



Relief Trip Expectations

Calvary Relief began in 2004 after Hurricane Charley struck Port Charlotte, Florida. At first, we thought that the Lord was calling us to aid people in Florida only, but as we have continued to serve, God has opened the doors for us to respond in Florida, out of state, and even out of the country. He has given us a vision to ENCOURAGE the CHURCH, DISCIPLE BELIEVERS, and SHARE the GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL with a lost world. Each facet is integral, but the real reason why we spend time and money and energy helping people with their physical needs is to earn the opportunity to speak to them about their real need—a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are excited that you want to participate in reaching those affected by natural disasters by joining us on a mission trip. It is a privilege and a big responsibility to serve God in this way. Some parts of this ministry are difficult. Serving often means that you will have to make adjustments. You may not get all the kinds of food you like, or have the best place to sleep, or a hot shower, but if you leave your own agenda behind, you will see God work in your own heart as you make a difference in a hurting world.

This trip will be an opportunity to...

Grow in the Lord

...Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Col 3:2

Team responsibilities include...

- Making time in your day for personal time in the Word
- Participating in group devotions
- Sharing what the Lord is showing you in His Word with the team

Serve

...Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:17

Come prepared to...

- Work long hours in difficult conditions (hot and humid, cold and rainy...)

- Work as though working for the Lord and not for man
- Work in whatever area you are assigned
- Sleep on a floor and/or sleep separate from your spouse and/or share a room with several people
- Share one bathroom/shower with several people
- Eat and/or do things you might not like

Be part of the team

...In the same way, you younger men must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, serve each other in humility, for "God opposes the proud but favors the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

Each team member is expected to...

- Listen to team leaders
- Be on time for all meals, devotions, departure times, etc
- Resolve your issues Biblically
- Avoid isolating yourself with your ipod, etc. Please avoid playing secular music
- Plan on doing just about everything as a team

Other important guidelines:

When you agree to join Calvary Relief, you are acting as a representative of it and of the Lord Jesus, and all representatives must comply with these requests.

Do not give anything

You may see a need in an individual that you have the ability to meet. However, you will be serving underneath our ministry and we are already set up to meet these needs. You can simply direct the individual to us. Never give money, personal belongings (your coat, etc), or any other item. You may actually be preventing a person from seeing his real need—a relationship with Jesus Christ—when you try to meet his physical needs on your own. If you desire to give anything, please talk to us about it, if we see a need for what you are wishing to give, we will accept it and then give it as we deem appropriate.

Do not accept anything

You are agreeing to come on this trip as an unpaid volunteer. If someone offers to pay you for your services or wishes to give money, tell them you are not permitted to accept payment, and direct them to Calvary Relief's leadership.

Do not make any promises to anyone

Do not promise to write, visit, or do any favors. Your heart may be moved or touched by particular individuals, and you may wish to do something nice for someone, but **DO NOT** make any promises to give or do anything. There are no exceptions to this requirement. You are more than welcome to **DO** any of these things, but instead of talking about it (i.e. make an empty promise), just go home and quietly do it. Calvary Relief requests that you do not exchange personal information with anyone, especially minors or those of the opposite gender.

Packing List

Due to the nature of disaster response, we may not have laundry facilities, so pack accordingly. Specific lists available upon request. If you are joining us for a week or less, even if there are laundry facilities, you will probably not be given access to them.

We ask that you adhere to the following:

- Abstain from the use of: Alcohol, tobacco, any drug without a prescription and any questionable contact with the opposite sex.
- If you have an issue with something while serving at a home, do not discuss it with the home owner as you don't always know all that was discussed prior to your arrival, discuss with CR instead.
- No course joking or poking fun of anything in the disaster. You never know who is listening.
- Treat everything in a disaster as if it was your last item in the world; respect even the tiniest speck of dust. People don't care how much you care until they see how much you care!
- Do not go anywhere alone.

FYI

- We cannot accommodate most special dietary needs (vegetarian, etc), unless it is medical in nature. We are called to die to ourselves and this trip will give you that opportunity in many ways. If there is a medical reason for special dietary needs, this will need to be discussed and put in writing before the person(s) wishing to join the team are approved.
- Do not go anywhere alone.

Agreement/Unity

God has called us all into unity as believers. Just like we wouldn't expect to come into your church/ministry and do our own thing and/or tell you what we are going to do and then try to run your ministry, we ask for the same from you. We count on team leaders of other groups to thoroughly discuss this document prior to accepting any team members and prior to us accepting your team. If there is any hesitation from anyone on your end, then either God is asking them to grow or is closing the door to serving with us. Souls are at stake and we don't take any of what God has called us to do lightly. We will answer to The Lord for all that we say and do. If there are issues while in the field, we will immediately address them with all parties involved and if a proper resolution and/or the issues remain, without exception, they will be asked to leave.

We cannot cover every issue with every possibility in advance. We try to do everything from a Biblical perspective, living our lives following the God given principles in His Word, and we ask that you're team do the same. Please go over this document with your prospective team and have each one sign below, then scan and email the last page to us. We will keep these on file in case of any problems in the field. It is suggested that each team member also keep a copy to remind them of what they have agreed to.

We pray that your time serving The Lord alongside of Calvary Relief will be a time that grows each and every one of us closer to being more like Jesus. If we all have this as our focus, then we will all be in unity and the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be lifted high in the area where we are serving.

I, _____ have read and agree to Relief Trip Expectations.

Print Name

Sign

Date

Parents Signature for Anyone Under 18

Date