

## Debriefing Ideas

### 1. Fun and creative

- a) Quotable – share all the new phrases your team has created.
- b) Silly Song – write a song to a familiar tune telling your story.
- c) Mad Lib – create a random Mad Lib about your journey.
- d) Top 10 – ask everyone to write a Top 10 (Whatever) list
- e) Picture Perfect – draw how you saw God at work in your life.
- f) Map – sketch out your journey from the beginning to the end.
- g) Marker – develop puppet or bookmark to remind yourself to pray for a certain, new local friend.
- h) Show & Tell – what souvenir best describes your ministry location?
- i) What Does Your Country (or City)... Create a large chart and have team members give input using all their senses to describe what their country looks like, smells like, taste like, sounds like, and feels like. \*\*

### 2. Relational

- a) Strength Bombardment – everyone shares a strength about each person on the team for encouragement \*\*
- b) Restoration – any unresolved conflicts dealt with
- c) Season of Thanksgiving
- d) Write a letter to yourself to be mailed to you 4 months after returning – include things you don't want to forget or disciplines you want to incorporate into your regular routine at home. \*\*
- e) Share one entry from your personal journal.
- f) Awards – recognize each one's contribution to the team.

### 3. Serious and Spiritual

- a) Foot washing of your teammates.
- b) Give students time to write in their journals and describe their experience in 2 paragraphs, 2 sentences, and 2 words (short phrase). Share answers with the team. \*\*
- c) Various prayer formats and extended times of worship.
- d) Build an altar by placing a local rock to remember.
- e) Pray over the workers you leave behind.

### 4. Sharing Your Story

- a) Don't leave your new harvest field behind; pack it up and take it with you.
  - i. You are now a mobilizer and prayer advocate.
  - ii. What's the one story you will tell over and over again?
  - iii. Develop a resource – make a video or prayer guide or bookmark.
- b) Practice your 3-minute answer to the question: "How was it?" \*\*
  - i. Don't focus on the weather or squatty potty.
  - ii. Turn a question about the weather into a really good answer.

- c) Determine who you can talk to for longer periods.
  - iii. Find "True" people who genuinely care about you and your task.
  - iv. Some will only be "Nice" people who ask lame questions about your vacation and the weather; some are "Really Don't Get It" people.
- d) Set a deadline to write your prayer and financial supporters.
- e) Keep your focus on Jesus! He did it through you. Don't take the credit.
- f) What victory would you want to share with your church?
- g) Share the one picture you took to summarize your experience.

## 5. Future Missions

- a) Ask students to share how this project has impacted their convictions about missions.
  - i. Will they consider another short-term trip with ISP or their church?
  - ii. Do they sense a calling to Long Term Missions
  - iii. How have they been impacted as a World Christian

## 6. Evaluation

- a) Take notes as you evaluate your journey as a team out loud
  - i. Better to get it out in your presence while you still have the opportunity to help the student reframe the frustrations and disappointments.
- b) Consider logistics and future recommendations
- c) Don't dwell here.
- d) Evaluation is only a small piece of debriefing.
- e) Assessment \*\*\*
  - i. Leader Report (pink) – leader only
  - ii. Participant Evaluation (green) and Participant Survey– students – prefer to be completed electronically
  - iii. Please collect and return with Leader Packet

## 7. Follow Up

- a) Email your students a week after returning home.
- b) Touch base with them as you can throughout the summer.
- c) Make an effort to have a team reunion at some point.
- d) Encourage students to attend Ricochet in the fall.

\*\* Strongly Recommended

\*\*\* Required

*Love kids*