

# **Sample Mission Partner Orientation Agenda**

#### 1. Purpose of the Global Impact Celebration

The purpose of the GIC is to enlarge the mission vision of our church, leading us into a strategic, church-wide involvement in local and global missions. The key strategy to accomplish this goal is personalization. We want the congregation to take one step deeper into missions as a result of this week.

#### 2. Introductions

Introduce the staff, mobilization team, missions team, and mission guests.

### 3. What to expect

- Provide an outline of the schedule of events for the week.
- Give any special instructions for accessing parts of the church, hours, etc.
- Explain Faith Promise
  - As we stated in our communication to you prior to your arrival, we ask that you make no direct appeals for personal or project support for yourself or on behalf of anyone else. Our focus is on providing our congregation with a broad view of what God is doing in the world and in making missions as personal for them as possible without having any focus on money apart from the Faith Promise commitment we will have on Sunday. Having said that, we want you to have the opportunity to present your needs in such a way that the missions mobilization team can be informed as we move beyond this GIC. If you would like, please fill out an "Application for Support" form, and turn it in prior to your departure. This does not guarantee ongoing support, but we will assess how your ministry aligns with our church's mission vision and act accordingly. We will let you know about any decisions related to support four-to-six weeks after the GIC.
  - We have one other form that we need you to complete before you leave. That is an expense form for your travel and incidentals for this event.

#### 4. Other thoughts

- The purpose of the GIC is to expand our view of missions, but we also want to allow the congregation to know you and hear about the work that God is doing in and through you. As such, take advantage of every opportunity to get to know people in the congregation. (In homes, private conversations, the exhibit area, meals, Sunday Schools/small groups, and all other events.)
- Please keep to the time we have allotted for you to speak in different situations. We know that time is different in different cultures, but beginning and ending on time is important here.
- We have Life Commitment cards. We want people to commit to prayer and service to the Lord. Please
  promote the opportunities on the cards, however, if other opportunities arise, lean into those
  conversations and find out more.
- You are a mobilizer for missions. Please take the time you need to stop and have the conversations
  that are needed with people from the congregation. Please take the time to pray with people, and let
  one of us know about those conversations, if appropriate.



## 5. Question and answer time

- 6. Special missionary time
  - Missionaries could share a prayer request, an area of concern, or give a brief update of who they are and where they serve.
  - The pastor can give a special talk that ends in prayer.
  - Share in communion and/or a time of worship.