

# Visitation

## WHY VISIT?

1. Places people in somebody else's world—connect with real world.
2. Provides a person-to-person relationship—80% come because of a visit.
3. Prevents alienation—expands ministry time.
4. Promotes productivity—everyone can visit and be a blessing to someone.
5. Projects an image in the community—99% are watching for “grace”/caring.

## HOW to VISIT?

1. Have rosters, flyers, pen, clipboard, proper dress, and hygiene.
2. Set a time every week.
3. Everything revolves around weekly visitation.
4. What do you say?
  - Greet, SS/Church? Special events, needs? helps, gospel.
5. Who do you visit?
  - Regular, new/referred, soul winning, and irregulars.
6. “Block-by-block” approach.
7. Parents will ask: Free? Time? Safe? TP#? What is the program?
8. People not at home?
  - Leave flyer with note, come back later, or next week.
9. Pray for children, parents, and family needs.
10. How long do you visit? — Follow the “3 Hour Rule”.
11. NEVER:
  - Talk to kids when you're in a car.
  - Go into a house with no parents present.
  - Get offended by people.
  - Steal from other churches.

## HOW DO YOU START?

1. Pastor's support and leadership.
2. Training of workers.
3. Divide area geographically—visit in scheduled/assigned areas.
4. Flyers, promotional, record keeping items ready for upcoming events.
5. Gospel presentation materials ready for soul winning.

*“Ships are safe in harbors, but were never built to stay.”*

*Psalm 107:23-24      Luke 5:4-11*

## PROBLEMS? CONFRONT & DEAL WITH THEM.

1. Sexual abuse?
2. Unchurched kids coming into the church—outreach/disciple then church?
3. Mixing kids?
4. Criticism will come from within the church—prejudice, tradition, comfort?
5. Worker's feelings of urgency, burden, example, leadership, love and grace?
6. Danger?

*“Nothing worth dying for is nothing worth living for.”*

## TRAIN AND MOTIVATE WORKERS TO BECOME:

1. A Devoted Disciple of Christ
2. Faithful and consistent
3. Excited
4. Loyal
5. Compassionate for the lost, poor, and hurting
6. Part of the community
7. A Soul Winner
8. A goal setter and pace setter
9. Positive in Attitude and Actions
10. A Hard Worker

*“You Get What You Are So...  
“Do Whatever It Takes.”*