



# Commissioning

## Guidelines for preparing a church commissioning service.

**Prepare Ahead of Time**      Make arrangements with your home church (or churches) for the team to be commissioned by the pastor and/or elders. Ideally, this should be during a worship service the Sunday prior to departure.

**Reasons for Commissioning**      Commissioning is a Biblical model:  
Acts 13:3: "After they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off."

- + It will send the team out as missionaries representing the body of Christ.
- + It will serve to emphasize the purpose of the team's mission.
- + It establishes the Spiritual Authority that is over the team which creates a spiritual field of protection around them.

**Elements to Incorporate**

- + Scripture Reading
- + An appropriate exhortation to the group from the Pastor or an Elder
- + An explanation of the mission: its location, goals, and tasks
- + A charge to the congregation to commit to pray for the team daily
- + Laying on of hands and prayer

This mission-trip is a God-given privilege to help build the most awesome, multicultural, interracial institution in the world: the Body of Christ.