

Mission Trip Milestone Module

An important Christian practice is learning to serve others. A mission trip to another place, whether it is across town or across the ocean, has a valuable element of service. Helping others in need is truly a joy to one's life and central to the Christian faith. One of the great benefits of mission trips is to be placed in a fresh, new setting—often very different from one's typical experience. Being in a new environment creates opportunities to rely upon one's faith, learn about one's faith in new contexts, and gain from the lives and faith of other people in different cultural contexts. This is all part of gaining wisdom and understanding—a theme often repeated in the Bible.

To embrace fully the gifts of a mission trip is to open one's life to a new kind of dependence on God, to receive new insight into and wisdom about the God of the Bible, and to renew one's own life of faith. The very act of service offers a rich opportunity to be served by the work of the Holy Spirit through fellow travelers as well as through the people who are met along the way. This milestone will help mission trip travelers receive the blessings of those with whom they travel and those they will serve.

This Mission Trip Milestone Module includes three different outlines that include devotions, conversations, and a prayer and blessing for different settings:

1. A Cross-Generational event outline for the congregation with a special blessing time during worship prior to the mission trip.
2. An outline to be done in small groups or in the home.
3. A follow up to encourage a time to check in after the mission trip.

The Mission Trip Milestone Module can be downloaded for \$9.95 and reproduced and used in different settings in the local congregation.

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There is also a [Mission Trip stone for gifting](#) as a reminder of this occasion as well as suggestions for gifting found in the Appendix of the module.

