



Tens of thousands of short term missionaries leave their home culture to share Jesus in a different culture every year. Because of cultural and linguistic issues, teams often experience difficulties helping people to learn more about Christ during and after the short term trip. Here is our checklist for anyone planning to go on a short-term mission trip.

## 1. Research Destination

Identify the primary language group(s) you'll be working with, seek to understand their cultural normalities and how to avoid offense.

## 2. Assign Advocates

Designate 1-2 mobile ministry advocates on the team. Their job is to encourage everyone to follow these steps. They are to be the most proactive in considering how to integrate mobile ministry into the team's trip.

## 3. Identify Goals

It is important to set objectives so you have some concrete outcomes to direct your activity towards. Some possible goals are:

- Distribute Gospel media such as JESUS Film or digital Bibles.
- Show the JESUS Film or [The Story](#) video from your phone evangelistically.
- Show/distribute video testimonies or other Gospel-related videos.
- Record video and/or audio testimonies.
- Add people into discovery/discipleship groups with Whats App or similar app.

## 4. Learn What's Available

Understand the available options and equip yourself and your team with the Gospel media necessary for your trip:

### Downloadable Media

- i. Audio Bible ([bible.is](http://bible.is))
- ii. Text Bible ([ebible.org](http://ebible.org), [find.bible](http://find.bible), [scriptureearth.org](http://scriptureearth.org))
- iii. JESUS Film ([jesusfilmmedia.org](http://jesusfilmmedia.org))
- iv. GRN Good News ([globalrecordings.net](http://globalrecordings.net))

- v. Gospel Resource Hub ([Indigitous](#))
- vi. Language Specific Evangelistic Videos ([indigitube.tv](#))
- vii. Visual Story Network (<http://visualstorynetwork.wikispaces.com/Content>)
- viii. Your Own Recordings; Audio Sermons/Messages; Praise/Worship Music

#### Useful Apps

1. JESUS Film Project
2. Bible.is App
3. The Story App by Spread Truth Ministries
4. 5fish App by Global Recordings Network
5. Google Translate
6. WhatsApp

## 5. Download Media

Have everyone follow this [Mobile Ministry Quick Start](#) page and load at least one ministry resource on their phone.

Ask the entire team to download the [JESUS Film Media App](#) and [Bible.is](#) app (available in iTunes for iOS devices and the Google Play Store for Android devices) onto whatever device they are planning to take with them. Assist them with downloading the JESUS Film videos & audio Bibles in the correct language so they are available offline.

**\*\*VERY IMPORTANT:** Make sure to download your media BEFORE you leave on your trip. Internet is often unavailable or too slow to download media in the developing world.

## 6. Prepare Your Team

Have everyone watch this six-minute video on “[Innovation During Your Short Term Mission](#)” so they can all have a shared understanding of how technology can augment their work.

## 7. Prepare Your Leaders

Have two people from the team watch the [Your Phone - God's Glory](#) training videos and/or read the guide. The team members who go through the training will be well equipped to lead others in effective mobile ministry.

## 8. Get Local Input Pre-Trip

Put together a plan with some clear goals on what types of digital media you want to get onto the local people's phones (JESUS Film, audio Bible, text Bible, GRN Good News, video

testimonies, sermons, teachings, worship music, etc.). Working with locals beforehand can help you determine the best media content for sharing. At a minimum always make sure to leave them with a clear presentation of the Gospel in their language! Make sure you acquire all that media before you go on your trip (while you have good internet!). Let the local missionaries know about these mobile ministry resources so they can continue to spread God's word freely and easily long after your trip ends.

## 9. Do Hands-On Training

Make sure to spend 1-3 hours doing hands-on training with the entire team on using their mobiles to share digital media. Some practical exercises to cover are the following:

- i. Use phone file manager and locate media
- ii. Copy media files to and from microSD card
- iii. Send media files via bluetooth
- iv. Send media files via WiFi direct or Android Beam
- v. Practice recording video testimonies
- vi. Send team to the STREETS! Instruct them to show/share Gospel media with their phones evangelistically.

Street Ministry Checklist:

- vii. Greet in culturally appropriate way
- viii. Show them media on YOUR phone
- ix. Dialogue about the media; explain the Gospel
- x. Invitation to follow Jesus and/or prayer
- xi. Offer to put media on THEIR phone
- xii. (Optional) Record a video testimony
- xiii. (Optional) Ask for contact info to follow up later

## 10. Learn More!

Delve deeper by downloading the "[Mobile Ministry Made Easy Guide](#)," and feel free to look over some of additional resources listed below:

[Mobile Ministry Forum Site](#)

[Mobile Ministry Resource List](#) (Visual Story Network)

[Language Specific Evangelism Videos](#) (Indigitech)

[Mobiles in Mission: Using the Tool in Everyone's Pocket](#) (Course)

[Mobile Advance](#)

## 11. Share Your Stories!

Write down the things that you learned regarding Mobile Ministry during your trip and send to [clyde@visualstory.org](mailto:clyde@visualstory.org).