



## **Welcome to Mission Partners**

The mission partners will arrive at various times throughout the afternoon on the opening day of the GIC. Provide them with a warm greeting and the welcome packet.

### **Signs**

Many of the mission partners who attend have never been to your church. Place signs on the outside of the building to guide the incoming guests to the registration table. The signs should remain in place to guide visitors who may attend any of the scheduled events. Signs should also be placed inside the church to direct people to the display area and other areas that are unique to the GIC.

### **Name tags**

When making name tags for the mission partners, ensure that the tags will identify the person as a mission partner. Also, make sure that the name tags are large enough to be easily read. Consider having name tags for GIC volunteers as well.

### **Green room**

The mission partners will need a “green room” where they can rest, have some refreshments, gather for prayer before services, look over their notes, talk with staff or other mission partners, recharge their phone, etc. The green room will help make the experience with your church more enjoyable. Stock this room with water, juice, soda, trail mix, fruit, candy, and different kinds of phone chargers and extension cords.

### **Welcome packets**

A welcome packet should be given to all mission partners and special guests as they arrive. This will help provide a welcoming, comfortable experience for your mission partner guests, and the packet will provide them with valuable information to guide them through the GIC. The packet will provide an overview of the GIC and a clear outline of what is expected of them. Suggested ideas are below.

#### **Suggested welcome packet information:**

1. Welcome letter from the pastor to the GIC mission partners. (There is a sample letter below.)
2. Global Impact Celebration brochure or other printed pieces given to the congregation.
3. Church information/map of campus.
4. List of church contact names and numbers.
5. Map of the local area.
6. List of area attractions.
7. Faith Promise card.
8. Life Commitment card.
9. Personalized schedule: This includes a full schedule of the GIC events, including individual commitments (host group time, special meetings, etc.), host home information (name, address, email, and phone number), and hosting groups information (name, address, email, and phone number).
10. Wi-Fi passcode.
11. Special instructions for the mission partner.
12. Special gift: This could be as simple as bottled water and a few snacks, or it could be a gift card to use during the GIC (such as for a game of golf or a manicure).



**Sample letter:**

Dear (mission partner),

Let me welcome you to our Global Impact Celebration. Thank you for coming! I'm delighted to have you with us, and I look forward to meeting with you personally.

One of the most effective ministries you as a mission partner will have this week is personal connection with the congregation. Your life, dedication, and sharing your heart for the least-reached people of the world will have a profound and lasting influence on them. You are a vital part of this ministry.

Please feel free to speak with any of our staff or GIC team members if you have any questions or problems. We are happy to assist you. Join all of us in prayer for this celebration. What happens during this week will have a worldwide impact for the cause of Christ.

Yours so that all may hear,

Pastor