Team Coordinator 3 STEP Guide to

Getting Started with Operation Serve:



PLAN

- Obtain the Blessing from Senior/Lead Pastor for a Mission Team
- Select the Team Dates for your Church's OSI Mission Trip
- Confirm your Mission Team Date with Operation Serve
- Start promoting the team date
- Don't start looking for flights yet.

PROMOTE

- Create the BUZZ announce the Mission Trip:
 - Church Media: printed invitations, multimedia, and pulpit announcements check with your Church to see what is available
 - o Utilize Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instantgram, and Linked In
 - o Share from your heart and see how God uses you to mobilize a team.
- Conduct an information meeting Discuss (When, Where, and Why). Have a signup sheet for those with interest

PREPARE

- Applying:
 - Hand out Applications
 - o Make sure everyone has a passport, go to http://travel.state.gov to apply
 - o Find out if you need guardianship forms for anyone travelers under 18
 - o Start working with your leadership on the Pastoral Reference Form
- Getting Accepted:
 - Collect applications, \$25 application fee, and Pastoral References to send to OSI
 - o Collect passport copies from everyone who has them

Once we receive your team information, we will send you acceptance packets for the team members and you can <u>start looking for flights</u>! Feel free to call us anytime with questions; we are here to help you have the best experience possible!

Congratulations! You're on your way!

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