



Trip Follow Up Material





WELCOME BACK!

Now that you are back from the trip, you're probably very busy catching up and have much to do. We hope you had a great experience with us on the field and have already begun to see an impact from the trip.

We at NEXT understand how amazing mission trips and summer camps can be. They serve as highlights, spiritual markers and “mountaintop” experiences for all of us. Our desire is for your recent experience with us to be more than that. The questions you may be asking since returning home are, “Now what? I’m back home with all of the distractions that I left behind: TV, Internet, cell phones, hobbies, etc. How do I maintain the fire and passion I have spiritually?”

These are incredibly difficult questions to answer. Often times, there is nothing to help us build on what happens after a mountaintop experience. It is easy to “ride the wave” emotionally and spiritually only to crash a few weeks later after returning home. You have great aspirations and goals, but it is incredibly difficult as to maintain this momentum. You have so much fighting for your time and devotion. Your need for accountability and further development is key in maintaining your renewed passions. That’s where we want to help.

This is a resource that can help you build on your experience. Get your team together, or invite a small group of friends from the trip to go through this material. It is meant to challenge you to apply what you have learned from your experience on the field. The goal is for you to learn to live “missionally” every day of your life. We want to see you do something amazing for God.

This resource is designed to simply be a “tool.” We wanted to create something you can use to process field experiences, discuss what you learned, study the Word and then challenge yourself and your friends to live missionally. This material can provide a platform for you and can be used in several ways. It has been created with six sessions; one debrief session and five topical sessions in a recommended 6-week (1 a week), 90-day (twice a month) or 6 month (1 a month) format. Each session includes a brief Bible Study and questions for discussion. Feel free to use as much or as little as you need. Our hope is for each session to be done with a group of those on the team - to be interactive with everyone sharing and learning together. This is not designed to be an individual study. We have provided 10 Devotionals in the back of your Catalyst Workbook, entitled “Salt and Light” for you to use as individual quiet times.

Now grab your team! We pray God will move in an incredible way in your life and that your team can continue to sharpen each other at home. You have experienced something very special together that only your team will truly understand. Thanks for going with us! God bless you!

Sincerely,

THE NEXT WORLDWIDE STAFF



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SESSION 1: DEBRIEF

PROCESS

One of the most important things that needs to take place after a mission experience is a time for debrief. This session is de-designed for that. It encourages discussion and provides an opportunity to process what God has done in each person's life.

Set-up:

- » Decide where you are going to meet (comfortable place, like a home, that will promote openness) Communicate to group members in advance when and where you will meet.
- » Arrive early to prepare for the meeting.
- » Prepare some snacks, drinks, etc. for the fellowship time.
- » Set up the room for discussion (where group members can face each other in a circle).
- » Fellowship time should be approximately 30 minutes.
- » Debrief time should be approximately 60 minutes.

It's important to process your trip experiences. Answer the following questions, allowing time for each person to respond. Be open and honest when sharing.

- » What is your funniest memory or story?
- » What is your biggest "take-away" from the trip?
- » Tell us something about your experience sharing the Gospel.
- » Which leadership session stood out most to you and why?
- » How has this trip affected your world-view (concerning missions, the church, leadership, etc.)?
- » What are you going to do about it now?

Closing:

The sessions in the next few weeks will involve applying what you have learned. The session topics are the "content in the barrel" for each person's life (from the barrel slide in Catalyst training). Don't forget about the steps at the end of the Catalyst leadership training session "Change Agent." It is important to set goals, but executing our vision and reaching our goals re-quires action. Remember, "*Vision without action is just a dream, action without vision is wasted motion, but vision with action can change the world.*" Review your "Change Plan" and what you wrote down in your Catalyst books. Set a time and place for the next session.





SESSION 2: MISSIONAL LIVING

LIVE

Think and Talk about...

Read: Acts 1:7-8

Read the material, ask the questions and then discuss: So often in our world today “missions” is a separate event or item we can support by giving to, praying for or possibly going on a trip. We don’t see it as a way of living. Our lives are divided into categories: Family, Friends, Church, Education, Career, Hobbies, etc. Living “missionally” means our mindset is tuned to missions every day and in every way, and therefore, impacts these categories daily. Wherever we are is a “mission field.” It may be a school, neighborhood, football team, cheerleading squad, workplace or even home. Wherever God places us is our mission field. He expects us to see our world through His eyes. In this session we will focus on having a missional living mindset and discuss what that looks like in everyday life. It will be one action-oriented discussion that serves as an overview of the upcoming sessions.

The Church: Inside the church there needs to be a mindset of living missionally. If we compare the Kingdom of God to medieval kingdoms with castles, we can find a common image. They both have protective walls. Inside the spiritual wall of God’s Kingdom live all believers. Outside the wall live all nonbelievers. There must be work accomplished that not only consists of reaching non-believers so they can enter the Kingdom of God, but also work done inside the wall with the believers to disciple them. To be missional inside the walls, is just as important as being missional outside the walls. If all we do is evangelize and bring new believers in without disciplining them, growth will not take place. They will remain stagnate and possibly fall back into the same life they had before the entrance into the Kingdom of God. This can also have a devastating effect on other believers inside the church.

- » How can you positively effect the members inside the walls of the Kingdom of God with a missional mindset?

Community: To live missionally also includes recognizing and addressing the needs of the believers in your community. As we read the book of Acts, we consistently see the believers looking for ways to reach out, bless and give whatever they had to those in need around them within the church. One thing we lack today is a sense of perception and urgency. The first step we need to take is to meet the needs of the people around us, whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual. We need to simply be aware of those needs. Keeping our attention and focus on the heart of people is key to unlocking true community Christ intended and envisioned. As evidenced throughout the Bible, God chooses to partner with us to meet the needs of His children. If we are missionally minded in our community, we can meet others’ needs through the will and power of our God.

- » How can you be missionally minded in the local community of the body of Christ?





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Discipleship: To be a disciple, in Jesus' day, meant you literally walked so close and for such a long time directly behind your teacher that the dust of his sandals would cover you from head to toe. There are many examples of what it looks like to be missionally minded in the area of discipleship. One example that can be implemented in any believer's life is simply this: *"Be a Barnabas, pursue a Paul, and train a Timothy."* It means be discipled, have a mentor and disciple someone else. Barnabas, Paul and Timothy are some of the most faithful and influential men of God in the New Testament. You may have been taught this at some point in your life or you may have some or all of these types of relationships in your life right now. However, we will always be in the process of giving and receiving when it comes to discipleship. Barnabas was an encourager who had Paul as a partner in ministry. Paul also had Timothy whom he mentored. He poured his life and time into him and later called him a "true son". Challenge yourself to be in all three positions at some point. When you do, God will teach you through others and use you to teach others. With these tools, you can continue and improve your missional lifestyle because you are reproducing yourself in others.

- » What does your current accountability look like? What practical steps can you make to initiate and/or improve the 3 positions/relationships of Barnabas, Paul, and Timothy in your life?

The Gospel: Through your discussions of community and leadership in that community, there are some very practical ways to live missionally everywhere you go, especially when dealing with non-Christians. Matthew 28:19-20 says, *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* The phrase "Go" literally means "as you go about, and everywhere you go". Therefore, as you go to school, work, home, friends, the gas station, and even Starbucks, preach and teach the Good News. Sharing the Gospel involves not only your lifestyle and actions, but your spoken words as well. You may have heard the quote by St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the gospel at all times, if necessary use words." This is a powerful quote, but it's only half of the challenge. We are also challenged to use our mouths and teach people the Word of God. Romans 10:14 says, *"...and how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without someone preaching to them..."* We are called to put our faith into action as James teaches and encouraged to let our good works shine before men as the Gospel of Matthew states. However, without using our mouths to vocally teach and proclaim the Truth, we miss an important component in living missionally.

- » How can you live, work and teach the Gospel with not only your lifestyle but also by proclaiming with your mouth to everyone in your community? What does that look like in a practical sense?
- » While you may have heard this term used in several different situations, even on the mission field, what does it mean and look like to "Live the Mission" every day?





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ACTION PLAN

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Possible Ideas: LIVE missionally every day. Be involved in mission projects on a monthly basis. Suggestions include: Ministry Days - a Saturday where you can have projects in your community to do local ministry (Soup kitchens, Homeless shelters, Pregnancy centers, Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, etc.), Mission projects with the local church association, Service projects within your church to elderly members, etc.





SESSION 3: THE CHURCH

SERVE

Think and Talk about...

Read: I Corinthians 12:12-31.

Read the material, ask the questions and then discuss: The Church – a living, growing entity of people who worship and follow Jesus Christ and live in communion with one another. Far too often, “the church” is seen as the building in which your particular denominational sect meets on Wednesdays, Sundays and during random potluck get-togethers. When it comes to the Church with a capital “C,” it is the universal body of believers in the world at any one time. If you are a believer, you are a member of “the Church”...as is your brother in Iran and your sister in Australia. The Church is an entity so much bigger and richer in depth and history than we can wrap our little minds around.

- » What is the Church and how is this view different from many others?

Many of us have a limited view of what the Church is. Sometimes, it takes an experience like a mission trip to give us a new perspective. Other times, it’s having a missionary come to speak to our youth group. Throughout our days, we tend to get increasingly nearsighted, if we’re not careful...we focus more on ourselves and our immediate surroundings, rather than giving thought to the lives of others around the globe. “Out of sight, out of mind” goes the old saying, and too often, this is our remembrance of our fellow Christians elsewhere in the world. Remember “A change in perspective produces a change in passion.”

- » How has your perspective of the Church changed after getting home?

One of the great parts of being involved with the Church is that each one of us has an individual part to play in the whole body. In I Corinthians, we read this – *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”* (Chap. 12 v.12-13). The passage then goes on to talk about how we each play a specific role in the Church, as well. Have you ever really given much thought to how vital a role you play in the Church? This should both humble us and help us guard against our falling into the thought that no one cares about us.

- » Explain how your view of your specific role in the Church might be different now.

The Church is a living body of believers, but it is so much more than that. Each individual congregation is an outpost in the world we live in; a “home-base” for believers and a place for new believers to come and learn and live in community with others. When reading the book of Acts, we get to see how the early church effectively lived for Christ and grew exponentially. *“Now many signs*





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and wonders were regularly done among the people...the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women..." (Acts 5 vs.12-14).

- » Why do you think the Church is vital to the world we live in?

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Possible Ideas: Find areas where you can SERVE within the church. Go through a Spiritual Gift assessment and find a place of service that complements your gifts. Plug into an area of ministry. Suggestions include: serving in the Children's ministry as a worker, welcoming people, handing out worship folders or ushering, serving in the Media ministry, etc. The most important thing you can see is yourself as an important part of the body of Christ and get plugged in an area of ministry within the Church.

Resources:

Spiritual Gift Assessment www.churchgrowth.org/cgi-cg/gifts.cgi





SESSION 4: COMMUNITY

BUILD

Think and Talk about...

Read: Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-35.

Read the material, ask the questions and then discuss: In the previous session, we discussed what the Church is and our involvement within that body. Within the Church, there are smaller, more defined bodies. These bodies can be defined as communities. Think of it as a funnel that gets smaller as you move from top to bottom. Everything that goes in and out of the funnel must go through the larger opening until it flows out the end. The top of the funnel would be the church universal, moving down to small communities of believers, down to the bottom where you are as an individual believer. The church, or community, that you attend is an interdependent body that exists to worship and bring glory to the Father. Within your church, there are even smaller sub-communities. Each of the ministries within your church: adult, singles, student, children, worship, education, etc., exist as individual communities. Within each of those communities, you can find even smaller communities. There are different communities that may be divided by cultures, races, social group, and ministries; each of these are still an interdependent community.

- » What are the communities you are currently in within your Church? How are they different from the other communities that make up your Church?

As you read Acts 2 and 4, the early church gave us a perfect example of what the body of Christ is supposed to look like. Within the word “community,” the word “unity” is found. In the early church there was a deep desire and strong commitment to foster unity. Acts 4:32 reads they were “*one in heart and mind, no one claimed any possessions of his own, but shared everything they had.*” This unity encouraged everyone to give what they had. Therefore, no one lacked anything! In our current culture, we look at “giving” as something negative because when we give then we are lacking. To the believers in the early church, “giving” was the opposite. “There were no needy persons among them.” It is crucial to establish this same sense of unity within the community of which you are a part. It is not only important in the entire body of Christ, the universal Church, but also within the sub-community where you are serving. In the book of Acts, the early church gave not only of their possessions, but their time, lives and energy as well. God rewarded them for their unity and unselfishness by adding to their numbers daily.

- » What would it look like if you implemented unity and an unselfish, giving spirit like the early church into your communities? What would it take to make that happen? What do you think would be the result?

One of the simplest ways to build community is to eliminate disunity. To be an agent of change, you must be able to engage in conflict resolution. Within the body of Christ, the local church, there are constant conflicts that arise. Sometimes they are over theology, personal preferences or simple





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misunderstandings. No matter the cause, you can be the catalyst that stands for pro-moting unity within your community. You can be the change agent. Being a change agent, most of the time, means you will have to stand strong against lies and deceptions from the enemy. Conflict crosses denominational, regional, racial and gender lines. You have the choice to be part of the solution and help resolve conflict or be part of the problem and maintain it.

- » What are some of the most prominent areas of conflict that threaten unity in our community? How can we be a change agent through conflict resolution?

Although there are many lessons we can take out of these two passages, one of the most commonly talked about, yet commonly misunderstood, concepts is the idea of “fellowship”. For most people within the church, fellowship simply means you know someone’s name or have casual conversations with them twice a week. This is not the same understanding or definition the early church had. For them fellowship meant learning, eating, praying, and seeking God together. They had everything in common. Their most important bond was Jesus Christ. They all understood they were partners in the same fight. Today, we might call it fellowship if we hang out after church. In the early church, there was no “hang out time after church.” Church continued to happen every minute of every day. They lived life together. If you are not living life together with the other members of your community, then you are missing the ultimate goal of community. As a community, we are to consistently and unwaveringly trust and rely on one another.

- » What is my view of fellowship in my community? How can I live together with the members of my community? What needs to change in my life to make this happen?

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Possible Ideas: BUILD strong communities within your Church. Foster the characteristics found in the early church in your groups and live life together. Divide your group into zones within your community. Assign leaders to each zone. Practice ministering to others that live in your zone. Suggestions are: communicating with each person to see what their needs are, getting together to do Bible Studies and worship, planning and implementing a Backyard Bible Club for children in your community, organizing yard projects for neighbors that live in the neighborhood, etc.





SESSION 5: DISCIPLESHIP

MEET

Think and Talk about...

Read: 2 Timothy 1:3-14; 2:1-2.

Read the material, ask the questions and then discuss: The life of every believer should be one of steady growth in Christ. Part of our growth in Christ is being surrounded by those who not only encourage us, but help lead and teach us more about what it is to live as a Christian. In the Bible, we see the word “disciple” used quite a bit. In both Jewish and Christian culture, a disciple is one who sets themselves under a particular teacher. Currently, at some level, you are being disciplined by your parents, youth pastor, a teacher at school or possibly another mentor. If you are a Christian, you are also being disciplined by the Lord. Do not lose sight of this...your ultimate discipleship comes from Christ!

- » How would you describe discipleship?

When we get to see a fellow Christian growing in truth and love, we should experience absolute joy and worship of Christ. Not only this, but our joy should overflow when we read things like the example found in 2 Timothy. Paul was overjoyed to see Timothy’s growth in these areas.

- » Looking back on your trip, what role did you play in creating opportunities for discipleship to take place now and in the future?

In discipleship, we see the Christian constantly growing in all areas of life. As a believer, you should be constantly made more and more into the image of Christ. The true believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit which gives us comfort. Even when we don’t feel spiritual or are not experiencing some sort of spiritual high, the Spirit is still working in us. Discipleship is one way the Lord bends, molds, hammers out some of our strongholds and puts us through refinement to purify us (2 Timothy 1:12 and 2:3). Paul knew all about suffering and being made more into the image of Christ. He challenged Timothy to be strong.

- » Why is discipleship key to growing as a believer?

As believers, we all have a part to play in discipleship, not only in our personal walks, but also in the lives of others. Whether you are a new Christian or were graciously saved at an early age, you have a role in both being disciplined and discipling someone else.

- » How are you going to be more involved in discipleship, both in being disciplined and discipling others?





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Possible Ideas: MEET with someone else to be discipled. Ask adult leaders that have a heart for discipleship to create small groups with 6-8 members in each group (by grade and gender). Plan on meeting weekly for the purpose of accountability and Bible Study. Use these groups to challenge each other to study more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Pick a Bible Study to use as the foundation and build from there. Do things together outside of the assigned meeting time for the purpose of fellowship and fun.

Create a mentorship program for students similar to Big Brother/Big Sister. Match students up with other students: 12th grade to 9th grade, 11th grade to 8th grade, and 10th grade to 7th grade. If you're an upperclassman, meet with and disciple younger students.



SESSION 6: THE GOSPEL

SHARE

Think and Talk about...

Read: Matthew 28:18-20.

Read the material, ask the questions and then discuss: “The Gospel” – so often we talk about sharing it, living it out, singing about it...yet how often do we think about what it actually is? When asked, “What is the Gospel?” our answers are often, awkward, followed by a slightly uncomfortable silence. In its simplest form, the Gospel can be summed up as follows: “*God created us in his image. Because of the fall we are by nature children of wrath. Left to our own, we cannot stand before a holy God. We deserve to be punished for offending this God. But, in love, God sent his Son to bear our sins and face the penalty we deserved. God’s wrath was poured out on Jesus and Jesus’ righteousness is imputed to us by faith.*” (Kevin de Young; The Good News We Almost Forgot, p.42)

- » How do you put the Gospel into words? Do you ever give thought to why it’s called “good news?”

One of the most beautiful things about the Gospel is that it transcends cultural barriers. Many times, we Americans and even Westerners, in general, view it as an incredible thing when a “pagan” African comes to know the Lord. We are just as guilty as many Jewish people were of both nationalistic and racial pride. Yet, we know that the Gospel has gone out to all peoples. The Lord did away with Peter’s Jewish pride in one particular event in the book of Acts –

“The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But Peter said, ‘By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.’ And the voice came to him again a second time, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’” (Acts 10:9-15)

In this, we see the people who had once been considered “unclean” and “common,” the Gentiles, were now clean because of Christ. The Gospel was to go forth from the disciples and be taught not only to people of Jewish descent, but also Gentiles. It was not to be taught in a way that was not only Jewish, but was put into the context of the Greek, African and Roman culture it was infiltrating.

- » What does it mean to share the Gospel in context?

As we see the Gospel move into new tribes, tongues and nations, one thing to keep in mind is the huge difference between sharing the Gospel in a cultural way versus adjusting the Gospel to be more “suitable” for the culture. For example, when you see the Gospel contextualized in African culture,





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you may see more of a focus on the Lord's ability to give strength and power to individuals, different forms of worship (more dancing and singing) and a more intense prayer life. Watering-down the Gospel would be allowing ancestor worship and the Gospel to coincide. Concessions are not made for the sake of culture; sharing the Gospel does not mean detracting from it so it's easier for people to accept.

- » What is the difference between contextualizing the Gospel and watering-down the Gospel?

A.W. Tozer said, *“The most important thought a man has is how he views God.”* This is true because it affects everything we do in life. If we really do view God as Lord of our lives, then anything that comes before Him or causes us to focus on other things rather than Him affects our relationship with Him. If we, as Believers, live out our faith, it will affect how we view our friends, how we treat people we don't know (and those we do) and how we work at our jobs. The Gospel should seep into every nook of the Believer's life. **It changes us and we, in turn, change culture**, not the other way around.

- » How should the way you view the Gospel effect your behavior? How, then, does it change your surrounding culture?

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Possible Ideas: Creatively SHARE the Gospel. Pick a specific time (evening or weekend) to engage with nonbelievers with the specific purpose of sharing the gospel. The place and setting will be unique to your environment. Suggestions include: meet your friends at a coffee shop to tell them about your trip and share your story, go to a local hangout (mall, skateboard park, Sonic, etc.), spread out in groups of two and share your story, etc. Study your Keys to the Kingdom and be ready to share your story.

One idea that Dare 2 Share Ministries has used for sharing the Gospel is the T.A.S.K. project.

T - Training: Go back through Keys to the Kingdom training and include new students in the training.

A - Accountability: Hold each other accountable for engaging people in relationships through which each person will share the Gospel.

S - Strategize: Discuss creative ways to engage people with the Gospel and then develop an action plan.

K - Kneel: Pray together. Only the Holy Spirit can draw someone to Christ. Ask and believe.





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Closing

Session 6 is designed to be the final follow-up session. Take time to put some final thoughts together to challenge and encourage each other to apply all you have learned on the trip and since returning home. Your goal is to live missionally every day. We hope and pray this material has been relevant, practical and helpful!

We're praying for you! We appreciate you allowing us to partner with you in ministry. We hope we have the opportunity to take you on the field again! May God continue to bless you.





POST-TRIP WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SAMPLE:

Some groups are asked to lead a worship celebration in their church when they return. During this celebration they are asked to share pictures, stories and personal testimonies of their experiences on the trip. This is an example of what a service can look like. It is designed to be a suggestion that may help you in creating a service that fits the needs of your church. The time frame is one hour.

6PM	WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER
6:05	WORSHIP (2 SONGS)
6:13	TESTIMONY FROM A STUDENT
6:23	TESTIMONY FROM AN ADULT LEADER
6:33	VIDEO OR SLIDESHOW
6:36	MESSAGE FROM STUDENT PASTOR/ ADULT LEADER
6:50	WORSHIP (1 SONG)
6:55	CLOSING AND PRAYER
7PM	CELEBRATION ENDS





SAMPLE: THANK-YOU LETTER

Below is a sample thank-you letter you can use to send to your supporters. It is a great idea to thank the individuals that provided you with the financial means to go on the trip. You can take this example and personalize it with the necessary changes. It needs to be short and concise!

Dear _____,

I just got back from _____ and I wanted to send you a letter to THANK YOU for providing me with a financial gift for my trip. I had an amazing experience! God did some incredible things on the trip!

(In this section share the details of what you learned from:)

- » Partnering with a new church plant (Talk about the pastor and decisions from new believers; “share a story”)
- » Sharing your faith in the community
- » Your leadership training

Again, I just want to say, “Thank You.” There is no way I could have gone and had the experience I did had it not been for individuals like you that gave. Your financial sacrifice and prayers means so much! May God continue to bless you for your faithfulness to Him! Please pray that my experience on this trip will continue to be life changing and permanent as I seek to live with a missional mindset in every area of my life. I am confident God is going to use me to have an impact on the world. Thank you again!

Sincerely,



SAMPLE: NEWSLETTER

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Below is a sample newsletter you can use to tell your story and send to your supporters. It is a great idea to not only send a thank you note, but a newsletter as well. This format is in Pages and designed to allow you to drag and drop pictures and information easily. You can take this example and personalize it with the necessary changes. Keep it simple!

NEXT Worldwide

ECUADOR

Campaign Report
Below you will find all of the details of my recent trip to Quito, Ecuador. I had an amazing adventure and learned so much!



This is a picture of a snow covered volcano that makes up the beautiful scenery in Quito, Ecuador.

I JUST GOT BACK FROM A LIFE-CHANGING TRIP...

This trip taught me so much about the local church, sharing my faith and leadership. I now know how I can be a better leader to impact the world for Jesus Christ! I am excited to begin living "missionally!"

This area is designed to tell your story...

Share with your readers the details of your experience...

What did you see, hear, smell, etc. Help them understand all that happened to you. Bring your experience into their life. Make it REAL!



Precious Little One
This is a picture of a little girl I met while sharing the gospel with her mother. Her mother accepted Christ!

