



Be Flexible

“A person’s heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps.” – Proverbs 16:9

“His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are as far as the earth is from the heavens.” --
Isaiah 55: 8-9

Commitment, responsibility and dedication are some qualities that are required in a missionary, but flexibility is also important. We know that mission opportunities should not be taken lightly and should be prayed through a great deal, but one thing you can count on, is that they will always take us out of our comfort zones.

We often make plans without praying for God's guidance. When we plan in our own timing, strength, knowledge, and resources, it's easy to limit the value of the experience and begin excluding our Father and His almighty power. When you include the Holy Spirit in your planning from the beginning, He becomes your road map that will get you to where you're going. Our BGM team desires that your short-term mission team in our community be effective and you can be sure that it will require flexibility.

Being flexible is definitely not easy. It's a learning experience, but is a necessary one, especially when we might have to abandon "our" plans and step into what God is leading at the moment. There are many examples in Scripture to learn from, including the life of Paul.

Paul was flexible to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as his plans were changed while he preached in Asia. He was prompted in a vision by a man in Macedonia pleading for him to come over and help, so he decided to change his plans. Had he not been flexible, he would have missed an awesome opportunity to minister to the people in that area. In his flexibility, he drew many to salvation like Lydia and her family and the Roman jailer and his family.

As you prepare, ask the Holy Spirit to help you keep in step with His plans so that you don't miss an opportunity for true mission. As you are preparing to "be flexible," doors will be opened in the most unusual ways to share the Good News of Christ.

