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### Mission Trip Planning

**Key to Successful Ministries**

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A **Mission Trip** for many people is the opportunity of a lifetime. It is an opportunity to learn about other cultures, create lasting change in the lives of those they meet, and to experience a transformation in the participant’s own life.

Taking a group of people on a mission trip, to another country, outside of one’s comfort zone, requires very careful planning. Planning includes everything from deciding what skills are needed to calculating cost for travel, food, lodging, and other resources…planning ahead will make your trip a great success! Join us to discuss tips for planning a safe and successful mission trip.
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My list is easy. To start with, it has the usual items like having a roof over my head, my family, a Savior who came to this world, lived, and died for me. These are important things that are worth taking time to contemplate.

But let’s be realistic. Not all things are good. Working in the risk management and insurance industry, I certainly see the “not good” things that happen. People are injured, property is destroyed, and people sue each other. Let’s be honest, we live in a world filled with pain. Are we meant to be thankful for this as well?

It does not make sense for me to answer that question for you. I can only speak from personal experience. Can I look at the painful moments of my life with gratitude?
One thing that difficult times have always done for me is to cause me to think about God’s role in my life. I know He has always been with me. He does not always take my problem away, but there is always a learning opportunity (whether or not I choose to accept it).

Most importantly He is always there beside me through it all. For this, I am truly thankful. It is good to know there is Someone on your side who knows the end from the beginning. That there is Someone who understands the challenge and will walk with you every step of the way.

This Thanksgiving my thoughts go out to those experiencing trials. I especially think of our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and elsewhere who have experienced hardship. I am thankful that we serve a God who gave us the opportunity to be His hands and feet to restore those in need and to show His character through our response to these hardships.

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