



International Safety Procedures

We take issues like safety and supervision of teams very seriously. Although we realize that there are things that are out of our control, and we cannot guarantee anyone's safety because only God is truly in control, we believe that is no reason to not be diligent, prepared, and wise.

We want you to be aware of the steps we take to ensure safety. This is not an exhaustive list but we believe it should help display the steps we take to minimize danger for our teams.

Supervision of Qualified Team Leaders and/or Adult Chaperones – All of our teams have a designated team leader or leaders. Each of these leaders have been on several international mission trips. They are experienced as well as trained to lead the team in the safest manner as possible.

Guidance of Missionaries/Nationals – We stay in constant contact with the missionaries on-the-field as well as the national leaders. We follow their guidance to ensure safety. We are also prepared to cancel a trip if we feel the team's safety would be compromised.

Embassy Registration – We register all international trip participants with the nearest US embassy. This means in the event of a large scale emergency, the US government workers in that country will be aware of the team's presence.

Travelers' Insurance – We purchase travelers' health insurance for all participants on international teams.

Emergency Contact Information – Each of our students receives contact information to use in the case of an emergency. We provide them with contact information for their team leaders, missionaries, lodging location, and any other information helpful to the location where they are serving.

Emergency Procedure Preparation – Although significant measures are taken to prevent a student from ever being separated from the team, we have an explicit protocol to follow if that happens. Each student will be prepared on what to do in the event that he/she is separated from the team. Additionally, the training and strategy of the work never allows a student to travel anywhere alone.

Contingency Plan – In addition to the contact information that each team member receives, each Team Leader receives contingency training and information directly from our staff. In the event

of any sort of emergency whether within the team or on a larger, national scale, our Team Leaders know the protocol for who to contact, where to go, and what to do in any situation that might arise.