

Team Member Responsibility

Team members have a responsibility to prepare for the team project. Basic knowledge of the mission is important, especially on a first-time experience. Your team leader will distribute information to team members in advance and will ask for some pertinent personal information in the administrative organization of the trip. Depending on the location, you will be responsible for having any necessary immunizations current prior to travel, and the team leader will need to be informed of special health issues. You will also be asked to read the guidelines and sign the liability waivers for the HarvestCall organization. Your team leader will be equipped to answer your specific questions, and during the trip, you are requested to follow their guidance and instructions.

Ambassadors for Christ

As ambassadors for Christ we should represent Him well. Our service to Him should be evidenced in our life by persistent prayer, a humble servant attitude and an appearance that accurately reflects our life in Christ. As we participate in a team, we must recognize that we are there to serve others, likely those with a different cultural background than our own.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart (Eph 6: 5-6)

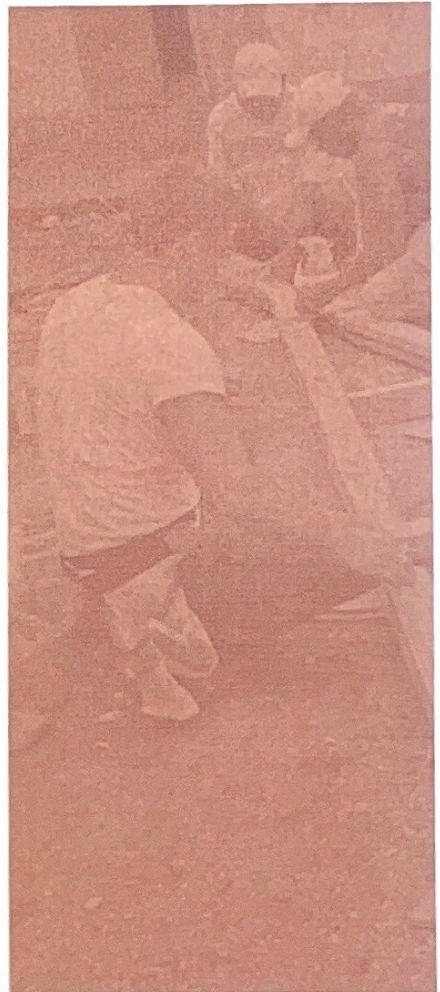
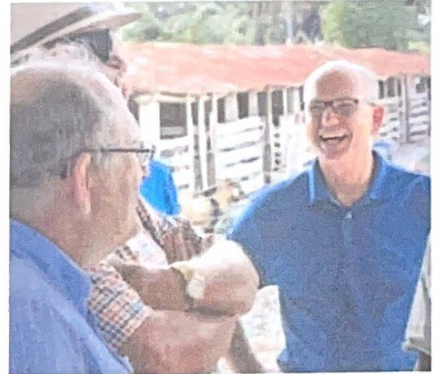
Our actions must be appropriate in the culture we are serving as we exhibit the love of Christ to the hurting, share the gospel truth or any other physical or spiritual task the project may require. We may not witness the fruit of our labors, but may only be involved in planting the seeds. Our labors should continually be focused on helping, not hindering, the lives of those we are serving.

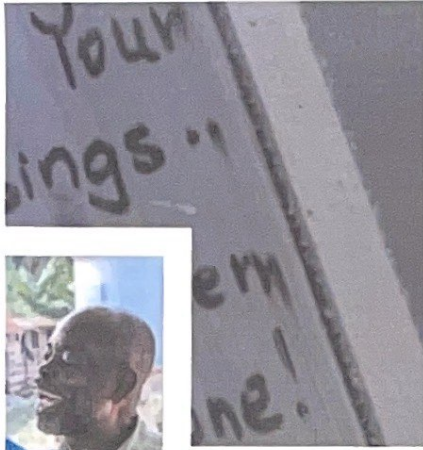
So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. (1 Cor 3:7)

Witness for Christ

While serving on a team we must always be mindful, that as Christians, we are commanded to not conform to the world. Instead, our lives must be transformed by His holy will and purpose for us in all that we do.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not





conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Rom 12:1-2)

As we labor in service to others, our love to them and each other should always be evident. Our focus should be on service to others in the love of Christ, pointing them to Him, and should never call attention to ourselves and be a distraction to others.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:35)

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (1 Cor 13:4-7)

Appearance and Behavior

We must also recognize that our witness as Christians often is most evident in our personal behavior and physical appearance. We are guests and ought to be respectful, neither behaving, speaking, nor dressing offensively. Our attire in the mission field should accurately reflect Biblical standards during both service and free time activities. We should dress safely and appropriately for the tasks being performed, displaying modest attire, respectful behavior, and applying Biblical principles. If one has never learned to know another culture, it may not be apparent just how offensive some actions can be. For this reason, we ask that you willingly comply with all instructions from your team leader.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:5-7)

As examples of appropriate attire, women are requested to wear modest skirts, dresses, culottes, or scrubs, depending on the activity being performed. It is appropriate for men to wear long jeans or pants and shirts with sleeves. Teams should refrain from wearing tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or shorts. We encourage demonstrating moderation as ambassadors for Christ and request that team members observe these clothing guidelines.