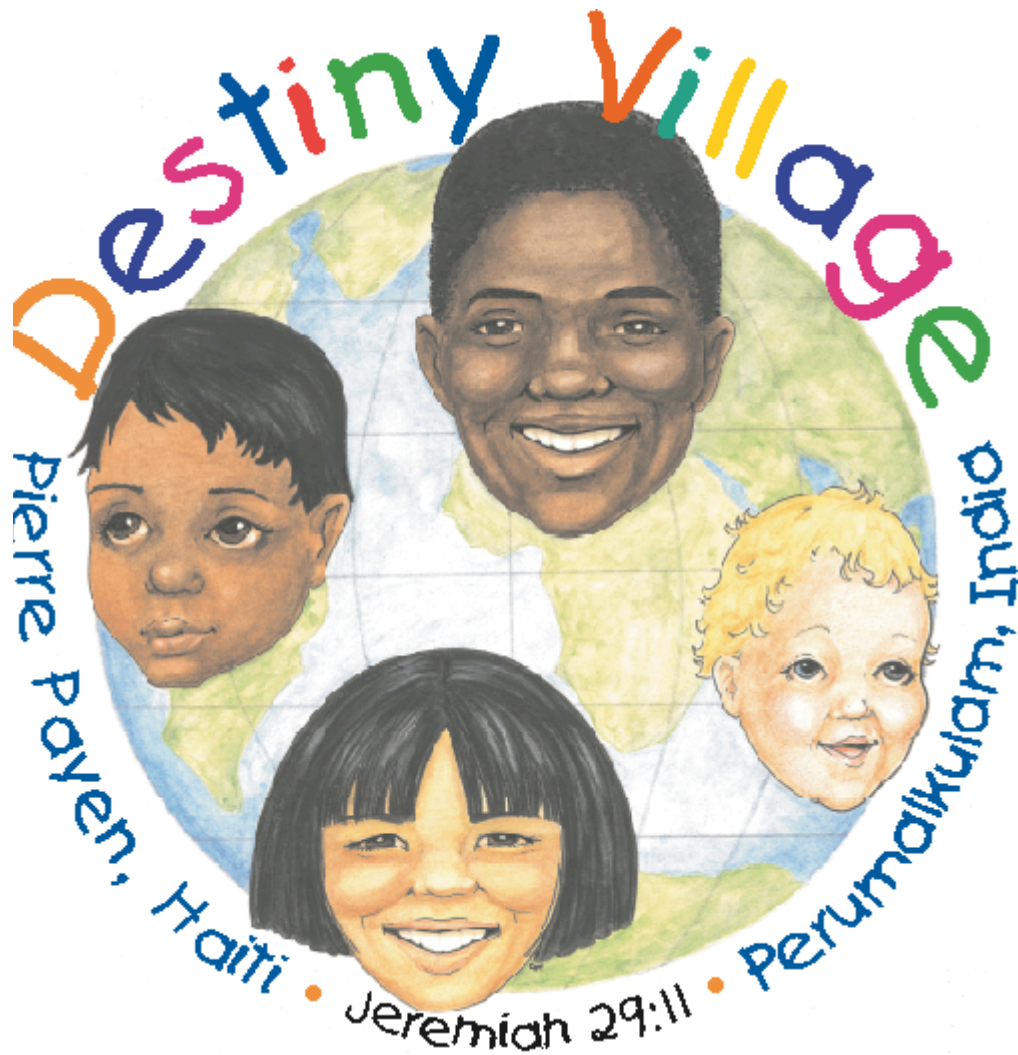


Destiny Village

Short Term Mission Trips



MANUAL

EDITION: 01/2012

Table of Contents

Cover Letter	Page 3
General Information	Page 4
International Travel	Page 5
Personal Evangelism	Page 12
Cultural Adaptation	Page 15
Cost Sheet	Page 17

Dear Friends,

We are so excited that you have expressed an interest in coming to Haiti to see firsthand the work that Destiny Village is accomplishing. The most exciting part about visitors coming to Haiti is that you will have the opportunity not only to see what we are doing, but you will get to be a part of what we are doing.

We hope you are just as excited about this trip as we are. I understand for many of you this will be your first time out of the country and you may be a little nervous, too. I am not sure that there is any way to fully prepare yourself for the poverty you will see, but we do know if you will go with an open mind and an open heart that it won't take long for you to fall in love with Haiti and her people. We encourage you to spend time in prayer asking God to prepare you mentally, physically and spiritually for this trip. You probably have all kinds of questions and hopefully this manual answers most of them. If you have any others please feel free to e-mail them to me at ralford@destinyvillage.com

We look forward to seeing you on the mission field.

Sincerely,

Rick Alford

General Information about Destiny Village

We believe that when God creates each person, He does so with a destiny in mind for that person. Unfortunately, not everyone fulfills the destiny of God intended for his or her life. What is even more unfortunate is that some individuals are born into a society that has little to offer them. Not everyone is fortunate enough to know what it is to have a full stomach, clothes to wear, or an education. Daily survival is a struggle for many more people in this world than most care to think about. Destiny Village is about clothing, feeding, and educating the poorest of the poor. But even more than that, our goal is to share the love of Jesus Christ with them and to disciple them in the Word of God so that they in turn can find the destiny that God has for their lives.

Destiny Village began in our hearts as we traveled to different parts of the world and looked into the eyes of children who did not know where their next meal was going to come from, children who had resorted to standing on street corners begging from all that walked by. As we began to realize that children all over the world wake up and find themselves in these kinds of situations, our hearts were compelled to do something to make a difference. We believe that in order to change a nation you must begin by changing the children.

Destiny Village is based out of Columbus, Ohio and is an outreach of Church on the North Coast and The Potter's House Church of God. God has merged the vision and passion of these two churches together so that He can make an impact on those who would see themselves as hopeless.

After taking a short-term mission trip to Haiti and seeking the direction of God, we decided Destiny Village would begin in the nation of Haiti and from there spread to the rest of the world. God has taken our desire to help children and turned it into a reality. Currently we have Destiny Villages in Haiti and in India.

Destiny Village currently operates several ministries in Haiti. The first one is our orphanage for boys and girls. These children live with us in our compound. No longer do they feel the pain of hunger or wonder about their future, they are being raised up to be the leaders of the nation. We also aid two schools with food, books and salaries for the staff. It is very important for these children to receive the school lunch as it will be their only meal of the day.

Our plans for Destiny Village do not stop with our current efforts; our vision also includes building the Church of Destiny, a top-quality school (which is almost nonexistent in Haiti), a vocational training facility, a ministry training school, and a widows home. We are excited about what God is doing through Destiny Village in Haiti. We believe that one day our children will become Pastors, Preachers, Prophets, Doctors, Lawyers and Politicians. Some day one of them will bow his knee during his Presidential Inauguration and declare that Jesus is Lord and lead his nation in revival. When this happens the curse that has been there for centuries will be broken and finally that nation will begin to receive the blessings of God.

What You Need To Do Before You Go

Passport

First and foremost, if you don't already have a passport you will need to get one right away. Passports generally take from 4 to 8 weeks to obtain but can be expedited for an additional fee. You can pick up a passport application at most large post offices. You also have the option of printing the application found at <http://foia.state.gov/FORMS/Passport/ds0011.pdf> and completing it as directed. You will also need the original or a certified copy of your birth certificate. Once all the information is collected you must return to the post office and pay the fees required. Some post offices require that you have an appointment or they may have special hours when this service is available. If you are a minor you will need your parent or guardian to be present at the Post Office when you turn it in.

Vaccines

Haiti is considered an area where there is risk for malaria. You will need to see your doctor for a prescription for malaria pills that should be taken before, during and after you travel. (Chloroquine is a commonly recommended prescription.)

You should also check with your doctor about booster doses for tetanus-diphtheria and measles. You may also want to check with your health insurance to make sure they will cover you overseas should you need medical attention. Some insurance companies will pay for any shots and also malaria pills. If not you may check with your local health department for inexpensive vaccinations.

Be Prepared

Be prepared for anything! Personal preparation and careful thought to packing, clothing, and miscellaneous necessities will help make for a successful trip. Here are some things you will want to make note of and keep in mind during your time of preparation:

What You Need To Bring

When traveling to Haiti your team leader will assist you in what you can bring and how to pack. There is a weight limit of 70 pounds per piece of checked luggage.

As it is very difficult for us to transport items into Haiti and you are asked to pack your things in your carry-on luggage and allow only necessary supplies in the checked pieces. Your team leader will help you with any questions you have.

What to Wear: Everyone going on a mission's trip must dress conservatively. Remember you are a missionary and held to a higher calling than most.

- **Women** are requested to respect a conservative dress code. They are to wear long dresses, skirts or Capri type pants and short-sleeved shirts while we are out in the communities ministering. When inside the compound women may wear conservative shorts and sleeveless shirts. Please do not bring tank tops, spaghetti straps, etc, and be careful that no cleavage is seen (you will be asked to change if your dress is deemed inappropriate). Remember you are a guest in **THEIR** culture and anything that draws attention to you and away from the message you bring is from a wrong heart.
- **Men** are to wear long shorts or pants while ministering. Men will need a button up shirt and tie, or nice golf shirt, for any church services. Remember that you are a guest in **THEIR** culture and anything that draws attention to you and away from the message you bring is from a wrong heart.

Please do not wear or bring any clothes that are of value to you as they may get ruined. Many people plan to leave all their clothes behind as gifts to the Haitians. Plan your return trip attire and pack it in a separate compartment so you won't be tempted to wear it and not have it available for the trip home. Also, remember if you pack aerosols you will regret it! Make sure all your sprays are pumps; if you have to bring spray cans of any type, put them in your carryon luggage.

Please refer to the **Packing Check List** for further details on both personal and non-personal items you may wish to include in your luggage.

Travel Tips

When traveling it is a must to keep your passport and tickets on you at all times. Passport and money pouches are a must. You are strongly urged to purchase the passport pouch which can either be worn around the neck or around your waist. Keep it on your person at ALL times while traveling and keep your money in the pouch. Wear your pouch **UNDER** your clothing where it is unnoticeable and unreachable. Do not remove it when you use the bathroom as it is too easy to lose it or forget it. It's a good idea to put your passport in a Ziploc baggie before putting in the pouch to prevent it from getting damp. Pouches are generally under \$10 at your local Wal-Mart! Upon arrival at Destiny Village we will store the passports and forms until your departure.



Electrical Converters: Electrical converters may be necessary if you wish to use your electrical appliances overseas. Please check with your Team Leader to determine if you will need an electrical converter for this trip. If so, you will need to purchase a converter/adaptor kit as shown. They can be found at Wal-Mart or most department stores in the luggage section. Be sure that you are purchasing BOTH the adapter AND the converter as one without the other is useless. You will find the electricity is “different” in most countries and your curling iron, hair dryer, and/or travel iron will run

hotter. Be careful when using these and carefully follow the directions. They run about \$20; you may want to split the cost with other team members unless you feel you will have cause to use it on subsequent trips.



Luggage Requirements: Two (2) checked pieces - 70 pounds per piece - linear dimensions (length plus width plus height) not to exceed 62 inches.

One carry-on item - 22 pound restriction - must be of a size and shape to fit under the seat in front of the passenger, or in an enclosed overhead compartment. In addition to the one piece of carry-on luggage, customers may also carry a purse or briefcase or laptop computer. Luggage not meeting these specifications must be transported as checked luggage.

Passport: Before leaving the States make three (3) copies of your passport. Keep one copy with you in a different place separate from your actual passport. Your team leader should have a copy of everyone's passport. Lastly, leave one copy in the States with our Destiny Village representative who will be readily available should an emergency occur.



Customs: When on the airplane coming to Haiti you will be given two separate customs forms to fill out, one of which is a Haiti International E\D card. When filling out these forms please put the purpose of your visit to be 'recreation' and you will be staying at Destiny Village, Pierre Payan. You will be asked if you have any items to declare, answer 'No'. This will serve as your visa for the time that you are in Haiti. After going through customs you will be given a yellow copy of this form to be kept with your passport, it will be needed to exit the country. The other form is on a small white sheet of paper and it will be kept by the airport staff. On this trip you will go through Customs, before entering Haiti and again when you come back into the United States. You will need to keep your passport handy as it will be checked many times. With the new travel security you must be patient. Customs may or may not do an extensive search of your luggage. You will claim your luggage in Haiti and go through Customs. When you return to the United States you will get your luggage in Miami, go through Customs and then re-check your luggage for the remainder of your flights.

Valuables: Anything that is of extreme value should be put away in your carry on luggage as there is a chance your checked luggage could get lost. You are permitted two checked pieces of luggage (50 lbs. each) and one carry-on bag. If you are carrying large sums of cash, don't put all your cash in the same spot; spread it out among your carry-on and your person. Never put your cash or valuables in your checked luggage.

Note: You may want to put a pair of shorts and a comfortable shirt in your carry-on and change into them when you arrive in Miami, the drive from Port-Au Prince to Destiny Village will be hot.

Prescription Medications

If you have a medical condition requiring that you take prescription medications, please take note of the following:

- 1) Tell your family doctor about your trip and discuss with him any concerns you may have about your condition and/or your prescription medications. Have your doctor make a detailed list of your prescribed medications specifying each name and daily dosage and have him sign it as your

physician. Make a copy of this for you and for your Team Leader; also carry one copy along with your passport. If you should have a medical emergency while overseas, any attending medical personnel will need to know what medications you are taking.

- 2) Pack your medications in your CARRY-ON luggage, not in your checked baggage. If your baggage should get lost in transit and your medications are packed, you may not be able to replace the medication overseas.
- 3) Pack your prescription medications in the appropriately labeled bottle(s) so there is no question as to the type and dosage of each item. This will also prevent possible questions from any foreign authorities checking your baggage during security and/or Customs checks.
- 4) Make sure you have enough medication to last several days longer than your anticipated stay in the event some unforeseen problem arises and you are unable to return to the States as scheduled.
- 5) Take your medications as prescribed while traveling using the same schedule you are regularly accustomed to. Sometimes a deviation in schedule can cause a medical emergency that might have otherwise been avoided if care had been taken to stay on your scheduled regime of prescription medication.



Packing Checklist & Suggestions

GENERAL ITEMS

- Wash N Dri
- Anti-Bacterial Hand Cleaner
- Soap / Shower Gel / Razor
- Shampoo / Shower cap
- Fingernail Clippers / Tweezers
- Curling Iron / Blow Dryer
- Travel Iron
- Deodorant
- Hairspray (pump - not aerosol)
- Hand and/or Body Lotion
- Woolite / Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper (2 purse-size rolls)
- Toothbrush / Paste / Floss / Toothpicks
- Mouthwash
- Comb / Brush / Makeup
- Feminine Products / Band-Aids / Antiseptic
- Tissues

PERSONAL MEDICATION

- Ibuprofen / Tylenol
- Lip Balm
- Maalox / Tums
- Q-Tips
- Cold / Allergy Medicine
- Sunscreen / Sunburn Lotion
- Contact Accessories / Glasses / Repair Kit
- Pepto Bismol/Immodium AD
- Malaria Rx (See Doctor)

CARRY-ON ITEMS

- Passport
- Airline Tickets / Itinerary
- Pen / Pencil
- Reading Material
- Laptop / Walkman
- Teaching Material / Sermons
- Camera / Film (Pack Extra Batteries)
- Bible / Journal
- Washcloth in Baggie
- Clean Underwear
- Candy / Snacks
- 2-3 Complete Outfits (minimum)

CLOTHING

- Underwear / Slips / Bras
- Slippers / Socks / Shoes
- Summer Sleepwear / Robe
- Return Flight Outfit (Comfortable)
- Dress and/or Skirts & Tops

FOODS (Suggestions)

- Crackers and/or Cheese & Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Deviled Ham / Tuna / Chicken
- Breath Mints
- Coffee / Tea
- Sweet'n Low / Sugar / Creamer
- Plastic Ware (just a couple & reuse)
- Pudding and/or Fruit Cups
- Pringles
- Any Favorite Food
- Can Opener

EXTRAS

- OFF Mosquito Spray / Bug Spray
- Zip-Loc Baggies (Varied Sizes)
- Pens/Pencils/Markers/Highlighters
- Post'ems / Writing Paper
- Reading Material
- Dirty Clothes Bag (Plastic Trash Bag)
- Umbrella / Sunglasses / Sunhat
- Sewing Kit / Safety Pins
- Camera / Film / Extra Batteries
- Watch (not expensive)
- Small Electric or Battery-Operated Fan
- Flashlight / Extra Battery
- Spot Remover
- Converter / Adaptor
- Alarm Clock
- Gift List

You may want to add to or subtract from this list, just keep in mind the weight. Try to pack things you can leave behind as useful gifts!

DESTINY VILLAGE, HAITI

Short Term Mission

Trip P. O. Box 282197, Columbus, OH

43228 614-870-9861

APPLICATION – PLEASE PRINT

Please fill in this application as completely as you can. If you have any questions, please contact our office at the above number. Please use the back of this form to answer any questions requiring additional space.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Marital Status: (circle) Single ~ Married ~ Widowed ~ Other Home

Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Pastor: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Church Phone: _____ Number of Times on Mission Field: _____

Date/Place of Last Trip: _____

Physical or emotional conditions that might affect your mission:

Allergies:

Prescription Drugs Currently Taking:

Name and Phone of Emergency Contact:

Do you speak: _____ Creole _____ Spanish _____ French

Skills / Talents:

Passport Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

I understand that Destiny Village will not be held responsible or liable for an illness or accident that might occur in Haiti or while traveling on this trip. I agree to provide my own health insurance.

(Provider: _____)

Policy Number: _____)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO ABOVE ADDRESS

Birth Date: _____ Phone: _____

SSN: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, _____, understand and agree that my participation in this trip to Haiti from _____ is being taken voluntarily and with full knowledge that there is a travel advisory through the US Government.

I agree that I am traveling at my own risk, releasing Destiny Village, its staff, workers, and agents from any accident, injury, illness or death which may occur as part of this trip.

I agree and fully understand that neither Destiny Village nor their insurance carrier will cover any injuries/illness that may occur. I understand that it is my responsibility to confirm with my hospitalization insurance company regarding coverage while I am out of the country.

In the event that I am injured or require emergency medical and/or dental treatment by a licensed practitioner or the need to be life-flighted to a hospital, I hereby give my consent for my emergency transfer to a hospital including admission and/or treatment by any licensed hospital facility, and will assume **ALL EXPENSES INCURRED ASSOCIATED WITH THE INJURY AND/OR ILLNESS.**

Please complete this form and return it along with the completed Application to Destiny Village. Please include a photocopy of your insurance card (both sides) to be kept on file during the trip. Please print:

Today's Date: _____ **Birthdate:** ___/___/___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ **(Work)** _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Signature: _____

(Please note: The signature of parent or legal guardian is required for anyone traveling under the age of 18 years.)

Sharing Your Testimony

We all have the image of the street-corner evangelist calling down God's hellfire and brimstone on all within his (or her) hearing. It is easy for us to shrink away from that scene and desperately hope that God does not call us to that role. Thus, when we talk about doing evangelism as part of a Short-Term Missions trip, our individual responses can vary from great excitement to raw terror.

Truly God has spoken to each of us individually. Each of us has a personality, family history, and personal experience that is unique, and that must be honored. Nevertheless, this type of cross-cultural ministry provides an excellent opportunity to possibly stretch our comfort zones by witnessing to God's work in our lives in ways that may be new to us. But, as Jesus said in Matthew 10, "Whoever confesses me before men, I will confess before my Father in heaven. Whoever denies me before men, I will deny before my Father in heaven."

Some are called to the ministry of personal or group evangelism. All who have received new life in Jesus are called to faithfully witness to the reality and power of the work of Jesus in our lives. This witness may be in bold public proclamation or in simply giving a Scripture portion. It may be offering to pray with and for an individual with whom we have built some rapport during a shared construction experience or in a medical clinic.

Some teams see personal and group evangelism as a critical element of the 'task' of their trip. Others teams see their role as primarily service (helping missionaries, building a building) or mercy (medical, emergency relief, etc.). Yet with all, if we are not sharing Jesus' love and our faith, is it really anything beyond a humanitarian service project or a vacation with an excuse? Is our ultimate objective buildings, bodies or eternal life?

In addition to just being a faithful witness, during the trip you may be invited to give your personal testimony in a group setting. You will probably speak with a national (or another person who speaks the local language) at your side doing the translation. Giving your personal testimony can be a very effective way to communicate to others what Christ has done for you and can do for them. Here are some suggestions:

- **Begin with a greeting.** It is always appropriate to begin with a statement like "Good evening. I am happy to be here tonight."
- **Make it personal.** Tell your audience what has happened to you. They are interested in you as a person.
- **Focus your testimony on your audience.** If mostly young people, speak of your teen and college years. If mostly older people, speak of Jesus giving you hope and purpose in life. If mostly children, tell them the benefits of giving their lives to Jesus now. If mostly Christians, encourage them in their daily walk with the Lord. If mostly non-Christians, present Christ as one who knows them, loves them and can meet their needs and give them purpose for living now.
- **Include your family and their response to your giving yourself to Christ.** In many countries, people are very family-oriented and thus interested in how your family has responded to your new life in Christ.

- **Tell them how receiving Christ has changed your life.** Be specific, as many of those listening to you may be passing through an experience similar to what you are sharing.
- **Be careful with your use of technical or colloquial terms.** Neither your translator nor your audience may be familiar with them. The simpler and clearer the terminology, the easier it will be to translate and the easier it will be for your audience to understand.
- **Avoid using ideas or illustrations that may be common at home but are outside of the experience of your audience.** Your desire is to identify with your audience, not to impress them - for them to say, 'That has happened or could happen to me.' Not to say 'That would never happen to me.'
- **Use a 'bridge' to pass from your personal experience to seeking a response from your audience.** Asking a question is one good method. If you have just told them how Jesus has changed your life, you may want to ask, 'Are you satisfied with your life? Would you like to personally know this same Jesus that I'm talking about . . . ?'
- **Help them to understand the process as well as the product.** If appropriate, you may wish to lead them in a prayer of surrendering their life to Jesus.

As a missionary, whether long-term or short-term, our goal is to remove all obstacles from Christ. Very often we can do this through developing a short yet powerful testimony vividly describing the work of God in our own lives. When sharing your testimony, listen carefully to their story before you tell them yours. Gain their trust and never judge them or look down on them for what they've done, where they're at, or their thoughts or conclusions. Let them share and lovingly respect them as they share. Then, share your story. Look for things that your listener can relate to. Share things that might encourage others who may be listening.

Giving a personal testimony is simply telling others what Jesus Christ has done for you and inside you. As you share your story, remember that the Lord will use your words to assure, encourage, convict and gently lead others to Himself.

Personal Testimony

These suggestions, questions and evaluations will help you prepare an effective testimony. Your testimony should contain a brief explanation of your life before you received Christ, how you became a Christian and what your life has been like since.

You want non-Christians to understand your story, so avoid complicated Christian terms. Pretend you are talking to a person who has never been to church.

Your testimony may be the most helpful thing a non-Christian will hear. Don't confuse others by adding unnecessary details. Keep to the point. As a result of your story, a non-Christian should know how you became a Christian and how important it is to you. You have an exciting story to tell even though it may not include a dramatic change from a very sinful life. Remember, Jesus never experienced sin, but He did relate well with people.

The following Testimony Lesson is provided to help you prepare your testimony. Read Acts chapter 26 and answer the following questions in your own words.

1. Describe Paul's life before he met Jesus Christ. Acts 26:4-11
2. Describe your own life before you met Jesus Christ.
3. Describe the circumstances surrounding Paul's salvation. Acts 26:12-18
4. Describe the circumstances surrounding your conversion.
5. Write out the Scripture that you now claim as the basis for your assurance of salvation.
6. Describe the changes that occurred in Paul's life. Acts 26:19-23
7. Describe the changes Jesus Christ has made in your life.
8. Describe Paul's appeal to accept Christ. Acts 26:25-29
9. Describe an appeal you could use to encourage a listener to trust his/her life to Jesus.

Testimony Outline

I. Before I received Christ

- A. What were you like before you became a Christian?
- B. What were some of your actions, attitudes or thoughts?
- C. What would be a good example of this?

II. How I Received Christ (Be specific about the following)

- A. How did you first hear about Jesus Christ?
- B. What was your initial reaction to what you heard about Him?
- C. Did you radically change your attitude toward Him? If so, why?
- D. Describe some of the circumstances surrounding your salvation experience.

III. After I Received Christ

- A. Emphasize this part of your testimony. Be honest ~ Christians have problems, too.
 1. Describe some of the circumstances surrounding your salvation.
 2. Has God totally removed any problems from your life? If so, what are they?
 3. What evidence could you offer that God has done something in your life?
- B. Put a check by three things which you consider important to communicate to others:

<input type="checkbox"/> God's love	<input type="checkbox"/> Purpose for living
<input type="checkbox"/> God's forgiveness	<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom from fear of living
<input type="checkbox"/> Fulfillment	<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom from fear of others
<input type="checkbox"/> Friendliness of other believers	<input type="checkbox"/> God's direct counsel from His Word
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace of Mind	<input type="checkbox"/> Inner strength
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership in God's family	<input type="checkbox"/> New perspective on life
<input type="checkbox"/> Concern for others	<input type="checkbox"/> Freedom from fear of death
<input type="checkbox"/> Assurance of eternal life	<input type="checkbox"/> God's help in school, marriage or job

IV. Make an Appeal to Receive Christ

- A. Questions that can be used:
 1. Can you relate to my experience?
 2. Would you like to know Jesus Christ personally?

Cultural Adaptation

No matter what culture you are entering, you will go through the following steps. Many times you may be unaware of these steps and they may just seem part of the natural process of becoming familiar with your new temporary setting. As you interact with locals you will find yourself in many situations where you don't know the cultural norm or proper social behavior. By consciously applying the following principles you will be involved in making choices in the cultural adaptation process. (The longer your time in the new culture, and the deeper your contact with nationals, the more these principles will apply. Most short-term service teams have little opportunity.)

Hold on to these principles for *D.E.A.R.* life:

Discovering cultural norms is a hit or miss, trial and error experience. You can continually improve your skills in learning how to learn about another culture, but it will always be a trial and error experience.

Embrace and Enjoy as many cultural norms as you possibly can. A high percentage of the cultural norms are neither Biblically right nor wrong. Learn to embrace and enjoy these cultural norms and you will discover a whole new world.

Adapt some cultural norms to fit your situation. Some cultural norms just won't fit your personal values or those of your family. This may call for adapting the cultural norm to fit your values. Many missionaries do this in what they eat at home or how they structure their time. Create a norm with which you can live.

Reject those cultural norms that you feel to be unethical or that won't fit your situation. Sometimes we just have to reject the cultural norm because we feel that it would go against our conscience. This should be done only after a careful study of the Bible and the culture itself. Be careful to not judge the cultural norm before you know where it fits into the whole value structure of the culture.

Remember: When we reject a behavior in another culture based on what it would mean in our culture rather than what it means in that culture, we are simply judging them unfairly based on our own cultural values, not growing in our understanding of their culture.

Culture Etiquette

Realize that being a Christian and being an American can often conflict. Many cultures attribute Americans as being materialistic, wasteful, domineering, arrogant, disrespectful of authority, corrupt....

- 1) Show respect for everyone by using proper greetings and titles, especially to the eldest in the group.

Destiny Village: Short Term Mission Trips

Cultural Adaptation

- 2) Ask about their families. When showing your own photographs, **do not** show photographs that include a house or a vehicle, leave the wealth in the face of your children or leave your pictures at home.

- 3) Be a good observer and listener, asking polite questions. **Don't** talk too much, listen well.

- 4) Dress appropriately, showing honor to the culture that you are in. Women should dress modestly and have their shoulders covered.

- 5) Act very discreetly with the opposite sex. Avoid public displays of affection. Be careful not to touch a member of the opposite sex in any way that might be misunderstood or have the ability to be misread or upsetting to a spouse.

- 6) Always show gratitude for your accommodations and food, whatever they may be. You are most likely receiving the best they have to offer. Many things are given at a sacrifice. **Do not** compare anything to "home".

- 7) **Never** show your temper. Many cultures see a display of anger as the greatest of sins. Show your Christian fruits only.

- 8) Be careful when photographing anything negative, do not comment on anything in a negative manner.

- 9) Show **empathy** and **appreciation**, not pity, for your surroundings. Remember that this is their home, country, and people. Show respect and appreciation for it. Your team leader will show us how it is prefers we deal with beggars. A standard rule is not to make eye contact.

- 10) Be flexible with your time. Go with the flow of the culture and the ministry you're involved with. Go to learn and to serve, forgetting the clock. Remember what most countries say about Americans: "They have the watches, but we have the time".

Cost Sheet

COST FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS TO DESTINY VILLAGE

Airfare to Port-Au-Prince:

(Contact your group leader for airfare price)

Lodging at Destiny Village

Ground Transportation in Haiti

Food for week (eating at Destiny Village)

\$50.00 Per Night

*** PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AIRFARE AVAILABILITY**

The only other money needed will be for a tip to all the staff at Destiny Village who work extra for us while we are there (\$10.00 to \$20.00 per visitor suggested). You will need money to travel with for food at the airport and also money for souvenirs.

This trip will be a life-changing experience!