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Your passport to learning how short-term missions can best serve Christ's kingdom

Short-term mission trips are great ways to impact the kingdom. Yet they can lack effectiveness because of mistakes or naiveté on the part of participants. In this insightful and timely book, David A. Livermore calls us to serve with our eyes open to global and cultural realities so we can become more effective cross-cultural ministers. *Serving with Eyes Wide Open* is a must-have book for anyone doing a short-term mission or service project, whether domestic or overseas.

"Every youth worker thinking of leading a short-term trip needs to read this book!"--Mark Oestreicher, president, Youth Specialties

"A challenging, well-supported, and carefully crafted tool that will transform your missions and service ministries into opportunities."--Chap Clark, professor of youth, family, and culture; Fuller Theological Seminary

"Livermore does a terrific job of looking at the world today, asking stimulating questions about our approach to missions, and giving practical insights into cultural intelligence."--Daryl Nuss, international coordinator, National Network of Youth Ministries

"Livermore draws on his formal training, personal experience, theological insight, and contemporary research to challenge our cultural understanding of short-term mission experiences and their impact on our service and ministry."--Terry Linhart, assistant professor of youth ministry, Bethel College (Indiana)

"This is a must, not only for church mission committees, but for anyone who participates in short-term--or long-term--missions."--Ruth Tucker, associate professor of missiology, Calvin Theological Seminary

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