



project trip read-me

What can I expect in an eMi² project trip?...

BEFORE TRIP

- ❑ Get project itinerary from project leader and carefully read it & give them your thoughts
- ❑ Pack early, pack light. **Train travel in India is 4 times more stressful with a lot of luggage.** You really don't need to pack so much clothing – see packing list.

DURING TRIP

Meetings, Meetings, Meetings:

Team Opening Meeting

- ❑ The purpose of this meeting is to get the whole team together and get to know each other a little bit. Be open. Feel free to contribute to discussion – the project leader doesn't want to talk the whole time
- ❑ Time to give your testimony – be brief, about God's work
- ❑ Share trip expectations and join in discussion about cultural issues

Daily Devotionals

- ❑ The purpose of these short daily meetings is to get the team's focus off what they are doing in their work and back on God. This will help provide the correct focus for the team to do the day's work
- ❑ Be ready to lead this time and prepare for it, volunteer for it
- ❑ Think in terms of the closing meeting final questions

Client Introduction Meeting

- ❑ The purpose of this meeting is to have the whole team sit down for a bit with the client to get to know them/their program better. This is very important, as the client and the program they are running is the only reason that the trip is happening
- ❑ Ask questions. They'll be sharing testimony, vision, history, project goals

Program Meeting

- ❑ The purpose of this meeting is for the project leader and the lead architect to sit down and talk in detail about the client's program for the site. If you are at this meeting, just take notes. To reduce the potential for miscommunication, the lead architect and the project leader are only ones who need to be communicating with the client at this time. If you have a question, ask it via one of them

Church/Fellowship/Small group Meetings

- ❑ Dress appropriately, be aware of cultural differences in the church setting
- ❑ Be open to receive what God has for you
- ❑ Be ready and able to speak something, anything: greetings, encouragement, testimony, your favorite scripture, a recent Word – they **WANT** to hear you talk. It doesn't have to be long, it doesn't have to be eloquent, it doesn't have to be super-spiritual. It just has to happen

Review/Presentation Meeting(s)

- ❑ The purpose of this meeting(s) is to review what the team has done with the client. This meeting(s) is our chance to get direct feedback on where the project is headed. The more critical feedback we can get the better – don't be sold on the teams or your own design; ask self-critical, open ended questions that will give freedom and the tendency to generate critical feedback from the client
- ❑ Pay attention to the client and what his responses are. Be aware that they may appear happy out of politeness. We want to try and get to the point of real critical thinking

Closing Meeting

- ❑ The purpose of this meeting is to process the whole trip emotionally, spiritually, mentally. It is to prepare for the next step in the project and is also meant to prepare (as much as possible) those who are exiting India
- ❑ Prepare for this meeting during the trip: What has God taught you, what you saw, what you felt, what you learned, how you will respond – the focus is meant to be application
- ❑ Be open. Participate in discussion. Affirm others
- ❑ Also, we'll be talking about the project execution plan – who is going to do what and by when

What you will NOT be doing most of the time:

- ❑ Crunching numbers



- ❑ Designing on site (unless an architect)
- ❑ Able to solve all the problems
- ❑ Able to communicate without a translator
- ❑ Constantly busy

SO...Change your expectations so that you are not disappointed

Standard Trip Operations:

- ❑ Be prepared to be a part of the survey team. The only people whose jobs are 'set' are the architects – the rest of the team will usually need to adjust to the task at hand
- ❑ Visit similar facilities under construction
- ❑ Getting as-builts for any existing buildings on the project site
- ❑ Photograph and document project site
- ❑ Percolation holes
- ❑ Copy or trace architectural drawings

- ❑ **Be a servant** to your team and team leader, and the ministry – offer to help with anything, i.e. surveying, Perc tests, research, measuring, cooking, laundry, anything
- ❑ **Be a learner** of culture, language, and religions – ask questions of nationals inviting conversation
- ❑ Pay attention to team unity issues
- ❑ **Be flexible!** Everything takes longer, many things are unpredictable, expect the schedule to change, so find a positive use for your time when left waiting

- ❑ Jump into service opportunities, learn a little of the language, or culture, teach a little English
- ❑ **Make time** each day to spend alone with God, and to journal – you will not remember everything
- ❑ Build a relationship with **a team member, a ministry worker, and a national** to encourage, challenge
- ❑ Pray for divine appointments and opportunities