



9 Commandments for Short Term Mission Trips

Healthy attitudes to have on short-term mission trips.

- 1) **You shall not forget that you represent your home country and the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 2) **You shall not expect that things will be the same as they are at home**, for you have left your home to find different things. [mono-culturalism]
- 3) **You shall not take minor things too seriously.** Accepting things as they are paves the way for a good mission trip.
- 4) **You shall not let other group members get on your nerves.** You raised good money and set aside this time. So, enjoy yourself.
- 5) **You shall not be overly worried.** The person who worries has no pleasures. Few things people worry about are ever fatal.
- 6) **Remember your passport** (or other identification document) so that you know where it is at all times. A person without documents is a person without a country. [passport info
- 7) **Blessed is the person who says "thank you" in any language.** Verbal gratefulness is worth more than tips.
- 8) **When in Peru (or insert name of country), do as the _____ do.** If in difficulty, use common sense and your native friendliness.
- 9) **Remember, you are a guest** in Peru (or insert name of country). He who treats his host with respect shall be treated as an honored guest.

