



Trip Preparation Policy

The Trip Preparation & Commitment form is designed to help individuals prepare for traveling overseas on a Lifewater trip. Along with communication with the team and Lifewater staff, it can enrich the process of learning about and understanding the culture and community where you will be traveling as well as international health and security issues and risks.

- Prior to the purchase of airline tickets, complete the Trip Commitment form and return it to the Lifewater office.
- Each team member is responsible to explore, share and review national security information for the country(s) that will be visited.
- After reading through the guidelines below, begin your research.
- Leading up to the trip, team conference calls with the Lifewater staff are a good time to raise questions and share security information.

Guidelines

Collect and review important information in preparation for the trip.

The Internet provides a rich source of information that can help you understand and prepare for potential health and security risks. Read current news, gather statistics, and familiarize yourself with the country and region in general. We suggest investigating locations you may travel through en route to and from your destination. The Lifewater staff will keep the team informed of updates as they become available. Lifewater has the authority to postpone or cancel a trip, or if necessary recall a team or team member at any time.

Read the trip details posted on the VTIC. Follow the links found on the ["Trip Planning Tools"](#) page for travel websites and books that will be of interest. To the best of our knowledge, these websites have accurate and up-to-date information. However, Lifewater cannot guarantee any information provided or omitted from these sites. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask Lifewater staff.

As you prepare, seek the Lord in prayer as an individual and with your family and church.

It is by the Lord's leading that a person goes, understanding the potential risks and trusting the Lord's providence as they travel and work overseas. It is essential for members of the body of Christ to agree with the timing and purpose of your trip, and the support of your pastor and church or home group is an important step in readiness. In addition, Lifewater's staff begins praying for each team weeks before departure.

Your spouse (if applicable) and pastor, home group leader, or other leader in Christian service must declare their agreement and wholehearted support of the timing and purpose of the trip.