

VISION TRIP GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH LEADERS

PURPOSE

- To experience firsthand the transformative work of Plant With Purpose
- To explore the complex issues of rural poverty and environmental degradation
- To equip supporters to speak on behalf of the rural poor, especially the importance of Plant With Purpose's holistic community development model
- To encourage program participants and local staff
- To build relationships between your church and global communities

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Most Vision Trips include more than one church group. To be considered for an exclusive Vision Trip, churches should be supporting Plant With Purpose through watershed-level sponsorship.
- Church leaders will work with a Plant With Purpose trip facilitator.
- The Plant With Purpose Vision Trip facilitator will be available to answer questions and assist the church leader throughout the preparation process.

CHURCH GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote the Vision Trip
- Recruit and screen applicants
- Collect deposit, final payment, application, and waiver
- Schedule and assist in facilitating pre-trip training
- Purchase flights and travel insurance for the group
- Arrange transportation to and from U.S. airport with help from the Plant With Purpose trip facilitator

Plant With Purpose can provide guidance and assistance in each of these areas: Promotional materials, application, waiver, and general video

REQUIREMENTS OF GROUP MEMBERS

- Flexible spirit and attitude
- Adequate physical shape
- Mature individuals prepared to represent Plant With Purpose who are sensitive to cross-cultural situations
- Support for Plant With Purpose or a willingness to advocate for the organization

DEADLINES

- **3 months:** coordinate collection of \$200 nonrefundable deposit, application, and waiver
- **2 months:** book flights and purchase travel insurance
- **1 month:** participants pay balance
- **2 weeks:** pre-trip meeting or call for trip participants

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- **Day 1:** travel day, orientation
- **Day 2:** community visits
- **Day 3-4:** program visits, final community visits, sight-seeing, debrief
- **Day 5:** travel day

WHEN YOU RETURN

- Encourage trip participants to become advocates for Plant With Purpose at your church.
- Stay connected through the quarterly newsletter, and monthly prayer letter.
- Commit to a group sponsorship, directly impacting the communities you visited.
- Consider a church activity to support Plant With Purpose or raise awareness towards its mission.

