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“God must be a puzzle. Everything God makes is a piece of the puzzle. Then if you put all the pieces of the God puzzle together, we would see God.”

- Dalene Entenmann

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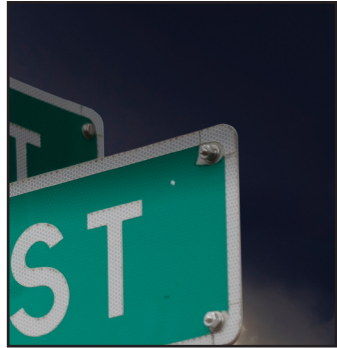
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“So many missionaries, intent on doing something, forget that His main work is to make something of them...”

- Jim Elliot

INTRODUCTION



The Art of Sailing



IN THE BEGINNING

*"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me,
then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."*

C.T. Studd

*"The command has been to "go," but we have stayed -
in body, gifts, prayer and influence. He has asked us to be
witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth...
But 99% of Christians have kept puttering around in the homeland."*

Robert Savage

$(F=m*a)$

According to Newton's Second Law of Motion, force is equal to the product of mass and acceleration ($F=m*a$). What exactly is force? Force is anything that tends to change the state of rest in a body. So there must be a force that is pushing you to go serve those you do not know.

"Go with passion and expect to save lives" is much easier said than done. However, that is the exact reason why Mission Life Center exists. We have learned through experience that those serving in the mission field whether locally, globally for a week or for their whole lives are just as affected as those they intend to serve. We do not go to serve believing that only those we serve are benefiting. That same force will meet you in the mission field and allow you to see changes in your life and in the lives you are serving.

$(F=m*a)$

Can one person make a difference?

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Mother Theresa

Can you make a difference?

In 1960, an MIT meteorologist named Edward Lorenz made an accidental discovery while he was trying to develop a computer program that could simulate and forecast weather conditions. One day he was in a hurry and instead of entering .506127, the number he had used in an earlier trial, he rounded to the nearest thousandth, or .506. Lorenz figured that rounding the number to the nearest thousandth would be inconsequential. He left the lab, and when he returned he found a radical change in the predicted weather conditions. Lorenz estimated that the numerical difference between the original number and the rounded number was the equivalent of a puff of wind created by a butterfly's wing. He concluded that a minor event like the flapping of a butterfly's wing could conceivably alter wind currents sufficiently to eventually change weather conditions thousands of miles away. Lorenz then introduced the scientific community to "the butterfly effect."

In his book *Chaos*, James Gleick defines the butterfly effect this way: "Tiny differences in input (can) quickly become overwhelming differences in output."

Now if a butterfly can have that kind of effect on the weather, ask yourself: "Can leaving my home and loved ones to go serve others have an effect on the world?" You will soon find out the answer and this book will carry you through that journey and through a change in weather.



“Truly God is being glorified through us and it is so amazing that God can use us all with our unique gifts.” - Dalia
(Zambia, Africa 2006)

“In the beginning, I was very skeptical about even coming on this trip. But I realized that this was a blessing from God and I am truly blessed and thankful for coming on this trip.” - Jonny
(Mexico 2006)



“I’ve never been on a mission trip with people my own age, and already I’m enjoying a lot of spiritual growth. It’s really amazing how much I’ve seen God working here.” - Chris
(New Orleans 2006)

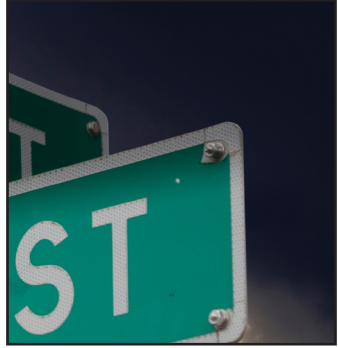




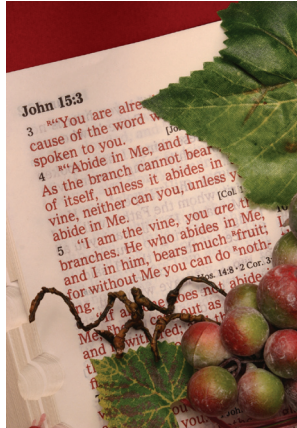
*“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”*

- John 8:12

PRE



Before You Set Sail



BEARING FRUIT

*“God isn’t looking for people of great faith,
but for individuals ready to follow Him”*

Hudson Taylor

*“I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God
who is sending a love letter to the world.”*

Mother Theresa

The biggest question and fear you will fight between now and the time you leave for your mission trip is “WHY ME?” And while for every person the answer is nearly always different, it is safe to say that God KNOWS you, and God has put something in your heart that has drawn you to this trip. Even if you haven’t figured it out yet, you will! Just remember that at the end of the day, when its time to make a decision, God wants you to go, and the devil wants you stay. God wants you to serve; the devil wants you to worry about yourself. God wants to use you; the devil wants to make sure God can’t use you. God wants you to do something crazy for Him; the devil wants you to be rational and do nothing at all. Whose team would you rather be on?

We are all called to serve. We are called to serve each other in love and with patience. There is no better place to sharpen those skills than on a mission trip. On your trip, you will learn to completely submit to circumstance. If this isn’t your neighborhood, city, state, or even continent... you have no option but to trust God and there is nothing more humbling and encouraging than knowing God is in complete control regardless of the circumstances before you.

Mission Life Center will provide you with everything you need while on your mission trip and you can rest assured your mission trip leader is up-to-date and prepared to help you as well.

**Your job as missionaries is to prepare,
and only then will God take care of the rest.**

When fishing, a fisherman only brings what is necessary for him to catch fish in a “tackle box.”

Below are a few items you will find necessary on your journey.

Heart for Prayer

“I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.” *Psalms 9:1*

Taste for God’s Word

“When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.”
Jeremiah 15:6

Eyes of Compassion

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” *Colossians 3:12*

Feet to Preach

“And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.” *Mark 13:10*

Hands to Work

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.”
Psalms 90:17

Mind of Reflection

“Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.” *Psalms 17:3*

WHY PREPARE?

Why do we spend all this time to train and prepare for a one or two-week mission trip? Doesn't it just seem like a lot of work for seven or ten days of service? YES! The amount of preparation you personally put into this trip will not only determine the success of your trip, but also what you gain.

God's mission for you does not start on the day you get to your mission site. God wants to show you and teach you His glory, and it all starts with how well you prepare and how seriously you invest in this trip.

This training section of the Fisherman's manual is intended to give you an overview of what to expect and how to prepare for your mission trip. This material is essential to your physical and spiritual preparation.

THREE PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

1. ATTITUDE: If you want to hear and see God, your attitude will make all the difference in the world. If you don't believe it, look what St. Paul said: "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain." *Philippians 2:14-16*

2. PRAYER: Have you ever heard of prayer hurting anybody? Always overwhelm your tasks, your preparation and your meetings with prayer. Prayer is meant to remind you that you are nothing but a tool in the hands of God. Prayer for your mission trip will teach you to surrender yourself to God so He can lead the way.

3. SURRENDER: Ever gone through a day without any plans? Probably not, but...well, get used to it! On almost every day on your trip you will wake up not knowing what you'll be doing or where God will be leading you. You will come to discover that God will only use those who have surrendered to His plan, and are not stuck to a plan of their own. This may be a tough thing to swallow, but you must always remind yourself that this mission is not about you, but all about God.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Licensed fishermen must go through a process of training in tools, skills, and equipment to classify for a fishing certificate. And as a Fisher of Men, God's expectations of you are no less.

To be a licensed Godly fisherman you are required to attend mandatory training sessions. In addition, you are to take personal initiative in prepping yourself.

In the following section, you will find the guidelines for the mandatory sessions. Each session is broken into three parts:

At the Docks – Completed before each session.

Setting Sail – Used for meeting notes.

Gone Fishing – Used for reflection after each session.



WHY ME?! WHY GO?!

AT THE DOCKS

Why me?!

Mark 3:13 – “And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.”

Why go?!

Matthew 28:18-20 – “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”

Let Go



Let God

SESSION 2

WHEN GOD IS IN CONTROL

AT THE DOCKS

Psalm 25:4-5 – “Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Picture



Perfect

PRAYER

AT THE DOCKS

Where is my faith verses the disciples?

JAMES 5:15-16 – “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore... pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Share a specific time your prayer (in faith) was answered. Write it below. You may be asked to share with the rest of the group.

The Solid



Rock

SHARING THE FAITH

AT THE DOCKS

Luke 5:10 – “Then Jesus said to Peter, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will be fishers of men.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.”

1 Corinthians 16:13 – “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.” Is courage measured by what we think we can do, or what we know God will do?

Walk a mile



in these feet

SESSION 5

MEETING FELT NEEDS

AT THE DOCKS

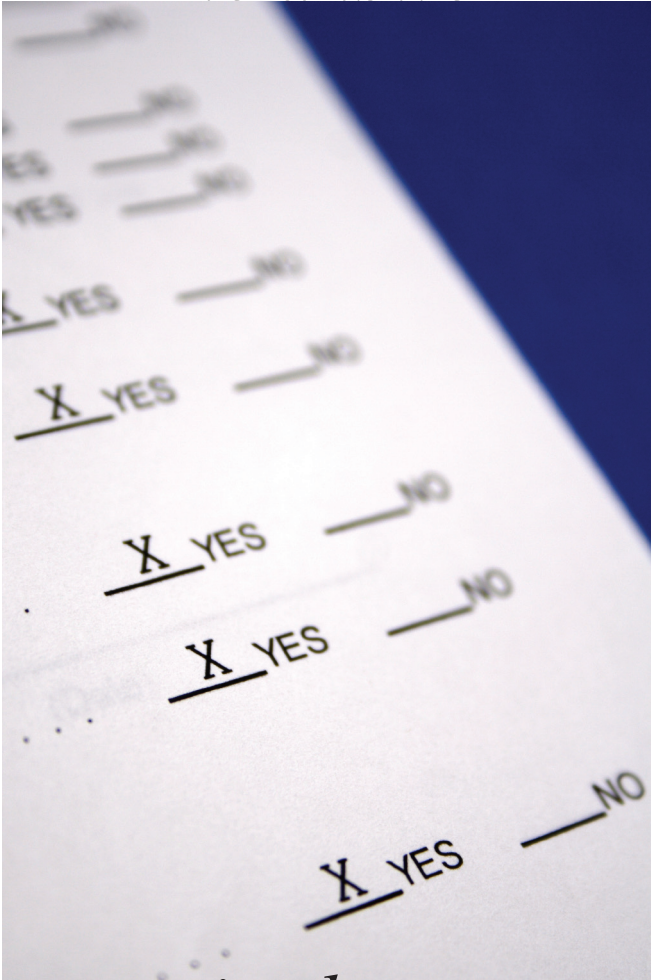
What are the needs?

John 11:35-36 – “Jesus wept. Then they said, “See how he loved him!”

How will I address those needs?!

Time spent at the feet of Jesus results in ministry. All true ministry comes from overflow – not from the flesh, but from the leading and empowering of the Spirit within. So it begins from the inside, with our personal relationship with Christ, and then overflows out of us to others. Jesus always looked at everyone with compassion. What effect would that have on you??

The answer



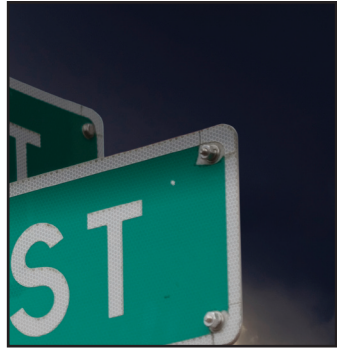
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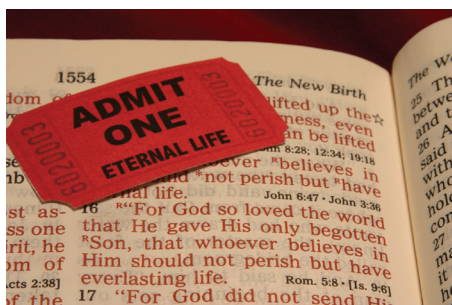
*“Being unwanted, uncared for, forgotten by everybody,
I think that is a much greater hunger; a much
greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.”*

- Mother Theresa

MISSION



On the Boat, Ready to Fish



JOHN 3:16

"There should be less talk; a preaching point is not a meeting point. What do you do then? Take a broom and clean someone's house. That says enough."

Mother Theresa

"God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on Him."

Hudson Taylor

"The more obstacles you have, the more opportunities there are for God to do something."

Clarence W. Jones

To catch fish, fishermen use various tools that through time have been proven to attract and catch fish. These tools must be present in the boat for a successful fishing outing. As a fisher of men, you are also expected to depend on tools to help you attract and catch fish. However, you will not be in need of hooks and buckets, you will only need a Bible and an open heart.

By now you are a licensed Godly fisherman. Having gone through the training, you are ready to get to work. But since you're doing God's work, you cannot go into the world without getting your orders. And since this is God's mission trip the orders should come from no one but God Himself.

In the following section, you will find a resource of quiet times and meditation materials to help guide you through your trip. For help with Quiet Times, read the "Guide to Quiet Time" in the Appendix.



Genesis 12:1-20 – Father Abraham was a liar. He uttered blatant lies on more than one occasion to save his kin. But even after he lied, he came to be known as the ‘friend of God,’ an intimate of the Almighty. With a ‘broken pinion,’ Abraham soared higher than he (or perhaps anyone else) had ever been before.

Joshua 2:1-21 – About Rahab? What of her notable failures? She had been a well known resident of Jericho’s red-light district. That’s correct; Rahab was a prostitute. Yet God selected her as His choice instrument to preserve the lives of His two courageous servants. Following that, she was accorded the unspeakable dual honors of having her name listed in Hebrews 11 ‘Hall of Faith,’ and being included in the very ancestry and lineage of Jesus Christ. When have broken pinions ever soared so high?

The Secret

Mother Theresa: "I don't think there is anyone who needs God's help and grace as much as I do. Sometimes I feel so helpless and weak. I think that is why God uses me. Because I cannot depend on my own strength, I rely on God in prayer twenty-four hours a day. All of us must cling to God through prayer. My secret is very simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ. I realize that praying to Him is loving Him." Surrender to God through prayer.

Mother Theresa: "We need prayers in order to better carry out the work of God, and so that in every moment we may know how to be completely available to Him. Knowledge of the self puts us on our knees." Read Luke 18:9-14.



Is this the way to go?

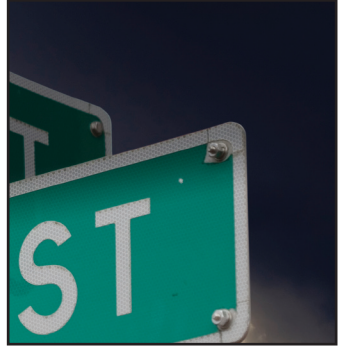
*“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”*

- John 14:6

*Jesus told us that He is the only way to God the Father.
Some people argue that this way is too narrow and “intolerant.”*

*In reality, it is wide enough for the whole world.
In the end we make a choice for God or for something else.*

POST



Back to Shore



THE TRUE VINE

*“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack
God’s supplies.”*

J. Hudson Taylor

“We are all pencils in the hand of God.”

Mother Theresa

The end of your trip is only the beginning of your mission.

Welcome to life after your mission trip. By now you are probably winding down on your last night on site, or maybe you have already started the long journey home. Whichever it is, you're about to go through what we call the "post mission trip syndrome." We have some good news and some bad news. Bad news first.

Congratulations, you really angered the devil by going on this mission trip. Don't think he hasn't seen you grow, seen your good works, seen your love towards others and sat idle. He has been preparing for this moment for weeks and he is mounting an attack on you because he knows that following every spiritual high there is an opportunity for a spiritual low.... that is of course unless you do something about it.

So yes, the bad news is that the devil is preparing to attack you and bring you down from your spiritual high, but the good news is that you have been warned and there is something you can do about it.

"Do not be afraid or panic when facing evil ... for the Lord is the one who goes with you, to fight for you, against your enemies, and give you victory."

In this section of *The Fisherman's Manual*, you will find ways to help get you over the top. Mission Life Center will be there for you to provide you with the resources to team up and fight back with God on your side.

Step 1: GET INVOLVED

There is something that is always puzzling to ponder... you went on a mission trip to serve others, yet without fail you feel as if you have been served. The trick now is to continue doing what you have started. Look for ways to bring God back to your community in the same fashion you did while on the mission trip.

Maybe organize a reunion for those who went on the trip? Or how about organizing a prayer meeting? Or how about finding a way to use your passion for service in your church ministry? All of these things serve one essential purpose... you staying busy and using the tools you learned while on the mission trip. The bottom-line is that you must remain active in your service.

Step 2: PLUG INTO A SMALL GROUP

The friends you made on your mission trip were essential in holding you accountable for prayer meetings and prayer time (amongst many other things). Well now that you are going home, it is very important to surround yourself with friends who have your best interest at heart and are willing to hold you accountable. Small groups is where that happens. We HIGHLY encourage it because it will give you an opportunity to share what you have seen, what you have done, and that group will help hold you accountable so that the changes you have started to make will continue long after the trip has ended.

Finally, as in all things, overwhelm your services with prayer. Prayer is our call for help.

Mission Life Center is as much a part of your service after your mission trip as it is before and during. If you have any questions feel free to email us and let us know how we can help. Our email address is info@missionlifecenter.org.



God is on the move! This week I have seen this entire group, young and old, push themselves out of their comfort zones and try new things. God definitely honored our efforts by giving us more abilities and challenges.” Janine (**Philadelphia 2006**)

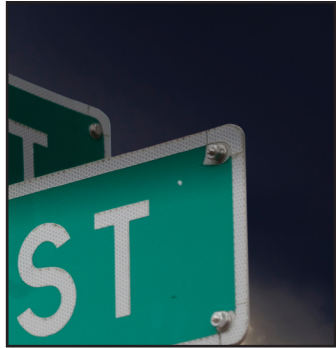


“I’ve never actually been on a mission trip and for that reason I didn’t know what to expect. I feel like I’m learning something new everyday.” Peter (**Bronx 2006**)



“Lord help me, I’m just not that bright.”
- Homer Simpson

F. A. Q.'S



Getting Equipped

1. Does God REALLY need me on this trip!?

Yes. God has a task for you, and only you can accomplish it!

2. What should I pack? What will I wear?

Clothes! We aren't going on vacation, but we also aren't going to a monastery/convent. Your clothing needs to be comfortable yet respectful of others on your trip and also respectful to your environment. If you wouldn't wear it to church for a service or youth meeting than please do not pack it. Your mission trip leader will provide further details regarding appropriate attire. As you can imagine, a trip to do demolition work and a trip to evangelize and preach require different attire.

3. Can I bring my IPOD and other electronics?

The general answer is no. However, considering that some trips require long van rides or long plane rides, in most cases the trip leader will allow for such devices. There is an unwritten rule, though, that once on site for mission, electronics will be turned off and stored until departure. Nothing is more distracting than gadgets on a mission trip. Check with your mission trip leader for details regarding your specific trip. (MLC is not responsible for lost/damaged/stolen electronics.)

4. Do I need to get shots and vaccinations?

In some cases you will need to get some shots and vaccinations. Travel abroad may require shots and prescription medicine (most of which may be covered by your insurance provider). Your mission trip leader will provide you with a specific list of shots and vaccinations you will need.

5. Do I have to be a US Citizen to go on a mission trip?

If you are not a naturalized United States citizen then please alert your trip leader immediately as traveling outside of the country may not be a safe option considering customs and other regulations. In most cases however, it should not be an issue.

6. How long has Mission Life Center been organizing trips?

Mission Life Center as an organization has been in the business since 2006. In our first year, MLC sent over 100 missionaries to three continents on 10 trips.

7. What is included in the cost of this mission trip?

A LOT! First is transportation to and from the trip site. Food is included and its usually three meals a day. A mission book is included, as well as the required reading your trip has been assigned. You will also receive an MLC t-shirt specific to your trip. The price you pay includes everything except souvenirs and other such items.

8. Is fundraising necessary even if I can afford my mission trip?

Yes! Fundraising can not only offset the cost of your trip, but may help in offsetting the cost for others as well. Fundraising specifically for MLC also helps us keep mission trip costs as low as possible by helping to pay our overhead costs.

9. What happens if I raise more than my trip actually costs?

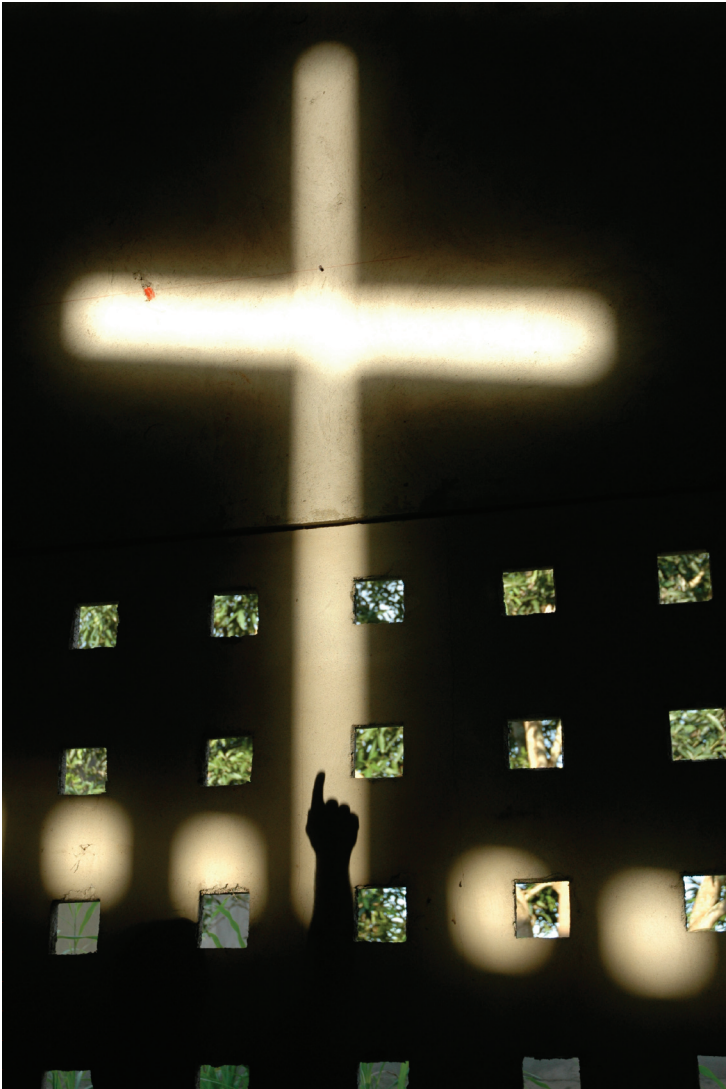
MLC appreciates and actually exists on the generosity of its contributors. Any extra money that you may raise for your trip will be donated to MLC to help offset future mission trip costs as well as the administrative charges we incur in our operations.

10. What denomination is Mission Life Center?

MLC is a non-denominational Christian non-profit volunteer organization. We are located just outside Washington, DC in Fairfax, VA.

11. Can I go on a trip that is not specifically for my age group because I like that location better?

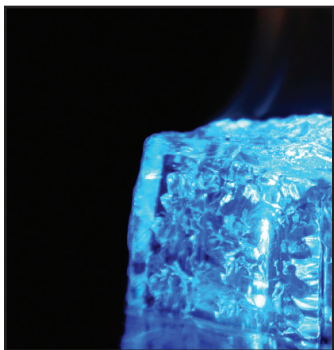
All mission trips are carefully thought out and planned to best fit the age group for which it was designed. Some mission trips are not appropriate for people under a certain age due to the nature of the trip, the location, and the skill set required. If there is a legitimate reason, however, the mission trip leader and MLC coordinators will review the details and consider all options.



*“The redemptive work of Christ on the Cross was given freely,
but to experience it’s victory in your life,
it will cost you EVERYTHING!”*

- Martha Wipatirce

APPENDIX



Compass in Action

GUIDE TO QUIET TIME

WHAT IS QUIET TIME?

Quiet time is a daily time I set aside to be alone with God to get to know Him through the Bible and prayer.

HOW DO I GET STARTED ON MY QUIET TIME?

1. SELECT A SPECIFIC TIME

The best time to have a quiet time is when I am at my best. Morning is recommended, because that is the example that Christ Himself set for us. It shows that God is my top priority and my mind is not yet cluttered with the day's events. Whatever time you select, be CONSISTENT.

2. CHOOSE A SPECIAL PLACE

"Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." Mark 1:35

3. GATHER THE RESOURCES YOU WILL NEED

You will need three things: a Bible, a pen and a notebook/journal. Your Quiet Time journal should be used to write down what the Lord speaks to you about, and to keep your prayer list.

4. BEGIN WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

Reverence: "Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Faith: "Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law." Psalm 119:18

Obedience: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

FOLLOW THE SIMPLE Q.T. PLAN:

1. RELAX

Be still and quiet! Slow down! Prepare your heart. Take deep breaths and ask God to:

- Meet with you
- Set aside distractions
- Reveal to you His Word for today
- Bring comfort and clarification to your life

2. READ A PASSAGE

Read and re-read a passage slowly, perhaps repeating a verse several times, expecting God to make it come alive with relevance for your situation. Read until you feel God has told you something.

3. REFLECT ON THE VERSE

Here are 6 ways to help you meditate on a verse:

- Picture it!* Visualize the scene in your mind
- Pronounce it!* Say the verse aloud, emphasizing a different word
- Paraphrase it!* Rewrite the verse in your own words
- Personalize it!* Replace pronouns in the verse with your own name
- Pray it!* Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God

4. RECORD WHAT GOD DID

In your journal, write out the verse that spoke to you most personally. Then write out a personal application statement that is practical and measurable.

What does the passage say generally (what is it teaching me)?

What does the passage say to me personally (what should I do specifically)?

Refer back to your verse and application throughout the day. Try to memorize the verse and meditate upon the application all throughout your day.

5. REQUEST

Conclude your quiet time by talking to God about what He has shown you and making requests from your prayer list.

DOES QUIET TIME REPLACE OTHER FORMS OF PRAYER?

Quiet time is NOT meant to replace other forms of prayer. It is to be used as a supplement to an already existing spiritual diet of Agpeya prayers, fasting and the sacraments.

Quiet time is also not a replacement for regular Bible reading/study. "These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone." Matthew 23:23

HOW TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS WITH QUIET TIME

1. THE PROBLEM OF DISCIPLINE

Your first problem in establishing a quiet time will face you the moment you wake each morning: am I going to get out of bed? Suggestions:

Go to bed on time

Get up immediately, DON'T SNOOZE!!!

Beware of quiet time robbers (late night TV, cleaning, phone)

Fall asleep thinking spiritual thoughts

2. THE PROBLEM OF DISTRACTIONS

Satan will try to use anything to get your mind to wander during a quiet time. Don't worry about your mind getting distracted, but gently bring it back to focus on God, and the area you were praying about. Suggestions:

Get out of BED

Get thoroughly AWAKE

Read and pray ALOUD

Keep a JOURNAL

3. THE PROBLEM OF DRYNESS

Sometimes you will feel like you're not getting anything out of your quiet time. Never judge your quiet time by your feelings. Possible causes of spiritual dryness include:

Your physical condition

Disobedience to God

Rushing your quiet time

Not sharing insights with others

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to the beneficent and merciful God, the Father of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, for He has covered us, helped us, guarded us, accepted us unto Him, spared us, supported us, and brought us to this hour. Let us also ask Him, the Lord our God, the Almighty, to guard us in all peace this holy day and all the days of our life.

O Master, Lord, God the Almighty, the Father of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, we thank You for every condition, concerning every condition, and in every condition, for You have covered us, helped us, guarded us, accepted us unto You, spared us, supported us, and brought us to this hour.

Therefore, we ask and entreat Your goodness, O Lover of mankind, to grant us to complete this holy day, and all the days of our life, in all peace with Your fear. All envy, all temptation, all the work of Satan, the counsel of wicked men, and the rising up of enemies, hidden and manifest, take them away from us, and from all Your people, and from this holy place that is Yours.

But those things which are good and profitable do provide for us; for it is You who have given us the authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, by the grace, compassion and love of mankind, of Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom the glory, the honor, the dominion, and the adoration are due unto You, with Him, and the Holy Spirit, the Life-Giver, who is of one essence with You, now and at all times, and unto the ages of all ages. Amen.

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and sin is always before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts. You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with your hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You. Save me from blood guilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. In Your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight You; then bulls will be offered on Your altar. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF EVERY HOUR

Have mercy on us, O God, and have mercy on us, who, at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, is worshipped and glorified, Christ our God, the good, the long suffering, the abundant in mercy, and the great in compassion, who loves the righteous and has mercy on the sinners of whom I am chief; who does not wish the death of the sinner but rather that he returns and lives, who calls all to salvation for the promise of the blessings to come. Lord receive from us our prayers in this hour and in every hour. Ease our life and guide us to fulfill Your commandments. Sanctify our spirits. Cleanse our bodies. Conduct our thoughts. Purify our intentions. Heal our diseases. Forgive our sins. Deliver us from every evil grief and distress of heart. Surround us by Your holy angels, that, by their Setting Sail, we may be guarded and guided, and attain the unity of faith, and the knowledge of Your imperceptible and infinite glory. For You are blessed forever. Amen.

TRAVELER'S PRAYER

I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand; The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

O Holy Father who awaits the return of sinners, You gave Your promise that You are ready to accept those who repent. Look now to a soul that was lost in the valleys of disobedience.

For a long time I have tasted the bitterness of misery, being away from the stream of salvation. Now I come back to You to be purified, accept and not reject me Lord, for when You look at me with mercy and compassion I will be cleansed and saved. If you turn away, I shall perish.

Grant me O Lord Your blessing to strengthen my will to come closer to You in faith and hope, to confess my sins and detest returning to them. May Your Holy Spirit remind me not to stray. May You enlighten my heart so I can see the graveness of my sins and negligence and have the will to obey Your commandments and live for the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE

Lord You are aware that I do not know what is good for me, and now how can I know what is right for me unless You guide me with Your grace.

O Lord, I beseech Your guidance, do not let me follow my tendencies, lest I will be confused and fall. Keep me Lord from slipping, help me, let my will be conformed to Your will. If You see fit, grant me Your blessing to complete my tasks, if not, remove from me all the evil desires. You know all things, nothing is concealed from You.

Lord, I am Your servant, deal with me as You see fit as I realize that I will have neither success nor peace unless I submit myself to the grace of Your will. Teach me to say in every occasion: "Let it be according to Your will, Lord, and not according to mine." For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power, and Glory forevermore. Amen.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Let EVERYTHING that has breath praise the Lord” - Psalm 150

KEEPING IT REAL

Our minds dwell the longest on what we care about (worship) the most.
*Who/what do you spend your time thinking/caring about?

The Bible says that we should have no other gods than God. Surrender everything in your life that has become more important than God to Him. Ask Him to make your heart worship Him WHOLY.

Sin stands like a wall between us and God, everyday rising higher and higher. Confess your sins before God now, and ask Him to break down that wall.

What does “praise” entail?

What does “worship” mean?

Do we only worship God when we’re “in the mood” ?

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power”
- Revelation 4:11

1. All in All

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking You as
A precious jewel
Lord, to give up
I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross
My shame
Rising again,
I bless Your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down
You pick me up
When I run dry
You fill my cup
You are my all in all

2. Amazing Love

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit lives within me
Because You died and rose again

Amazing Love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing Love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You

You are my King, Jesus
You are my King

3. Come, Now is the Time

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your
heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your
God

Come

One day every tongue
Will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still, the greatest treasure
Remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

4. God is Dwelling

God is dwelling in My heart
 God is dwelling in My heart
 He and I are one
 He and I are one
 All His joy He gives to me
 All His joy He gives to me
 Through Christ His Son

And with Jesus in my heart
 And with Jesus in my heart
 What have I to fear
 What have I to fear
 For He is the Son of God
 For He is the Son of God
 In my heart He is near
 Christians who are baptized
 Have you ever realized
 The great mystery
 God dwells in you and me

This joy God gave to you
 Share it then with others too
 Show them that God is love
 Lift their hearts above

5. Enough

All of You is more than enough for
 All of me for every thirst and
 Every need, You satisfy me
 With Your love
 And all I have in You
 is more than enough

You are my supply
 My breath of life
 Still more awesome than I know

You are my reward worth living for
 Still more awesome than I know

You're my sacrifice
 Of greatest price
 Still more awesome
 Than I know
 You're my coming King
 You're my everything
 Still more awesome
 Than I know

More than all I want
 More than all I need
 You are more than enough for me.
 More than all I know
 More than all I can see.
 You are more than enough for me

6. Every Move I Make

Every move I make, I make in you
 You make me move Jesus
 Every breath I take I breathe in You
 Every step I take, I take in You
 You are my way Jesus
 Every breath I take I breathe in You

Waves of mercy, waves of grace
 Everywhere I look, I see your face
 Your love has captured me
 Oh my God, this Love
 How can it be?

7. Freedom Song

Jesus comes, He comes in power
 (Jesus comes, He comes in power)
 Pour down Your Spirit like a shower
 (Pour down Your Spirit like a shower)

Gives us freedom and joy
 In Your presence, Lord
 In Your Presence, we're free
 Oh let us shout and dance
 And lift up our hands
 And sing 'cause we are free!

And He loves to come
 And fill me up
 He loves to overflow my cup
 He loves to come
 And bring His love
 He loves to come
 And bring His touch,
 To my heart.

Turn my mourning into dancing
 (Turn my mourning into dancing)
 And turn my weeping into laughter
 (Turn my weeping into laughter)

8. Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He's given
 Jesus Christ, His Son

And now, let the weak
 say I am strong
 Let the poor say I am rich
 Because of what
 The Lord has done for us x2

9. Holiness

Holinessx2 is what long for
 Holiness is what I need
 Holiness x2 is what you want
 from me

Take my heart and form it
 Take my mind transform it
 Take my will conform it
 To yours to yours oh Lord

10. Humble Thyself/ Awesome God

1. Humble thyself in the sight of Lord
And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift)
you up Higher and higher
And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift)
you up Into the heavens
And He shall lift you up

Our God is an Awesome God,
He reigns from Heaven above,
With wisdom, power and love.
Our God is an Awesome God

2. Serve the Lord with all your heart...

3. Love your neighbor as yourself...

11. Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped
Down into darkness
Open my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that
You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross

12. I Will Enter His Gates

I will enter His gates
With thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise

I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made.
I will rejoice
For He has made me glad.

He has made me glad x2
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad

He has made me glad x2
I will rejoice for
He has made me glad

13. I've got the Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart. Where?
Down in my heart. Where?
Down in my heart
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the *joy of Jesus
in my heart x2

I've got the peace, peace, peace...
I've got the love, love, love...

**14. I Could Sing of Your
Love Forever**

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free

I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of
When Your love came down

I could sing of Your love forever x4

15. Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me x3
The Bible tells me so

16. Lord I lift your Name

Lord I lift your name on high.
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From your throne to the cross
my debts to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high

17. Lord Reign in Me

Over all the earth
 You reign on high
 Every mountain stream
 Every sunset sky
 But my one request
 Lord my only aim
 is that you reign in me again

Lord reign in me
 Reign in your power
 Over all my dreams
 In my darkest hour
 You are the lord of all I am
 So won't you reign in me again

Over every thought
 Over every word
 May my life reflect
 The beauty of my lord
 Cause you mean more to me
 Than any earthly thing
 So won't you reign in me again

18. My Life is in You, Lord

My life is in You, Lord
 My strength is in You, Lord
 My hope is in You, Lord
 In You, it's in You x2

I will praise You with
 All of my heart
 I will praise You with
 All of my strength
 With all of my life
 with all of my strength

All of my hope is in You
 In You, it's in Youx2 It's in You

19. River of Life

O God You are My God
 Earnestly I seek You
 Earnestly I seek You
 My soul it longs for You
 In a dry and weary land

Your Love is better than life
 My lips will glorify You
 I will praise You as long as I live
 And in Your Name
 I will lift up my hands
 And my soul will be satisfied
 You are the River of Life

20. Sanctuary

Lord prepare me
 To be a sanctuary
 Pure and Holy
 tried and true
 With Thanksgiving
 I'll be a living sanctuary
 For You

21. Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your
 Love is shining
 In the midst of the
 Darkness shining

Jesus, light of the world
Shine upon us
Set us free by the truth
You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with
The Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word,
Lord, & let there be light

Lord, I come
To Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into
Your radiance
By the blood,
I may enter your brightness

22. This is the Day

This is the day
(This is the day)
That the Lord has made
(That the Lord has made)
We will rejoice
(We will rejoice)
And be glad in it
(And be glad in it)

Oh, this is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day
(This is the day)
That the Lord has made

23. Victory Chant

Hail Jesus you're my king
(Hail Jesus you're my king)
Your life frees me to sing
(Your life frees me to sing)
I will praise you all my days
(I will praise you all my days)
You're perfect in all your ways
(You're perfect in all your ways)

Hail Jesus you're my Lord
(Hail Jesus you're my Lord)
I will obey your word
(I will obey your word)
I want to see your kingdom come
(I wanna see your kingdom come)
Not my will but yours be done
(Not my will but yours be done)
Glory glory to the Lamb
(Glory, glory to the Lamb)
You take me into the Land
(You take me into the Land)
We will conquer in your name
(We will conquer in your name)
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
(And proclaim that Jesus reigns)

Hail, Hail lion of Judah
 (Hail, Hail of Judah)
 How wonderful You are
 (How wonderful You are)
 Hail Hail lion of Judah
 (Hail, Hail lion of Judah)
 How merciful You are
 (How merciful* You are)

* Loving, glorious, beautiful etc.

24. Victory Song

Victory* is mine x2
 Victory today is mine
 I told Satan get thee behind
 Victory today is mine

*Peace, Joy, Love etc.

In the name of Jesus x3
 We have the victory
 In the name of Jesusx2
 Satan will have to flee

Tell me, who can,
 When we call on his great name
 Jesus x2 victorious Jesus
 We have the Victory!

25. We Fall Down

We fall down
 We lay our crowns
 At the feet of Jesus
 The greatness of
 His mercy and love
 At the feet of Jesus

And we cry
 Holy, Holy, Holy x3
 Is the lamb

26. We Want to See Jesus

We want to see Jesus lifted high
 A banner that flies across the land
 That all men might see
 The truth and know
 He is the way to heaven

We want to see, we want to see
 We want to see Jesus lifted high

Step by step,
 We're moving forward
 Little by little, taking ground
 Every prayer a powerful weapon
 Strongholds come tumbling down
 and Down and down and down

We're gonna see, we're gonna see
 We're gonna see Jesus lifted high

