



BETHEL'S GLOBAL REACH



TRIP MANUAL



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INTRODUCTION

SO HERE YOU ARE.

You have chosen to fly half way across the world with Bethel's Global Reach. Maybe this is your first serving abroad, or maybe you are an experienced missionary. Whatever the case we believe that Bethel's Global Reach is the right organization for you. Each person's journey of how they arrived to this place in life where they felt a need to serve to a greater capacity is unique. So, why are you going? Why are you spending valuable time, money and energy to visit people all around the world?

Is it to serve them? Is it to teach them? Is it to give to them?

While any or all of these could be your answer, do you realize that you are going for a much bigger reason than any of these?

In John 16:5-15, Jesus tells his disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit after His departure. He tells them that it is better that He leave them so that the "Helper" can come into their lives. This Helper will guide and direct them and will even disclose things of God to His followers. In Acts 2:38-39, Peter tells us that if we will believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and repent of our sins, we also will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This same spirit alive in you today, created in you a desire to go to a place that He has laid on your hearts. Could it be that God has a plan for you all of the way on the

other side of the world? That He not only wants to use you to help others, but that maybe He wants to teach YOU?

God does have a plan for you in missions! He wants to teach you the true meaning of love, compassion, mercy, service, giving of yourself and many other valuable life lessons. You will come away from this trip with a far richer experience than you can even imagine.

Truth is best learned through experience. While you could sit and listen to a thousand sermons, or hear hundreds of missionaries tell you the story of the hurt of people around the world, you would never be able to truly grasp the reality of those lives or understand how God is working there until you experience it for yourself.

God will use this trip to change the way you think, to let you see a little of what His eyes see daily, to teach you about His love and to "stretch"

you. While some things you experience may be uncomfortable or even break your heart, God will use these experiences to shape and mold you into more of the person that He desires you to be. He is drawing you in closer to Himself, to experience Him like you never have before and to see just a glimpse of His glory. "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

How awesome is it that He has invited YOU to be a part of His plan for His people and for His kingdom? How beautiful is it that He is making us more like Him through our experiences?

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Eph 2:10



ABOUT BETHEL'S GLOBAL REACH



Our Mission

Bringing relief, rebuilding capacity, and redefining opportunity in communities that are being destroyed by poverty and injustice. We are committed to helping provide for the physical and spiritual needs of people locally and throughout the world and by so doing enhance the quality of life.

Who are We?

Bethel's Global Reach Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization. We exist to take the Life changing message of Christ to the lost, disciple nations, feed the hungry, clothe the poor, minister to the elderly, widows and orphans, visit prisoners and reach out to people of all ages and in all walks of life. We provide humanitarian aid to all hurting people first in the community, then state, and to the far regions of the world. Our goal is to reach every nation, every city, every day with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this with team of volunteers who are committed in time, talent and treasure for the wellbeing of all mankind.

OUR FOCUS WHILE ON MISSIONS:

- Orphan Care: Bringing relief by supporting child-headed households and homes at risk through local care-givers for the sick, mobile mothers, food programs, basic medical and hospice care. We also help in orphanages for those from tragic circumstances and a safe house for those who have suffered abuse.
- Mentoring: Rebuilding capacity in the next generation to mature, stand on their own, and make wise decisions through our community mentors. In a community where there are men, but few role models, it is critical to have a figure to lead, instruct, and care for the children inside the community.
- Education: Redefining opportunity by working with the public school system in training teachers, providing proper resources, and teaching basic life skills to the young children. This is final component to rising future generations who can develop and lead economic development and sustainability.
- Medical and Dental Clinics: With our rich database of medical, dental and nursing professionals we bring much need care to rural and remote areas where medical attention is usually void. Hosting free clinics that provide exams and medications to individuals suffering. We also partner with entities in the regions where we serve to ignite awareness of these conditions
- Macro and Micro Financing: Often time the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in areas where we serve. This ranges from fruits stands, tire shops to sewing shops. We hold mini training seminars concerning finance and opportunities for business development.



BETHEL'S GLOBAL REACH VALUES

1. We believe our greatest purpose and God's deepest joy are found when we lose ourselves in serving the needs of others.
2. We resource local-based work in impoverished communities that honors the Father, encourages the saints, strengthens the weak, and restores the hope of the fatherless.
3. We believe that every community is fully equipped by God to be healthy and prosperous, so we choose to view the potential of their strengths rather than the weight of their lack.
4. We believe the people we partner with have more to teach us than we can teach them, so we approach them in a manner that respects their wisdom and seeks to learn from it.
5. We believe that God instructs us to be both radical in our faith and prudent in our planning so we design our work to honor both.
6. We believe that impacting the future of a community requires a multi year commitment to bringing relief, rebuilding capacity, and redefining opportunity for their people.
7. We believe that all the resources entrusted to BGR are intended to be used as an investment in the eternal value of the lives of those we serve. As such, we approach every spending decision in a manner that respects this sacred trust given to us by God and others.

GOING | DOING

As you travel with BGR you will often hear missionaries chanting "GOING | DOING"! This is simply our belief of purpose. Going where Jesus went, and Doing what Jesus did.

WHY GO?



Not everyone can pack up all their belongings and become career missionaries, but many of us can go on short-term mission trips. If you've never tried it, I encourage you to consider these benefits of taking the compassion of Jesus to another culture:

1. You will encounter God's heart. Our God is big and He cares about the nations. He's a global God. And His ultimate goal is to gather a family that represents "every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9). When you step into a foreign mission field, you will sense God's amazing compassion for another culture and you will begin to know Him as Lord of the harvest.

2. You will expand your limited perspective. Too many of us are stuck in spiritual ruts. Even pastors can get bored with the sameness of ministry in one community. Every now and then you need to step out of your comfort zone and allow God to stretch you. Experience how other Christians worship God with fervor. Discover how they plant churches and engage in evangelism. Recognize

that the way we do ministry in the United States is not necessarily the only way. And expect to learn from the people you are going to minister to.

3. You will become more grateful. I receive an attitude adjustment every time I go to another country—especially when I am with poorer Christians. Whether I am in Jacmel, Haiti or sleeping on an uncomfortable bed in Jamaica or riding in an all-night train in India, I come back from my trips with a renewed appreciation for life's little blessings—air conditioning, running water, nice roads and flush toilets. There's nothing like spending time with a family of seven in a house made of mud and straw to put your puny problems in perspective.

4. You will discover your spiritual family. When you minister alongside Christians in another country, you find that the Holy Spirit bonds us together supernaturally. In the community I visited this week in Gil Gil, Africa, there are people who have become like family members to me because of our spiritual connection. These relationships can last a lifetime. This is the same type of bond the apostle Paul felt with the people he met in Greece, Italy and Asia Minor during his travels.

5. You will build lasting partnerships. God gives us this strong bond so we will link arms and work for a common purpose across racial and cultural lines. I encourage churches to send teams to the same place annually to foster permanent relationships and effective projects. Expect God to link your church with a community overseas. Your connection to the same people over time can lead to the planting of a church, an orphanage, a shelter for women or a school.

6. You will overcome your fears. One woman on our team this week had never prayed at a church altar for people—and she felt totally inadequate. But when people streamed to the front of the church she swallowed her fears and did what her flesh didn't want to do. Instead of running like Jonah she poured her life out for the precious people we came to reach. I guarantee she will have more spiritual confidence when she gets back home. Sometimes you have to run to the front of the battle line to get new courage.

7. You will expand the kingdom of Jesus. The Great Commission was not a suggestion. Christ's kingdom cannot be built without bold, radical obedience to Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore..." Somebody has to GO. There's no way around it. To share the gospel with the whole world, we must be willing to pack our bags sometime and leave home.

Of course not everyone can hop on a plane and go to a foreign country for 10 days. Some people have health limitations or family pressures that make travel impractical. Don't feel guilty if you are in that category. Instead remember that those who can't go to the mission field physically can go through prayer or financial support. And the reward will be the same. When David defeated the Amalekites, he gave the same reward to the warriors who stayed behind to watch the baggage as he gave to the frontline soldiers who wielded swords (see 1 Sam. 30:22-25). So, whether you go virtually or in person, let's recognize the priority of missions. Let's encourage every Christian to discover their role in God's great plan to tell everyone about Jesus and His love.

PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES

Pray for:

A) Transformational ministry. The life-changing power of the gospel can bring about change that no government policy ever will, but Christians must make the sacrifices, take the risks and live out Christ's love in the hard places. The temptation to withdraw to a safe, comfortable, but unengaged existence is ever-present.

B) Deep reconciliation. Since evangelicals were slow to denounce, divisions and unfinished business remain. A number of denominations have gone through painful periods in dealing with the past. Bethel's Global Reach offers a context for churches to work out healing and develop unity. More work is required for real trust, understanding and cooperation to fully develop across cultural barriers.



PRAYING FOR BETHEL'S GLOBAL REACH

Above all else, we ask you to pray for BGR. We know that God can do far more than we could ever do in our own efforts. Before you go we ask you to please pray for the missionaries of BGR. For specific ways you can be praying for these ministries, visit our website for monthly updates on their request. Continue to beseech God for his favor on the ministry.

WHY BETHEL'S GLOBAL REACH?

EXPERIENCED

Bethel's Global Reach's Missions Management Teams are comprised of Missionaries with years of hands-on experience in establishing and operating successful Medical | Dental and Humanitarian aid around the globe. Each of our Team Leaders has personally served on foreign missions and has received extensive training in leading Missions Teams abroad.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

The collective hands-on experience of our teams has allowed Bethel's Global Reach to create a rich bank of knowledge in organizing successful missions' endeavors.

RECOGNIZED

With several recognitions including Congressional and Presidential Humanitarian awards citing our Global Efforts.

INDEPENDENT

While Bethel's Global Reach partners with a diverse group of U.S. medical centers, we maintain no exclusive ties with any one organization. This independence provides the flexibility needed to deliver the best solutions to our Missions partners.

MISSION MINDED

We provide humanitarian aid to all hurting people first in the community, then state, and to the far regions of the world. Our goal is to reach every nation, every city, every day with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PARTNER MINISTRIES

We believe it is vitally important to know the needs and culture of a community in order to make a long-term impact. Because of this, we have partnered with several ministries who aim to meet the immediate and long term needs in the areas where we serve, as well as share the love of Christ. For a complete list of our partners, visit www.bethelsglobalreach.org

TRAVELING WITH US



Purpose of our Trips

1. To build upon and further strengthen the relationship with our ministry partners.
2. To extend a helping hand and servant heart to our ministry partners.
3. To experience missions with Bethel's Global Reach.
4. To provide our ministry partners with encouragement and prayer.
5. To bond together as a team and expand our knowledge of Christ.

MISSIONS CHECKLIST

Vaccinations

1. Routine: Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots- such as measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, polio virus vaccine, or diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine

2. Hepatitis A 3. Hepatitis B 4. Typhoid

*Please note: Extras while traveling with Bethel's Global Reach are NOT included: Snacks, souvenirs, etc. Neither are passport or immunization costs.

Other

A working ATM or VISA card is needed to withdraw about \$100.00 pocket money. You must contact your bank or credit card company ahead of time to make sure they know of your travel plans in order for your card to work. American Express is not generally accepted in rural areas bank cards have not worked in the past, so be sure to ask about this when you call your bank.

Luggage

You may check one large bag (50 lb. limit) and carry on two smaller bags. It is a good idea to pack a change of clothes and your toiletries in one of your carry-ons. Make sure and leave valuables at home as there is nowhere to store them safely.

Medicine

Please make sure that you bring any prescription medicine with you that you may need. You may also want to bring a few basic medicines for things such as headache, nausea or a cold. You may not be able to find what you need in areas where serve, in case of illness. For ideas on what else to pack, see the sample packing list on the following page.

Team Leader

A team leader from Bethel's Global Reach will be assigned to EVERY mission team. The leader has been trained and will do their best to help you through this experience. Being a leader can be stressful in a foreign country so it makes it easier if everyone follows instructions. When in doubt about anything, please refer to your leader.

WHILE ON MISSIONS *CONT.*

Food Information

Most food in places where we travel is safe for consumption. Your leader will be directed on where you can and cannot eat, so it is best to follow their lead. The main thing to remember is not to drink the water, but it is safe to brush your teeth, etc. at the hotel.

Deviation from Trip Plans

Any deviation in plans must be pre approved by the President | CEO of Bethel's Global Reach.

Electronics and Adapters

An adapter should be purchased by the individual missionary. Please do not expect your American hair care tools to work in places on missions. Because of surges in power, hair dryers may blow up and straightening/curling irons may short out. Phone chargers will work fine with the adapter.

Photos and Social Media

It is best to pick one person to be the team photographer. Your team leader will let you know when it is okay to take photos. In certain situations, you may offend someone by taking their picture. Please always ask your leader before you begin snapping photos. Be careful not to post names or exact locations and what you say. While many people do not have much, they are proud of what they have. Someone could easily be offended if they feel that you are pitying them for their lifestyle. Once again, ask your leader if you need guidance.

Safety & Security

While you are in no danger in most areas in places we travel, it is still recommended that you be cautious and stay with the group at all times. Many cultures do not regard a woman to be as important as a male, so it is especially important that women do not wander off alone at any time. Listen to your leader's instructions on where to go and where not to go at all times.

WHILE ON MISSIONS *CONT.*

Communication

There are certain app's that allow you to communicate while you are out of the country. You will need to download these and test them before leaving. Some require Wi-Fi to work and there is limited Wi-Fi in certain areas. App's to try: Voxer, What's app, Talkray, Viber, Sykpe

Giving

We work hard to honor our partners. They have requested that we do not give money specifically to individuals. If you feel led to give to someone, please discuss it with your leader and he/she can help work out how to do it while still honoring our partners.

PREPARATION & REFLECTION



THE GREAT COMMISSION

Jesus is very clear in His command to spread the gospel throughout the world. He did not merely say, “Tell them who I am”. His instructions include the process of teaching people the ways of a follower of Jesus. This implies an ongoing process. Consider the relationship that Jesus had with His disciples. He did not walk up to each one, introduce Himself as the Messiah, hand them a Bible and walk off. He spent three years walking alongside each of them, modeling a lifestyle that He intended for them to emulate. He took great pains to show them how to love, nurture, and listen to each person that He encountered. He made a point to show that even “the least of these” was important to Him.

We are also called to be disciples of Jesus and to follow His command of spreading the gospel. As you spend time with Bethel’s Global Reach, you will be taking on the role of a disciple of Christ. Even now as you plan to go, He is preparing your heart for this discipleship. What exactly does this mean? Just like Christ, we are called to love, nurture and listen to others and to walk alongside them wherever they may be on their journey with Christ. Just like Christ, we are to emulate Christ-like behavior as an example to others.

You will discover new and lasting bonds of friendship as you go on missions forever to continue to teach and walk alongside the people we have met.

Bethel’s Global Reach partners with Christian people who care daily for the people in this area. We ask that you begin praying for the people you will encounter as well as for the caregivers, which will continue to work with them after you have come and gone.

ISAIAH 58

Isaiah was a prophet who seemed to speak many words of doom and gloom, not only for the nations that stood against God's people, but also for His chosen nation of Israel. In Isaiah 58, the people of God have obviously been asking why God does not seem to hear their cries or recognize their efforts of fasting. Through Isaiah, God begins to tell them that He does not recognize fasting for wrong reasons or while they are still participating in strife and wickedness. He goes on to tell the people exactly what He expects of them. The people have been caught up in the process of fasting as opposed to making sure that their hearts are in the right place with God.

While this chapter is addressing the question of proper fasting, there are many other principles that God addresses here. He let us know that we need to humble our hearts and to pour ourselves out for others. He tells us to share our food, bring the homeless into our homes, cover the naked. This is what He desires from us more than just depriving ourselves of food in order to please Him. God does not stop after giving instructions though, He continues by giving a promise for those who follow these guidelines. He promises that our light will rise in this dark world, and that our righteousness will go before us. He promises to guide us and be our rear guard. He goes on to say, "And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets in which to dwell." We have the opportunity to help clothe the naked, feed the hungry and house the homeless. By doing this, it allows us to be a part of restoration in that area and in the advancement of the kingdom of God. What an honor!

I WILL GO...

The story of Isaiah's vision of his encounter with God is amazing. Isaiah sees God on His throne and instantly feels remorse for his sin and knows that he needs to be cleansed in order to be in the presence of God. A seraphim puts a hot coal to his lips to cleanse him to be worthy of speaking to God and so ultimately, he may be a prophet of God.

After his lips are cleansed, he hears God ask "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" His reply is "Here I am. Send me!" Many people have felt God pulling on their heart to do something for him. To choose to listen to that calling is to walk in obedience to the Lord.

Sometimes it is easy to walk in obedience but sometimes it seems impossible. After Isaiah has accepted God's calling, God goes on to tell him what his future entails. Isaiah will go and repeat God's message to the people, but they will not listen. Can you imagine being told that?

You, too, have been called to do something for God. In choosing to "go" after hearing His call, you are walking in obedience to His will for your life. Just as Isaiah, you have answered, "Send me."

As you travel, you may face situations that seem impossible, yet God has taken you to them for a reason. Because we don't always understand His purposes, it is easy to look at an obstacle ahead of us and give up. But, God is bigger than any obstacle He allows us to encounter.

When you reach a point where you feel overwhelmed and feel that you have an unreachable goal in front of you, remember Isaiah's willing heart. God went on to use Him to prophesy and teach about some of the most important events in history, including Christ's life and death. While people in his time may not have listened, God used his words hundreds of years later to help people recognize who Christ was. Jesus even quoted Isaiah on a couple of occasions. Because he walked in obedience to God, even in what seemed to be an impossible situation, God used Isaiah to further his kingdom.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A CHILD

As you travel into the remote areas, you will no doubt be touched by the children of the community. Many are young children who, by our standards, are not old enough to take care of themselves, yet they are raising several younger siblings. As you meet these children, take some time to consider how important they are to Jesus.

What does Jesus tell us about children? After traveling a great distance with His disciples, Jesus took a moment to point out a child to them. Upon taking the child into His arms, He said, "Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me." Not only did He model for us to take the time to stop and pick up a child and give him love, but He tells us that by doing so, we are receiving God!

He further explains Himself by telling His disciples that whoever humbles himself as a child will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. While the disciples

probably considered children to be less significant in the kingdom of God, Jesus tells them that the children are actually the ones that they need to be like! He even goes on to say that death would be better than for someone to cause one of these children to sin.

On another occasion, the disciples were turning away children who wished to see Jesus. His response? He rebuked them and told them to allow the children to come to Him. Once again He took the time to take the children in His arms, loving and blessing them. Jesus then went on to tell His disciples, "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all." Obviously, He wants us to understand the importance of children in His kingdom. We are supposed to take the time to show them love and that we should look to them for examples of faith and humility. The promise He gives us is that in obedience to these principles, we are pleasing God and receiving Him into our lives!



THANK YOU!

We are absolutely thrilled about you choosing to go on missions with Bethel's Global Reach. We are so thankful for your support of this ministry and cannot wait to see how God uses this trip in your life. Please be praying for the ministry of Bethel's Global Reach.

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