

ITEC Training Trip Vision and Mission

This trip may be unlike other mission trips in which you have participated. We call these trips “training trips” because that is exactly what we will be doing - training the local church in a skill that will allow them to meet some of the physical needs of those in their community as a door opener for sharing the Gospel.

Whether your team is training in dental skills, medical skills, mechanical skills or something different than these, the vision and mission remain the same. There are Christ-followers world-wide who encounter hostility and persecution when they try to share the Gospel. Other times, our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ feel ill-equipped to help those in their own community. The needs around them can be overwhelming.

ITEC’s vision in training is to come alongside the church, training them to minister to some of these overwhelming needs, while opening doors to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When the local church is trained to minister in this capacity, people in the community can see the church cares about them. There’s a common saying that “People don’t care what you know until they know that you care.”

Our role is to support the local Christ-followers and to empower them with skills that they can use to play their role in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). They are better equipped than we will ever be to reach their own people. They know the language and culture and have the distinct advantage of being in their community year-round.

Please be in prayer as you prepare for your trip. Ask the Lord to prepare you for the work that He has for you. Ask Him to be preparing the students for the training they will receive. And most importantly, ask the Lord to use this training to His glory and to grow His Kingdom here on earth! May you be encouraged by Matthew 42:14, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”