



## **BBTC MISSION TRIP PROTOCOL**

Thank you for choosing to serve God and sowing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. As you prepare for your upcoming mission trip, please note the following protocol for BBTC groups going overseas for mission trips.

### **BEFORE YOUR TRIP**

- Every trip must be endorsed by the respective Cell Pastors, who will report the details at the weekly Pastoral Meeting.
- Keep those in authority over you - usually your Cell Group Leader, Cell Supervisor or Cell Overseer - updated on key details of your trip as they are confirmed. This includes your destination, itinerary, mission partners and key objectives. This will be circulated to the BBTC Houses of Prayer for prayer covering.
- You should ask your pastoral oversight to help arrange for your team members to be prayed over at the worship service one or two weekends before you fly off.
- If possible, provide a soft copy photo (.jpg or .png) of your team members or mission destination to be displayed during the announcements.

### **DURING YOUR TRIP**

- For prayer covering and accountability, the trip I/C is responsible for keeping your BBTC pastoral/body-life point of contact (usually your CGL, CS, CO and/or CP) updated on your trip. This should include your whereabouts and prayer requests.
- Ideally, you should send back a daily report, if phone networks permit.

### **AFTER YOUR TRIP**

- If you wish to submit a mission trip report/testimony for publication in the weekly newsletter, it should be submitted within 2 weeks of your return. The length should come up to no more than a single A4 page in 10 point form, single line

spacing, on Microsoft Word. If there are accompanying images, please provide them in separate standalone image files.

- If you wish to submit a post-trip video, it should be produced in a standard 16:9 movie format (for example, MP4, MOV or AVI), and last no more than 2 minutes.
- Please note that BBTC reserves the right to edit or withhold screening of any reports or videos. Submission of files does not guarantee publication or broadcast during services.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

- We encourage BBTCians to try to forge lasting, long-term relationships with an established missions partner in your geography of choice. Mission trippers should go not as one-off "mission tourists", but with a view of how to regularly value-add to the work already being done in the area.
- Do not commit BBTC to contribute to or sponsor our mission partners overseas without prior clearance by BBTC. This includes contributions in financial terms, the provision of BBTC resources, or commitments of subsequent trips.
- If you intend to have large sums of money change hands between BBTCians and the mission partner, keep your pastoral authority fully informed of all details, for accountability and stewardship oversight.