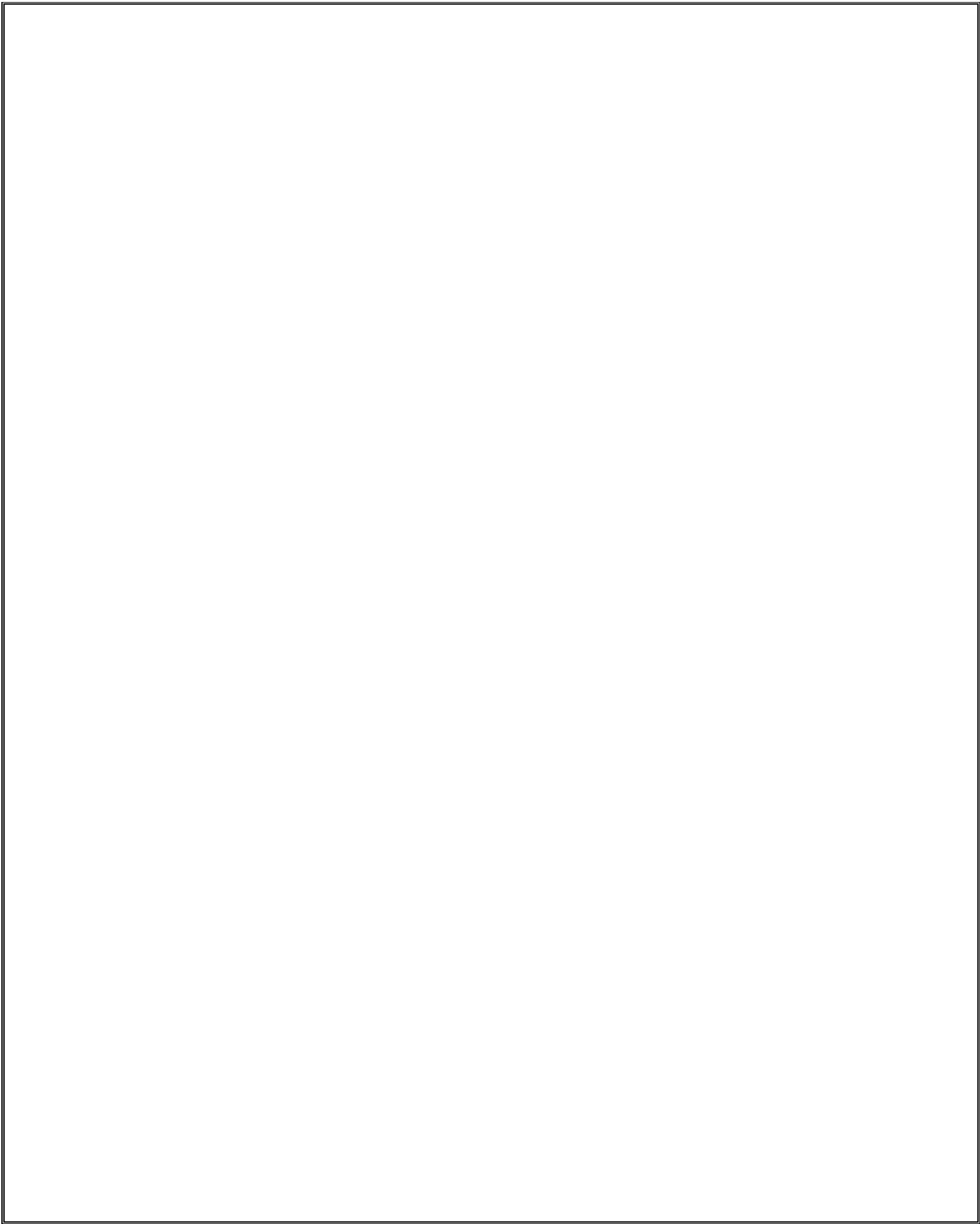
Responsible party's relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires on \_\_\_\_\_





# PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

(For age 17 or under)

## Instructions

- 1 Fill out this form. **This form must be signed by both parents regardless of their marital status.**
  - **In cases of divorce** both parents must sign this form. If both parents cannot sign then the person with custody must sign and must attach a notarized copy of the custody papers with this form.
  - **If one or both of the parents are deceased**, a notarized copy of copies of the death certificate(s) will need to be attached.
  - In all other situations please contact us.
- 2 Have this form notarized.
- 3 Keep this form with you. You will need this form along with a proper ID (Birth Certificate or Passport) in order to enter Mexico (or other foreign country) **Do not send this form to Dove International.**

**NOTE:** This form must be filled out for all minors. Without a **properly filled out and notarized** consent form the authorities will not allow a minor into their country. The reason for this protocol is that the Foreign authorities are trying to ensure minors do not enter their country against the wishes of the minor's legal guardians.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for  
\_\_\_\_\_ to go into \_\_\_\_\_ in the months of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, under  
the supervision of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_