



...together making a difference in Africa...

Safety is Priority

So much goes into each of our mission trips including:

- Recruiting team members
- Fund raising
- Soliciting prayer support
- Getting passports and other documents
- Pre-trip preparation and training
- Team organization
- International travel planning and in-country transportation
- On-field organizing
- Coordinating with local authorities and our partners
- Procuring medications and other materials for medical outreaches
- Communicating and interacting with partners on the ground in different countries

However, our first priority on the ground is the safety of our team members and partners. Therefore whatever you do, every team member is required to give priority to safety.

Adonai Partners, Inc. is committed to the safety of its team members. To the glory of God, there has been no accident in the past eleven years that the leaders of Adonai Partners, Inc. have been taking teams to Africa on short term mission trips. Team members should understand, however, that as with every travel overseas, there are risks inherent in participating in short-term mission trips to Africa. These include weather conditions, illness, accident or injury; and the lack of desirable medical care. Team members, leaders and other volunteers serve with faith in God's power to protect us during the trip and always. The mission trip experience could entail intense physical activities including continuous walking that require good physical condition. Team members should be aware that activities during the mission trip are often done in groups, and that all team members are expected to participate fully as directed by the Team Leader. Team members are encouraged to bring any health or safety concerns they have to the attention of the Team Leader promptly.

To avoid being vulnerable, pay attention to these safety tips:

"A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it." Proverbs 22:3

The excitement of being in a new place may cause you to let down your guard. At that point you can become easy prey for thieves or worse. As you prepare for this mission trip, pay attention to these safe travel tips in your memory. Make them part of your safety training and preparation:

Keep your luggage nearby and within your view.

When traveling by air, check your baggage in as soon as you arrive at the airport. Only allow airline personnel to handle your baggage. Never leave your luggage unattended.

Don't flash cash in public

When buying something at a store, don't pull out a huge wad of money (even though it may seem like "play" money to you). Wear a money belt under your clothes to carry your cash and small valuables. Do not leave valuables in a car or hotel room.

Be observant

Always look around you. Be aware of what's going on. When loading or unloading vehicles, don't leave the doors or the trunk open and unattended.

Keep your address private

If you're staying in a hotel, don't disclose your room number when strangers are within earshot. Be reluctant about opening your door for unexpected visitors or deliveries. If you can, call the front desk to verify the visitor's identity.

Be alert for mishaps that seem deliberate

Thieves and pickpockets distract people with ploys like bumping into someone or spilling a drink on people in a crowd.

Wedge the door shut

Take a door wedge on your trip. At night place it under the hotel room door to prevent anyone from forcing the door open.

Lock hotel room doors and windows when you leave

Don't leave your hotel room door ajar while you run an errand. If you find your room door open after you had left it closed, go back to the hotel lobby and ask that someone return with you to your room. When you leave the hotel, drop your key at the hotel desk. That eliminates the chance you'll lose it (or have it).

"Whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm" -- Proverbs 1:33