

Section 8 Trip Follow-up

Section Overview

Can you believe that the trip is over?

In the final section of the handbook, we wanted send you home with some important information on how to “keep alive” what the team has learned on the trip, some important ways to report back to your congregation, and focus on some ways to say “ Thank You” to those have partnered with you to make your trip a success!

“Keeping it Alive”

The key to making a missions trip successful is impacting the team member’s lives not just for a week or a month, but for years to come.

Check out the City on a Hill STM Website, <http://www.cityonahillmilwaukee.org/missions/trips/default.asp> for additional resources and articles that will help keep alive the information that you have learned while at City on a Hill.

Remember: 6 weeks after your trip, the Poverty Simulation Commitment cards will be sent to you. This will serve as a reminder to keep alive the commitments they made while on the poverty simulation/trip.

Reporting to your Church

Your church and Pastor will be very excited to hear about your missions trip! Ask your pastor for an opportunity the next Sunday that you’re in church to share about your trip. **This is a great time for you to educate the congregation on the experiences your team had on their trip.**

You can download a *PowerPoint presentation template* and pictures from the STM website, <http://www.cityonahillmilwaukee.org/missions/trips/default.asp> . You can insert your groups pictures, add music and put together an easy presentation.

Along with the PowerPoint presentation, have a couple team members share their testimony from the trip, special people they met or activities that changed their perspective.

This would also be an opportune time to get your congregation pumped about making another trip to City on a Hill, or to rally support for a ministry or organization in your community that you'd like to support (local thrift store or food bank).

Be careful not to share too much information on the Poverty Simulation. The simulation has the most impact when little information is known ahead of time.

Partner Follow-up

It's important to recognize and thank those who made your trip possible!

1. Write a Thank You letter that summarizes the trip, your experiences, favorite moments, new people you met, and a trip testimony.
2. If possible, Xerox copies or print a couple pictures to include in the letters.
3. Send your Thank You letter to each partner that supported you in your trip to City on a Hill (fundraising or through prayer).
4. Make sure to stress the important role they played in making an impact on your life.

Make sure you send your Thank You letters no later than two to three weeks after you returned from your trip!

Don't be a Stranger!

We hope you had a wonderful time at City on a Hill and are excited for you to make another trip!

Please check our website for upcoming events and activities that are available for your church.

Other available activities include:

- ◆ Service Projects (on-site work groups)
- ◆ Special Event Volunteer Opportunities
- ◆ Urban Bible College Open House

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an activity, please City on a Hill at 414-931-6670 or info@cityonahillmilwaukee.org.