



Attitudes Packing List

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- Givers vs. Receivers
- Being vs. doing
- Servant's heart
- Learner
- What's most important
- Willing to make mistakes
- Creative thinker

Some of the most useful things we can take with us - and also the most destructive and unhelpful—are the attitudes we take along when we go overseas. Please take some time to pray over the list and ask God to show you if there are one or more areas He wants to grow in you.

1. Identity as Givers vs. Receivers - are you going on this short-term mission in order to give or receive or (better yet!) both? Do you find yourself most comfortable when giving to others (providing information, teaching, showing, or giving things)? Or do you find yourself usually on the receiving end of relationships and most comfortable in that role?
2. Being vs. doing - Is ministry what you do or who you are? How do you feel when you have 'nothing to do'? Is that uncomfortable for you?
3. Servant's heart - We are going to serve the long-term workers, and the locals we will meet, not going to be served. You will bless the ones you are with the most this trip if you will focus on serving others. What scriptures about serving do you know? What other ones would be important to meditate on?
4. Be a learner and question-asker - We will bond with the people we meet the most when we go asking questions, to learn from them, and when we are curious about their culture. Don't learn so much from reading, the internet, etc., that you go over there thinking you know everything—learn just enough to know what questions you want to ask!
5. Relationships are the kingdom, the body. We who live in task-oriented societies where things are more important than people will have our values challenged. Let's go in as learners and friends, humbly seeking God about what He is already doing there, and how He wants us to be involved. Also, we need to get ready to switch from a time-oriented, task-oriented lifestyle to one of being people-focused and event-oriented.
6. Be willing to make mistakes and be laughed at—give yourself the freedom to make a mistake. Laugh at yourself!
7. Use creative thinking (but be willing to check ideas out with leaders and submit to their authority)—We want to encourage creativity, but we also want you to think seriously about the impact of your creative thinking on your short-term team, and on the long-term workers you will be serving.

Teams or folks who seek to use Porch as a glorified (or economical) travel agency or platform for their own agendas are problematic for all concerned. Our best teams are those who respect Porch's approach and accomplishments and seek to encourage, enhance and support our work. In other words, teams which desire to "make our footprint a little deeper." *Gracias!*