

COUNCIL OF 3

It is strongly encouraged that every mission trip participant approach 3 non-family adults within Acton Baptist Church. Consider meeting with this *Council of 3* at least once a month and perhaps more as the trip gets closer. From the moment participants register for a mission trip, they should seek for other believers who have wisdom, experience, and the respect of the church body. The purpose of this council will be twofold:

1. Prayer—Every successful missionary that has ever served our Master understood one basic principle. We have no power on our own to stand, tell, proclaim, accept, or even live out the Gospel. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit through grace, given by Jesus the Christ, are we saved (Ephesians 2:8-10). Every participant is a missionary going to a foreign land where the name of Jesus has not been heard and MUST have the church lifting up prayers on their behalf.
The *Council of 3* will need to make a commitment to pray for the participant daily leading up to and during the trip. Participants should meet with their *Council of 3* at least once a month for prayer. This could be as simple as meeting for 5 to 10 minutes as a group before or after a worship service.
2. Financial Accountability—Acton Baptist is very generous and often, participants only need to pay the deposit after applying the budgeted gift and fundraiser. However, in the event that more funds are needed, the *Council of 3* can be a great encouragement and offer counsel concerning how to manage your resources.

If you have more questions or would like some suggestions for your Council, contact the trip leader.