Preach this material firmly and often to your team

Team Leader:

1. COMMUNICATE: You are our way to communicate with team members. Help people keep the week’s schedule and announcements in their head by frequent repetition.

2. BREAKFAST. Check with Howard Culbertson at breakfast each morning to get announcements of the day, discuss problems, and share victories.

3. NAMES. Make sure team members learn your name, the name of the church where you’re working and the name of its pastor.

4. DON’T DO IT ALL -- DELEGATE. Find people to help in team leadership: Get a bus/van captain to call roll in the morning and afternoon; get a devotional leader; get a VBS leader; get a lunch leader to help local church with preparation; get a construction leader.

5. EVENING TEAM MEETINGS. Several evening team meetings will be scheduled. We’ll help you find locations for these daily debriefing meetings. While you will make some announcements, center this on sharing stories of the day, and on singing and praying together.

6. NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER WALKS: Why not start each day with a brief “prayer walk” through the neighborhood?

7. MORNING ROLL CALL. No team heads out to their ministry site without the leader first notifying Howard. Everyone must be with their team each day or we must know where they are. If they are sick, determine if someone should stay at the hotel with them.

8. FOUR-IN-A-GROUP-AND-ONE-MALE. Continually remind people that no one is to go off by himself/herself — ever. People leaving the hotel must be in groups of at least four with one adult male. Think safety! Make sure on the first day that everyone knows the name of our hotel (in case they would happen to get separated in some way from the group.)

9. CURFEW. Insist on people getting to bed and to sleep at the 11 p.m. curfew. This is for both safety and health. Every year people on Commission Unto Mexico get sick from lack of sleep!

10. ROOMS OF OPPOSITE SEX. People must stay completely out of hotel rooms occupied by the opposite sex. Harp on this often. Disciplinary action will be taken for infractions.

11. YOUR GROUP'S WITNESS. People will come to know Jesus because of your group. Work with the local Nazarenes. They are excited about our being here. Find out what talents your group members have and put them to work.

12. MORALE. Keep your eye on everyone. Be alert to loners and for culture shock withdrawal problems. Be an encourager. Don’t pass on negative gossip or murmurings (Satanic forces will try to plant plenty of that in our midst!). Promote team cohesiveness and unity.

13. YOUR GROUP'S WORK. Make your construction leader look good. Encourage him. Remind team members that we measure success in ministry and cooperation with the Mexican Nazarenes — not in construction accomplishments.

14. HEALTH. Our medical team has cures for all kinds of ailments. Don't let anyone be sick without seeing them. Our nursing team will run "Minor Ailments" clinics in the hotel each evening. Location and times will be announced the first day.

15. KEY WORDS OF THE WEEK: Flexibility and accountability.

16. In case of emergencies: Be sure you take Gavin Fothergill’s cell phone and the hotel phone number with you to your job site each day.