

TEN WAYS TO RUIN A MISSION



10. Don't try to speak the local language; you'll look foolish.
9. Don't eat any of the local food; be sure to bring your own.
8. The trip is all about you and your team having a great time and building memories; so stay focused only on your team.
7. Go where and when you want; don't worry about an invitation you're a blessing!
6. Do what you think best; remember... you're a blessing and Americans are in charge!
5. Be sure that your commitment to comfort is greater than your commitment to serve.
4. Stay organized and on schedule at all times!
3. Keep narrowly focused on "spiritual" activities; don't worry about the "unimportant" work.
2. Help the nationals, the missionaries and your teammates by quickly pointing out their mistakes.
1. Don't worry about advance planning, preparation and administration.

You may think some of these "Don'ts" sound silly. You may think you would never say/do that. But honestly, sometimes it's hard to stay focused especially when you're in unfamiliar territory. It's good to be reminded how to be a good guest and teammate before we get on the mission site instead of after we've blundered our way into offending someone.