

Dedication Sample

The dedication is a very important part of the week. Your team and the family have been waiting for this moment. Below, you will find an outline to help you plan for the dedication, some helpful Spanish, and some relevant Scriptures. Remember, this is just an outline, and you will have a Casas staff member there to help you through the process. Feel free to change things up and personalize your dedication as you see fit.

Outline

1. Talk with your team beforehand about the dedication. Make sure they know the details and when you plan to dedicate the house. This way, people are not hanging around not knowing what is going on. Give your team time to think about what they would like to say to the family or prepare for any role they will have during the dedication. You should also decide who you would like to have hand over the Bible and keys to the family and also who will nail on the plaque to the outside of the house. Make sure everyone on your team has signed the Bible before you start. You can do the dedication inside or outside of the house. This usually depends on how many people you have on the site.
2. To start the dedication, you should have everyone gathered together and open things up with a few words you've prepared in advance. You can read a couple of Scriptures, remind the team why they are here, sing a few worship songs, and/or open with prayer. Once you are done, ask the team if there is anything they would like to say to the family.
3. Allow time for the pastor to share. He/she will usually have a few words for the team and for the family.
4. Ask the family if they have anything they would like to say to the group.
5. Present the family with the Bible and the keys. Some groups may have other gifts to give to the family. It's a good idea to place them in the back room and just let the family know they are there. You don't want to totally overwhelm them.
6. Have the team pray over the family and their new home. This can be done a number of ways. The team can lay their hands on the family, go outside and surround the house, or just say a simple prayer. Either way, make sure you know what you want to do beforehand.
7. One of the last parts of the dedication is to go outside and nail on the plaque. Some teams have a team member do the first nail and then hand the hammer off to a member of the family to do the last nail. This is symbolic of passing the torch. The team has built a house, and now it is time for the family to make it into a home.
8. Picture time!! Gather everyone up for a big group photo. Make sure everyone gets all the pictures they want before you leave the site.

****The dedication is the most important part of the building process. This is where the gospel is presented and fleshed out, and it may be the only time the family ever hears the Good News. Do everything you can to make sure this is what lives on in the lives of the family and your team!**

Helpful Spanish

Praise the Lord for what He has done this week. Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy. It has been our privilege to serve Christ and serve you this week. We have come because we love Christ and want to serve Him with our lives. We believe that Jesus Christ has given us strength to serve Him. We pray blessings on your family and your new home. We hope that every time you see your new home that you are reminded of how much Jesus Christ loves you and how He wants to have a relationship with you. May God get the glory for the great things He has done.

Damos alabanza a Dios por lo que hizo está semana. Damos alabanza a Dios por su bondad y misericordia. Tenemos el privilegio de server a Jesucristo y server a tu familia esta semana. Venimos porque amamos a Cristo y queremos server con nuestras vidas. Creemos que Jesucristo nos dio el poder para serverle a el. Oramos que Dios bendigas su familia y su casa nueva. Esperamos que cada vez que Ustedes vean la casa nueva acuerden que Jesucristo les ama mucho y quiere tener un relación con Ustedes. Gloria a Dios por las cosas grandes que hizo.

It is through God's strength and because of His love that we dedicate to you this new home. We want to give you a few gifts to remind you that God cares for each one of you.

Es por la fuerza y amor de Dios que dedicamos esta casa a Ustedes. Queremos darles algunas regalos para recordarles que Dios le cuida a cada una de Uds.

"Father, thank you for your love. Thank you for allowing us to be Your servants this week. I pray for blessings on this family and on their new home. I pray that you will surround them with Your love. I pray that this family will commit to sharing your love with everyone they meet. We love You Lord and we praise you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

"Padre, gracias por su amor. Gracias por permitiendonos a estar sus sirvientes esta semana. Horamos para bendiciones para esta familia y su casa nueva. Favor de cercarles con su amor. Horamos que esta familia muestra su amor con todos que conocen. Le amamos, Señor y le damos alabanza. En el nombre de Jesús, Amen!"

Scriptures

- Psalm 127: 1 - "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."
- Mathew 22: 37-40 - "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

- Matthew 25:40 - "The king will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"
- Mark 10: 45 - "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Luke 6: 47-49 - "I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."
- James 2:14-24 - "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."
- 1 John 3: 16-18 - "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."
- Romans 12:1 - "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship."
- Galatians 6:9-10 - "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."
- Ephesians 3:17-19 - "I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."