



## Teaching:

### **Three Good Reasons Short-term missions should be a part of your world mission strategy. - Tom Hackett: Director of Alternative Missions**

- 1. Short-term missions are a powerful tool for personal discipleship. Jesus used short-term missions to train his disciples.**
  - a. Luke 10:1 – 20, Matthew 10
  - b. Philemon .6 “I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.”
  
- 2. The Apostle Paul used short-term missions as a church planting method. (Missionary Journeys)**
  - a. Paul traveled with a team of men and women that had various gifts, nationalities and ages. They spent varying amounts of time in different towns. He was in Thessalonica for 3 weeks on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey and it led to planting a church.
  - b. Acts 17: 1-4, I Thess. 2:8 & 17-20
  
- 3. Short-term missions lead to long-term commitments.**
  - a. Paul's 3 weeks in Thessalonica led to the starting of a church and people going there “long term.”
  - b. 80% of missionaries on the field today were called while on a short term mission experience. More exposure to missions means more long-term workers.
  - c. We have seen people's commitment to pray, give and go to missions increase significantly after going on a Short Term Mission.