**Top 10 Reasons to go on a Mission Trip**

Reason 10: **ADVENTURE – STEP OUT OF THE ORDINARY**

Reason 9: **GAIN NEW PERSCTIVES**

* How to people live in another part of the world? How do they think? How do they relate with each other? What do they do without computers? How do they spend their time? How do the poor relate with God? What do the poor think of the United States?
* See the world from the perspective of someone living every day of their life
* It is so important for us to have our perspectives calibrated with reality
* When you see and live the realities of this world that people cope with on a daily basis you will be **inspired to make a difference** (far beyond the experience of your mission trip!)

Reason 8: **MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

* From all over the world, the people you serve, as well as…
* Other students from around CT – imagine the experiences that you will share while traveling to the ends of the earth on mission

Reason 7: **EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE**

Reason 6: **LEARN YOUR FAITH**

* See how it is practiced ALL OVER THE WORLD, see it’s universality
* Learn what it means to see the world from God’s perspective
* Do you have burning questions about the Faith- ask the leaders who are accompanying you on the journey!

Reason 5: **ENCOUNTER EXTREME GENEROSTIY**

* When visiting homes in a poor village, families will offer you whatever food they can find out of their hospitality, even if it means they will go hungry for the rest of the day

Reason 4: **SERVE OTHERS**

* This is your opportunity to step outside of yourself and serve those who are less-fortunate
* How are you going to spend your time? Serving others is one of the best ways
* Give back to the world (and to God) in thanksgiving for the gifts you’ve been given
* Take care of the disabled children in Jamaica.

Reason 3: **GET UNCOMFORTABLE**

* Missions are challenging
* They may be the most uncomfortable thing you will ever do
* You will be pushed in ways you have never been pushed
* You may go somewhere you don’t know they language, but you will learn to communicate in new ways and come to understand how to connect with people who live completely different lives
* You will have the chance be free from technology, which has actually enslaved you (try going one day here without your phone or computer)

Reason 2: **GAIN LIFE EXPERIENCE**

* Once you graduate you will be stuck at work with little vacation time. Take the opportunity now.
* Employers like people with life experience.

Reason 1: **WHY NOT?**

* As a university student you are at the BEST time in your life to have an adventure such as this – you have the rest of your life to work – don’t let this time pass by!

**FUNDRAISING**

* How will I pay for this? I am just a poor college student.
* Missionaries who are experienced in fundraising help you every step of the way. Fundraising enables you to go on a mission you might not be able to otherwise. (and people are usually really nice anyway!) If you do everything you are supposed to, it is very unlikely you will not raise enough to go on the trip.
* **Don’t let money be the reason you don’t go on mission. We just told you 10 reasons to go and they all outweigh the obstacle of funding.**