

Session #1 Outline

Pre-Trip Training

Guatemala



Objective: To help trip participants grasp the importance of Pre-Trip Training and to understand the purpose of the trip and the role they are being called to play in fulfilling the Great Commission, and to introduce participants to an evangelism tool we will be using on the mission trip.

In This Session:

- ▶▶ An Overview of NEXT Worldwide's Vision, Strategy, and Values
- ▶▶ What to Expect
- ▶▶ Keys to a Great Mission Trip Experience
- ▶▶ An Overview of The GOSPEL Keys Evangelism Tool

Supplies Needed:

- ▶▶ A Pre-Trip Training Guide for each participant
- ▶▶ A/V equipment/computer to play the training video(s)
- ▶▶ A Set of GOSPEL Keys for each participant
- ▶▶ Financial/Forms Status update report (From NEXT Worldwide)
- ▶▶ A Whiteboard and Markers for the "Release of Rights" activity (optional)

Time Frame: 75-90 minutes

Welcome: (5-7 minutes)

Welcome everyone to the meeting. Thank them for being there and have someone open in prayer. Reiterate the importance of Pre-Trip Training.

The Importance of Pre-Trip Training

- » Emphasize the fact that how prepared they are will have a direct impact on the ministry on the mission site.
- » Encourage participants to invest time now in order to not only get the most out of the trip, but also to have the greatest impact possible on the ministry of the church-planters we will be partnering with.
- » Explain that this first session is going to help all of us know what to expect and help us understand what our purpose and roles will be on this mission trip.

Video: Welcome (3 minutes)

Hand out the Pre-Trip Training Guides and show the "Welcome" video*.

Video: Our Vision (5 minutes)

Show the "Our Vision" video*

Discussion: (5-7 minutes)

After the video, have the trip participants share some of the things they are most excited about or most nervous about regarding this trip.

Video: Our Strategy (4 minutes)

Show the "Our Strategy" video*

Video: Our Ministry in Guatemala (4 minutes)

Explain that now that we have a better understanding of who NEXT Worldwide is and their strategy, we are now going to hear briefly from the people who are leading the ministry in Guatemala, then show the "Our Ministry in Guatemala" video*

Prayer Time (10-15 minutes)

After hearing about the ministry you will be doing and about how God is at work in Guatemala, spend some time in prayer for the ministry that is taking place there. Pray for wisdom and encouragement for the church-planting partners. Pray for the people there who don't yet know or understand the gospel.

[It might be helpful to divide trip participants into smaller groups to pray]

Video: What to Expect (8 minutes)

Show the "What to Expect" video*

Group Exercise: Release of Rights (20-25 minutes)

Audrey reminded us that we need to be flexible, to prepare ourselves, and to remember that we are a team. As we think about preparing ourselves and being team players, I want us to spend some time now thinking through what commitments each of us may need to make to God, to ourselves, and to our team members as we prepare for this opportunity.

Option 1 – Have trip participants read through the "Release of Rights" on page 39 of their Pre-Trip Training Guide with several teammates (or read through it as a group) and discuss why it would be important to give up those rights and to trust God to work. Encourage team members to sign the release of rights and commit to those attitudes as they prepare for and go on this trip.

Option 2 – If you would rather not use the "Release of Rights," have trip participants share ideas of what type of commitments they think the team needs to make to each other in order to have a successful mission trip. As they share, have someone write down what is said on a sheet of paper or poster board. When finished, have everyone sign the sheet committing to those things.

Video: An Introduction to the GOSPEL Keys (8 minutes)

Hand out a set of the GOSPEL Keys to each participant and show the "Introduction to the GOSPEL Keys" video*.

Closing/Homework (5-6 minutes)

Thank everyone for taking this training seriously and then give them the following assignment and reminders.

- ▶▶ Have trip participants memorize the key statements, key verses, & transition statements for "G" & "O" Keys before the next meeting. (These can be found on pages 12-13 of their Pre-Trip Training Guide.)
- ▶▶ Remind participants of the next meeting time and to bring their training guides and keys to each meeting.
- ▶▶ Remind participants of any upcoming deadlines for the trip.
- ▶▶ Encourage those who haven't met their financial goals yet to keep raising support.
- ▶▶ Encourage those who have missing forms to turn those in as soon as possible.
- ▶▶ Remind participants to be checking their online account and writing thank you notes to anyone who has made a contribution.

Video Links:

The pre-trip training videos for this session can all be viewed on our website at the following link: www.nextworldwide.org/guatemala-pre-trip-training-for-groups