



How to Prepare a Greeting

Greetings are typically shared by all team members at the first church service.

Some of our churches visiting send greetings in advance so RMI can translate them for you. Once you receive them back, you can practice and share your greeting in the language of the people. These should be sent 3 months in advance so they can be translated and returned.

General Guidelines

1. Follow the example of Pauline greeting as seen in the New Testament.
 - Refer to: Ephesians 1:1-2 (Just about any of the N.T. letters written by Paul)
 - Example: Hello, my name is _____, I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Basic outline and information that you may want to include.
 - Your name
 - Your greeting (see above)
 - Any significant information that the people may find interesting.
 1. Are you related/married to another team member? Are you married but your spouse is not able to be on the trip? Do you have kids?
 2. You may want bring greetings to the Sister Church from a ministry that you are involved in. (Children, Young Adults, Adults, Committees)
 3. Your occupation (See warning below)
 - Reasons why you are visiting your Sister Church
 - Allow your love and joy for your sister church members to be transparent.
3. Write in such a way that will reveal your enthusiasm for being at your Sister Church.
4. Your greeting should only be about 2 minutes in length.

Avoid

1. Making statements that are culturally irrelevant.
 - When giving information about your occupation, do not use titles such as Software Engineer or Benefits Manager. It is better to explain what you do.
2. Going too deep into details.
3. Speaking in generalities or using words that are not clearly understood by all.
4. English idioms and clichés.