COMMUNICATION

The more your group communicates between members, the more successful (and enjoyable!) this experience will be. It will help you work together, even though you may not see each other regularly. It will also help provide extra support, as this may be the first cross-cultural relationship that some group members have had. Every time someone in your group makes a visit, communicate to the group what you did and what you learned. Include everyone in the group, as well as your TRM mentor and sometimes the agency representative, and you will get more feedback, suggestions, advice and answers to questions.

There are two recommended modes of communication:

1. Group Emails – Make sure every group member is listed in the "to" or the "cc" line. Send an email each time you make a visit, and "reply all" so that all members can follow along and stay in the loop for the three month partnership. Attach pictures, ask questions, create conversations or share what you are learning.

2. Facebook Groups - Facebook Groups make it easy to connect with specific sets of people, like family, teammates or coworkers. Groups are private spaces where you can share updates, photos or documents and message other group members. You can also select one of three privacy options for each group you create.

How to create a Facebook Group:
From your home page, go to the **Groups** section on the left side menu and click **Create Group**.

1. Click **+ Create New Group** at the top of the page. A window will appear where you'll be able to add a group name, add members and select the privacy settings for your group.
2. Click **Create** when you're done.

Once the group is created, you'll be taken to the group. To get started, click ✲ at the top right of the group and select **Edit Group Settings**. From here you can add a group description, tags, set a group email address and add a group picture.

What are the privacy options for groups?

	Public	Closed	Secret
Who can join?	Anyone can join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone can ask to join or be added or invited by a member	Anyone, but they have to be added or invited by a member
Who can see the group's name?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see who's in the group?	Anyone	Anyone	Only members
Who can see the group description?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see the group tags?	Anyone	Anyone	Current and former members
Who can see what members post in the group?	Anyone	Only members	Only members
Who can find the group in search?	Anyone	Anyone	Only members
Who can see stories about the group on Facebook (like in News Feed and search)?	Anyone	Anyone	Only members