

Preparing to Go

Pray

Pray daily and get a team of intercessors who will commit to pray for your trip before, during and after.

Frequent Flyer Miles

Make sure you have an account with the airlines you are flying so you can get credit for your long flights

Practice the Language

Even knowing a few simple phrases in the local language is a powerful bridge builder and demonstrates an attitude of honor towards the host culture.

Dream with God

Dream about what will happen during the trip, who you will minister to, and the things that God will do. If you want to raise the dead start imagining yourself doing so. Use this trip as an opportunity to envision and co-create with God towards the destiny that He has for you.

Pay Attention to Promptings

Maybe you have a dream about something, have an impression that you should pack an odd item or buy a certain thing at the store for your trip. Pay attention to these things. Write down words of knowledge that you get ahead of time about people you will pray for, things that will be healed, etc.

Travel Documents

- Make 2 color copies of your passport & visa (if applicable).
- Leave 1 Copy at home and carry one with you while you travel.

Finances

- Notify your bank & credit card company of where you are going and when (so they don't freeze your account because it looks like someone stole your card).
- Some Credit Cards have a chip on the front that can be used with a passcode – check with your company to see if yours has a code.

Cell Phone

- Contact your carrier before you leave to figure out if you'll have international coverage for calling, data, or texting.
- Give your family a number where you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Consider setting up Skype or Whats App on your phone, or use Facebook messenger to be able to call home using wifi.

Gifts

It's great to bring gifts to give to leaders or friends that you will meet. Items that are not fragile and pack well are best. It's especially nice to give gifts that are prophetic, or have a personal connection (i.e. you are from MN so you bring a bag of wild rice or a journal with a picture of the local skyline, etc.). Make sure you connect with your team leader/host about what is the appropriate way to give gifts in the culture you are going to.

Here are Some Gift Ideas

Men

- Nice Pen
- Journal/Note Pad

Women

- Scarf
- Jewelry
- Journal

Children

- Stickers
- Nail polish to paint girls' nails

- Small stuffed animals or dollar store items

Local Items

- T-Shirt or Key Chain from your city, country or state
- Food specific to your area (make sure it will clear customs)

Prophetic Art

- A painting or drawing that you made
- Photographs

- Prints of your or other's artwork

Resources

- A book that means a lot to you
- Worship CDs
- Resources on topics your team will be ministering on
- Christian books that may be hard to get there

Be Prepared To

- Share your personal salvation testimony as well as other more recent testimonies.
- Explain the gospel of salvation and lead people to the Lord.
- Give a non-religious motivational message.
- Preach in a church – have 1-2 messages ready should you be called on.