

## TEAM UNITY



As Christians, we have unity in and through Christ. It is important to consider unity and how being united as a team will effect your short-term mission.

### God Sent Jesus

In His final days, Jesus prayed to His Father for His disciples "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:23) Our unity confirms to the world that Jesus was sent from God. If we are not unified as one body with one purpose then why should the world believe in Him?

### To God be the Glory

Paul's desire for the Romans was that God would give them a spirit of unity as they followed Christ Jesus ". . . so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5) Our unity brings glory and honor to God.

### Called to Unity

Paul instructs the Ephesians to "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3) When we are united as Christians we are being obedient to the Word of God.

### Our Goal

The very goal of our preaching, teaching and serving is ". . . to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13) Our unity in the faith plays a part in our becoming more like Christ. As we become more like Christ the world will see Him through us.

What does this have to do with short-term mission? Everything! Unity among Christians speaks volumes to the world. When we are unified in purpose and love we are making a statement to the world. You and your team will be Jesus to the world. What will they see in the Jesus you show them?