



STSA MISSION

COMING HOME:



HE IS THE STAR:

Remember when you come back that the whole time God was the center and the star of the mission. When you reflect or share, remember to put Him as the main focus. Also give yourself grace that things won't be exactly as they were on the trip. But He is still the star and center of your life even though you're not doing fancy mission stuff.



PERSONAL REFLECTION TIME:

After you rest and recover from your trip, sit down for at least 30 min to 1 hour to reflect on all the things you loved about the trip. Reflect on personal messages God gave you on this trip. Also plan what you will do next in your spiritual life and your service life. Avoid stopping what you did because the mission trip is over. It won't be exactly the same, but you can keep the same principles that you learned.



PLAN A REUNION:

Plan a reunion with those who went on the mission trip. This is where you can debrief on what you learned and what are some of the next steps of service in the Church and mission in the community that you can do.



CREATE ACCOUNTABILITY:

It is a good chance at the mission reunion to find ways in smaller groups to keep in touch and to encourage each other on the spiritual journey. Continue doing a Bible study together. Or meet up for times of prayer and also include fun as well.



THANK FAMILY, FRIENDS & DONORS:

Take some time to email, text, call those around you who supported you to go on this journey and also may have prayed for you. Be ready to share not just the stories, but what you learned and gained from this trip. Be careful to judge them for the way they live or what they say. They didn't see what you saw.



STAY EXCITED (EVEN IF OTHERS AREN'T):

Remember when you come back not to be discouraged that others around you are not as excited about God or mission as you are. Again, they didn't go on this trip and didn't taste what you tasted. You stay excited and thank God for what He allowed you to see and continue to sit with God and serve God, even if others are not as excited as you. Let your light continue to shine before men.



FIND WAYS TO STILL HELP:

The mission site you came from needs constant help and resources. As a group, find ways you can still help throughout the year. Helping could be by prayer, or by visiting there, or by sending spiritual resources, or could mean financial.



PUT INTO ACTION:

Remember mission is a way of life and you should continue to find ways in your own neighborhoods, community, and Church to continue the life of mission & evangelism.



PRAY:

Pray for the people you saw on the mission trip. Keep praying for opportunities to serve where you are. Pray for a chance to be an encouragement to the people you meet every day. Pray for your zeal to continue in your own home and community. Pray for next year's mission trip from now.