



WORSHIP SERVICES

It is always a highlight of a team's mission to participate in worship services with the nationals. Typically, a team will have the opportunity to participate in one or more worship services. While we will work with the host missionary to plan for the team's participation in the services, sometimes teams are invited or requested to participate in ways that have not been anticipated. Since we can't always know exactly what will be requested of the team, we encourage you to expect the unexpected. The following are some suggestions to help you in your planning:

- Prepare 3 - 4 songs for the services. Usually this will be sufficient but keep in mind that additional songs may be needed if you visit the same church more than once. Make sure your team practices together at the team meetings so they will be well prepared. It is best to have song sheets.
- While the nationals usually enjoy hearing songs in English, we suggest that you learn at least one song in the native language. It can be a simple song but the nationals will appreciate the effort you've made to learn a song in their language.
- If you have any musical talent on the team ask them to prepare some special numbers. This could be vocal or instrumental.
- Plan on one or two team members being prepared to share their testimony and say a few words of encouragement to the congregation. For testimonies, keep in mind that many issues faced by your hosts are very similar to issues you face at home.
- Remember, if someone is going to give a testimony, a lesson or sermon the amount of time they speak will be doubled for translation.
- Sometimes the host church will ask the team to provide a Sunday School lesson for the children. Plan an extra children's lesson or two including crafts and lesson activities. You'd rather go prepared and not use the lesson(s) than to not be ready for this possibility.