Deployment Team Protocols

1. Our objective is to come alongside everyone we meet in this deployment and to serve them as Jesus calls us.
    a. **Matt 25:35 – 39**
    [35] for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; [36] I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
    [37] "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You,* or thirsty and give *You* drink? [38] When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You?* [39] Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' [40] And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'
2. Team Requirement
    a. Teams should consist of mature men and women who are familiar with spiritual battles in their relationship with the Lord. This is not a normal Mission Trip.
    b. Each team should have a designated Team Lead and backup.
    c. Cost – it is recommended that each team member donate $200 for the week (subject to change) for expenses the camp will incur for their stay.
    d. Clothing requirements.
        i. Work boots or heavy shoes should be worn.
        ii. Shorts for girls should be of a moderate length.
        iii. Women's clothing should be modest.
    e. Minors under the age of 18 are not permitted to volunteer <u>unless</u> they are under the supervision of a parent or legal guardian, or designated adult.
    f. All individuals must fill out and sign:
        i. Release Form.

3. As soon as you arrive until you leave, you step under the Outreachs covering. You will come under the authority and direction of your Team Lead, who will then be under the authority of the Volunteer coordinator. He/She will usually hold a briefing first thing in the morning to review the day's assignments; if they request volunteers for certain areas, let the Lord lead you where to volunteer.

4. Please come with an open mind and an open heart to serve. Every deployment is different and will require different jobs to be done. There is no room for personal agendas no matter what other ministries or organizations you belong to.

5. Each Team Lead should also hold a debriefing last thing in the day; we don't want the trauma we are experiencing to affect us and keep us from ministering to those that we have come to serve.

6. Be patient and kind, especially to your team and others. Their experience may affect them, and they need a loving touch from the Lord through you. Don't be exclusive; include everyone present to participate in your group, prayers, devotions, etc.

7. Food and meals are for everyone. Take a smaller quantity, and you can go back for seconds if there is enough. Don't be exclusive; include everyone present at the meal. Sit with strangers. Be kind, especially to those who prepared your food.

8. Remember where you are. You have stepped into an area that has been affected by a disaster. Everyone you encounter in the area has somehow been traumatized by this event. If you run to the store for supplies, though it may look like a typical grocery store, remember it is a store full of customers and employees who have all been traumatized and are going through some grieving process.

9. Be aware of cultural differences. If you are from New York, honking your horn at someone while driving may be very acceptable. However, it may be interpreted as rude behavior in other parts of the country.

10. Be Flexible. The one thing you can depend on in disaster response is "Things Will Change."

11. Never go beyond your level of training.
    a. Don't be afraid to say, "I don't feel comfortable doing that."
    b. Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know, but I will find out for you."
    c. Don't be afraid to say, "I have another responsibility, which I'm doing right now."

12. We practice "Patient Evangelism." Let your actions speak to people, but feel free to talk with them. Ask them to tell you their story, share with them where you are from, and a short testimony (Be careful to keep them the focus). Always offer to pray for them. Silence is OK. Just being there and sitting next to someone is sometimes the most needed ministry we are called to do.

13. Don't make any promises, but say, "I'll see what I can do." The one thing you can depend on is "Things Will Change Daily," and you don't know if you will be back in contact with that person.

14. Make eye contact, smile, and say, "How are you holding up today?" "Is there something I can try to help you with? Is there anything you need that I can try to get you?

15. Do a daily devotional and stay Prayed Up.

16. Be sensitive when taking pictures with your phone, still, or video cameras. Photography in a disaster is a very sensitive area. People can be easily offended by your pictures. Photography is not allowed inside shelters. All photography requires permission from the person being photographed. Don't be a tourist.

17. One of our primary goals is not to burden the church that is hosting us. Please clean up after yourself. Please have your team clean the bathrooms, kitchen, and carpeted areas every day, especially before any event takes place at the church.

18. Make personal notes on what you have done and how you have seen God move. At the end of the day share these with the Team Lead who can then share them with the CDR network and the people back home.

- When you get back, we would like a report on your encounters so we can share your testimony of what God is doing in this ministry.