

Student Dental Mission Trip Goals

- To expose dental students, hygiene students, pre-dental students and professionals to dental missions
- To expose all to serving others
- To inspire all to seek to learn together
- To train in group work ideals to work together
- To demonstrate how to plan a trip on your own
- To demonstrate how to run a trip on your own
- To challenge all to lifelong learning with great expectations of implementation
- To express God's love to others
- To meet and interact with new acquaintances of your class, other classes, other USA schools
- To meet and interact with new acquaintances from international dental schools
- To allow your foreign language skills to develop
- To experience a culture different than yours
- To travel internationally, some for the first time to fly, many first to leave home state or USA
- To tour and relate to an international dental school faculty, staff and student body
- To get a passport for the first time for many
- To experience TSA, Visas, Customs, international airlines and airports
- To develop your leadership skills
- To exercise fellowship roles in organizational structure
- To dream of your future privately and in context of others on the trip
- To add to your plans for the future
- To expose you to heightened awareness of your imagination/creativity/personality
- To learn timeliness in making future plans
- To experience making flight ticket schedules and purchases
- To fulfill one's purpose in life
- To allow exposure to prospective employers who are on the trip
- To allow exposure to prospective partners in business
- To allow exposure to prospective employees for your new business upon graduation
- To allow you to demonstrate dotting the 'i's and crossing the 't's, following instructions completely
- To practice professionalism in another setting outside your dental school environment
- To receive the feedback from others outside your formal educational structure
- To receive God's love from others
- To worship together with others
- To play together with others
- To share my life with yours and your life with me
- To let go and let God have his way with you/us
- To share God's love with others
- To avoid the poisonous trap of Spring Breakers who make bad decisions on their off time
- To return home with a joy and sense of fulfillment
- To make a memory for a lifetime
- To become a world class citizen