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World Awareness: Mission Trip Debriefing

OBJECTIVE:

Practice gathering resources for a project and information from other people interested in mission work. Identify and emphasize the spiritual impact of a particular mission trip.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:

1. Find a church on your local district that has either sent a Work and Witness team or has members that went on a trip. Your pastor or Nazarene Missions International (NMI) members be able to help you.
2. Use local library or Internet to decide which country you would like to highlight.
 - ★ Realize information does not always easily fall into place. As on the mission field, sometimes your ministry will take time and the ability to press on. Challenge yourself by setting a deadline for completing this project. Track your progress using the checklist on page 3.
3. Look at the materials listed on the next page. If you do not have these items, you can ask for help to find them.
 - ★ Missionaries often find they do not have all the needed resources. They discover they need to rely on others to help. Your success at asking and coordinating different people with various abilities helps make your job go more smoothly.

Make a presentation with the following characteristics:

- ★ Present your project to your local church
- ★ Use PowerPoint, Video, or Poster Board Display
 - ★ Poster board is the easiest, but is the least professional
 - ★ PowerPoint is best because of its flexibility and use in the school classroom
 - ★ Video is the most impressive, but takes an incredibly long time, the appropriate (very specific) skills, which may not be as easily used in other settings
 - ★ High quality (as unto the Lord, not men)
 - ★ Spelling and grammatical accuracy (at least 2 editors)
 - ★ Presentation Format
 - ★ Fun beginning (30-60 seconds)
 - ★ Overview of project: goals, areas, result, etc. (2-4 minutes)
 - ★ Spiritual accomplishments, relationships build, benefit to church/country (2-4 minutes)
 - ★ Less than 10 minutes total! Get approval for length from pastor





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List of Materials:

★ *Computer with PowerPoint or Video Editing Equipment*

- ★ **WARNING:** A video will take 3-5 times longer than a PowerPoint. Keep in mind that a PowerPoint/Video is a great asset to missionaries who tell their story after coming back from overseas.



- ★ Usually, churches have a computer you may borrow if you do not have access to another one, but as with being a missionary, you will need to be flexible and work closely with your church so as not to be a burden. Begin to think of others before yourself.

- ★ A poster board presentation can be very effective when done well, but using a PowerPoint or a video will better prepare you for the future.

★ *Scanner*

- ★ Gather pictures from missionaries or past Work & Witness teams
- ★ Treat these pictures with exceptional care. While working with the photos, avoid eating or smudging with fingerprints. Treating the photos well shows respect for contributors' time and work, as well as their property. As a missionary, you must learn to balance quick and efficient work with consideration for people's feelings and perceptions.

★ *Medium-sized envelopes*

- ★ Interview different people (they may all have individual photos). Put each person's name on the envelope, place the pictures inside, then seal them in a zip-lock bag to protect them from any accidental moisture contact.

★ *Willingness to ask questions*

- ★ Ask your Missions Call Coordinator (MCC) to help you find resources to make your project outstanding. The MCC should be able to help you locate computer equipment as well. They should not do the work for you, but give you phone numbers or help you gain credibility as you ask others for help.



Resources:

MCC at your church

NMI Council members

Pastor at your church

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html> (lots of neat statistics on different countries!)

<http://www.nazarenemissions.org/education/gin.htm> (also good info on countries)

http://www.nazarenemissions.org/education/global_glimpses/default.htm (find out if other Nazarene missions have gone to your area of research.)

http://www.nazarenemissions.org/education/mission_connection.htm (upcoming mission supporting ideas.)

http://www.nazarenemissions.org/education/mission_education/youth.htm (cool books!)

<http://www.nazarene.org/missions.html> (New things in Nazarene missions.)



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Use the following checklist to help you keep track of how you are doing. You may need to add your own steps along the way!

- Pray for guidance and wisdom. Pray it will glorify God and build up the church.
- Contact your MCC and pastor and tell them you are beginning this project.
- Ask the following questions:
 - Would I be able to present this at the church?
 - How much time would be appropriate?
 - Do you have any suggestions about what people would like to see?
- Discover which trips have been made from your church / area recently.
- Make a list of resources you will need. Determine which you have or need to borrow.
- Interview and gather testimonies/pictures from those who went on the trip.
- Write 3 important non-spiritual things people did on the trip.
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- Write 3 important spiritual things people did on the trip.
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- Work on your project. Make an introduction with lots of smiles and action. Following that, talk about your 3 non-spiritual ideas and tell the short story of the missions trip. Finally, emphasize the three spiritual aspects of the trip and why missions is so important.

Remember: When working on a large project like this you will often be excited at the beginning. As you progress, you may feel too tired to finish. That's where commitment comes in. Remember this project will be good for your church, and will help honor those who went on the trip. You are doing a good thing for the Kingdom of God, so keep going!

- When you are about 2/3 of the way through, have someone you respect look at the work and give you suggestions and spelling/grammar help.
- Finish the project and time it. Did it fit into the time you have scheduled?
- Have someone CAREFULLY look over your work and point out ANYTHING distracting or incorrect.
- Make all the necessary final corrections.
- Time the project from start to finish. Make adjustments. Time again if necessary.
- Pray this will be used of God's Glory at your church.
- Contact the MCC to ask for help as you set up a time with your pastor.
- Present your work to the congregation or NMI council.
- If the response to your work was exceptional, consider sending a copy to Nazarene Headquarters so they can be encouraged by the things that people are doing around the world! Ask your MCC to help you find the proper mailing address.

If you use ANY pictures or ideas from the Internet/books/music or anything else you did not make you MUST give credit to your source. At the end of your project put a "Thank you" page and list the people/music/Internet sites/books that helped you. This will also make people feel good when they see their name on the screen as someone who helped you on your project.

God will use you to build up His church. May He bless you as you continue, in humility, to seek first His Kingdom!

