



# **SHORT-TERM TEAMS**

***A RESOURCE TO AMPLIFY YOUR  
NEXT TRIP'S MISSIONAL IMPACT***

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Play an important part in **supporting local church mission** around the world

Meet important, even urgent needs and **provide encouragement** in the lives of missionaries and nationals alike

Increase the missional capacity of your church locally, as many people **experience significant spiritual growth and life mission clarity** while serving cross-culturally





# THREE STRATEGIES

Global Partners has three primary strategies for **amplifying local church mission** for global transformation.

RESOURCE



COACH



STRATEGY



PARTNER

SO, YOU WANT TO TAKE A  
**SHORT-TERM  
MISSION TRIP?**

**WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO**

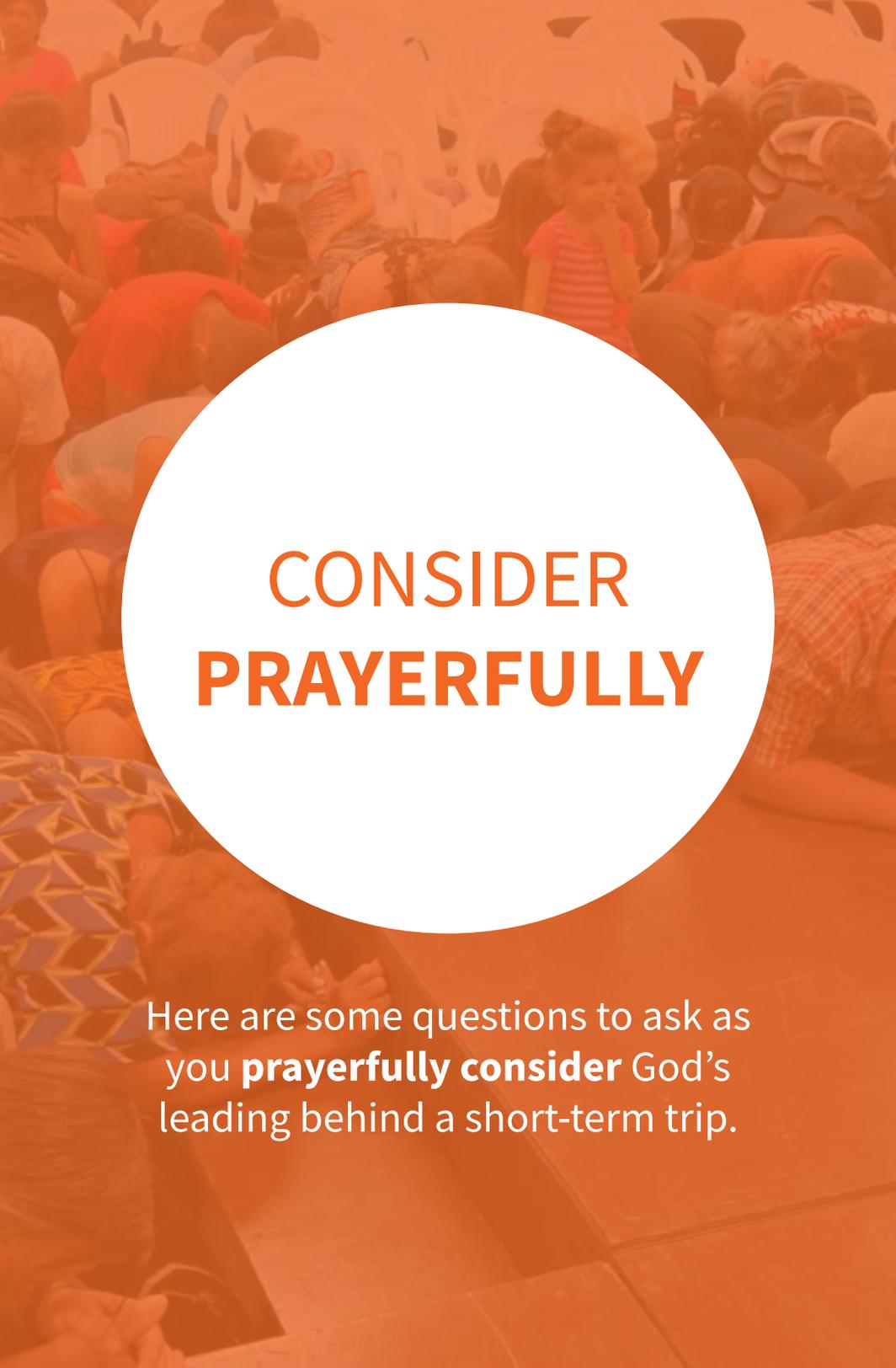
 **CONSIDER** Prayerfully

 **PREPARE** Strategically

 **SERVE** Effectively

 **RETURN** Expectantly





# CONSIDER PRAYERFULLY

Here are some questions to ask as you **prayerfully consider** God's leading behind a short-term trip.

# WHY SHOULD WE GO?

## **JESUS IS SENDING US.**

It all started with Jesus. He left his Father and took on flesh. He moved into our neighborhood. “As the father sent me so I am sending you” (John 20:21).

In going, we not only obey God’s command to multiply disciples but we also grow in our awareness of the global church and become more culturally responsive disciples.

## **EVERYONE WHO HEARS CAN BE MADE NEW.**

There is a hope that drives us to cross culture, even on a short trip. As followers of Jesus, grace has changed us and we want to share this good news.

Participating on a trip is one way to step out into this calling—even to the farthest and forgotten corners of the kingdom, to classrooms and clinics, neighborhoods, and city streets. We go because He is the one who makes all things new, and we believe everyone who hears can be made new.

## **WE ALL PLAY A PART.**

We are better together. Short-term trips build deep connections between your local church and partner ministry that strengthen our interdependence, working together as the International Wesleyan Church.

“You will be **my witnesses...**”  
to the here, near, far,  
and hard places.



**Every local church has a mission to see Acts 1:8  
become a reality - to reach their “here,” “near;”  
“far,” and “hard.”**

People living in places that are far and hard will stay lost until someone crosses culture to reach them with the gospel. Engaging with long-term workers in far and hard places increases the strength of our combined Kingdom force to see the unreached reached.



# NO **ONE-HIT** WONDERS

Too often churches engage in mission projects that deliver a great one-time experience for the team but don't address long-term issues in the communities around the world where they go to serve.

We encourage your team to weave the ongoing rhythms of sustainability into your trip so that the missional impact goes on beyond a one or two week experience.

A short-term trip is part of a long-term relationship with any mission partner. Whether coming alongside missionaries or local ministries, a trip should empower the work happening for the long haul.

# NOW **WHAT?**

Short-term trips can provide **MOMENTUM** behind your local church's broader global strategy.

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We think developing global partnerships that are **SUSTAINABLE, STRATEGIC, AND RIGHT-SIZED** for your church are best. We suggest starting a conversation with one of your current partners or exploring our Missional Coaching process to discern how you might best begin developing strategic mission partners.



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