



TEAM LEADER  
MANUAL



# TEAMS

**We Leave in One Month**

- Team Meetings and Trainings
- Ministry Preparation
- Country and Culture Research
- Sharing Your Testimony

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## Team Meetings and Trainings

You should have a minimum of three meetings before departing in order to prepare for the trip. <https://teams.onehope.net/resources/>

### Object Lessons

- Gum and Money
- Choices
- M&Ms
- Playdoh
- Water (Identity)
- Balloon (Peer Pressure)
- Jacket (Addiction)
- Paper + Eraser (Gospel)

### Skits

- Walk of Life
- The Chair
- The Hello Song
- Heart Skit

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Here are some suggestion components for your meetings:

- Ice breaker/team building activity
- Ministry Preparation
  - Skits
  - Giving your testimony
  - Ministry Assemblies
- Videos
  - We have prepared videos of the Team Member packet content. You have the option of utilizing these videos to disseminate information to your team during your meetings. The videos are available on the Team Member side of the Teams Website.
- Discussion questions
- Teaching notes/Scripture
- Prayer/Ways to Pray
- Cultural/Country Research: Have your team do their own research on the culture and see if they have anything helpful to share.





## Meeting #1: Missions Overview/Country Overview

Video: OneHope testimony

Teaching: Biblical perspective on missions

Things to go over: World Overview/Country Overview

## Meeting #2: What Difference Does it Make?

Video: OneHope testimony

Teaching: Fruitfulness/Faithfulness (John 15)

Things to go over: Program overview (country/trip specific) & why we do this

## Meeting #3: Getting Ready to Go

Video: OneHope testimony

Teaching: Jesus' attitude (Philippians 2)

Things to go over:

- Team testimonies
- Skits, and object lessons
- Working with a translator
- What to pack/not to pack
- Responding to hospitality
- Being flexible throughout the week
- Culture shock/cultural adaptation

## Sharing Testimonies

Sharing personal testimonies is an integral part of any Teams trip. It helps those you will be ministering to know that the Gospel message of hope is real and impactful in our daily lives and invites them to share in that story. Team members might feel intimidated to share their testimonies in a public setting. Encourage them not to let fear prevent them from potentially helping someone encounter Jesus for the first time. These are typically some of the most special times during a trip with so much potential to move hearts for Christ.

## Testimony Tips for the Team

- Take some time before the trip to consider what God might have you share.
- Your testimony should not be your entire life story. It could be a key moment where you experienced God's provision or presence, a problem you overcame with God's help, or something miraculous you witnessed.
- Don't compare your testimony to others. If you have a relationship with Jesus, you have a unique story with the potential to relate to someone else.





- Think about your main point—can you say in one sentence what you want them to walk away with? How does your story support this?
- Share your heart with the students, and speak of emotions that apply to everyone. Don't focus on things that separate them from you (i.e. possessions, money).
- Before you share, calm your heart and listen to the Spirit in case there is a different direction you should go.
- If your testimony is being translated, speak slowly and simply. Stop after every few sentences for the translator to catch up.
- Tailor your content to your audience. If your story involves mature themes, consider how you can best explain that in simple terms to a younger audience. (Some people have two testimony stories prepared—one for younger audiences and one for teen audiences.)
- Tie in the *Book of Hope* to your story. Hold it up when you talk about the power and truths of God's Word.

## Important Points to Emphasize

- **“This is not a vacation.”** If your participants are interested in going on the trip just to see new places, they should stay home.
- **“You can do anything for 5 – 10 days.”** If the food is disgusting, or if there is no warm water for showers, team members need to make the best of any situation.
- **“Be prepared to be flexible at all times.”** The new culture your team will be in may not operate on the same time table or set of standards you are used to. Remember you are there to serve, not to be served. This includes adapting to new cultural norms and often frustrating times of unknown circumstances.
- **“The trip is not about you, it's about them.”** Everything the team does on this trip is to serve God and the local church in that city. You are going to be servants.
- **“Your team will get sightseeing in.”** OneHope will make sure you get some time to shop or visit a local attraction, but play this down with the team. This keeps the team focused on the mission, not on a special day of sightseeing and shopping.
- **“Culture shock is real.”** If you feel yourself or team members becoming frustrated, angry, irritable, or sad, this may be culture shock setting in. It's totally normal. Talk about it with your team in advance and if you see these issues arising during the trip.



- **“Reflect Jesus at all times.”** Make sure the team knows you expect them to be Christ-like during the entire trip. This begins even before you get to the airport.
- **“There is a difference between peace-time and war-time leadership.”** Tell your team that your leadership will be set on a war-time mentality during the trip. You know when to relax and have fun, but they need to know when you ask them to be quiet or cross the street or move quickly, it’s because you’re looking out for their best interests. Encourage strong obedience on this trip – even with your adult team members.
- **“God picks the team.”** Encourage the team to understand that everyone is there for a purpose and a reason. It’s a humbling privilege to be handpicked by God to represent Him in another country. When team members add or drop during the process, encourage the team that God is tweaking the perfect group for this particular trip.
- **“Be open to God messing up your world.”** Teams will experience God move in ways they have never experienced before. They will hear God whisper into their own hearts. They will see a world in great need of Jesus. They will feel an incredible sensation when they are making a difference in other people’s lives.

### Other things to talk about...

- Explore what offering your presence, simply being with and learning from our brothers and sisters, might look like. Doing so will bless and love them in deeper ways than offering temporary material goods.
- What is the cultural context you are entering into? What are the differences and similarities? What historical and religious contexts have shaped this culture?
- How might this trip help you understand your own brokenness? How might this trip challenge you in your brokenness and help you heal in your own areas of brokenness?
- How do you focus on what needs to be done versus what you want to do or think should be done?
- How can we avoid an attitude of “doing” and “fixing” and focus instead on the gifts and assets that God has placed within each individual community or culture?
- What are our expectations for this trip, both individually and as a team? As a team, share goals and expectations before the trip, and circle back after the trip is over. Evaluate how your perceptions and expectations changed after your trip.





- What are your prayer requests before and during this trip? What will we ask others to pray with us?
- How can we look at this trip as one step in our journey of connecting more deeply with God's work in the world and our communities? How can we ensure that we treat this trip as the beginning or continuation of a relationship rather than simply an exciting experience?
- What obstacles might stand in your way to having a lasting meaningful experience?
- What will your policies for social media be on this trip? Will taking pictures be invasive or disrespectful?

