

MSSNL GAME PLAN

A guide to going,
serving, and multiplying
the mission.



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Prologue: A Great Adventure

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

—Mark 1:35

“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...”

—Acts 2:46

“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.”

—John 20:21

Before there were programs, there were people.

Before there were platforms, there were prayers.

Before there was a Church, there was a table, a huddle of friends, and a mission that could not be stopped.

MSSNL didn't begin with a strategy. It started with surrender.

Years ago, a group of men gathered in Panama, not for a ministry trip, but for what they thought would be a business retreat.

But something happened.

The conversations shifted.

The Holy Spirit moved.

Strangers became brothers.

The schedule gave way to Scripture, and what emerged wasn't a plan but a presence.

They came to talk about leadership.

They left with clarity, conviction, and a calling to live differently back home.

That moment gave birth to more than just ideas.

It sparked a way of life.

A movement.

A mission.

A model that would multiply.

And now it continues through you.

The **MSSNL Game Plan** is more than a trip itinerary.

It is the guide that shapes every MSSNL journey from beginning to end.

This is not a destination experience or a quick spiritual escape.

It is not a short-term project or a volunteer obligation.

It is a framework for living sent.

A carefully prepared four-day rhythm that helps teams follow the way of Jesus.

The solitude He embraced.

The relationships He formed.

The mission He gave His life for.

Each MSSNL trip is an immersion in clarity, community, and Kingdom purpose.

It is simple.

It is grounded in Scripture.

It is transformational, not because of what we accomplish, but because of who we become as surrendered sons and daughters of God.

There's no hype. No polished performance.

Just real people seeking the real Jesus in real places through the ancient ways of solitude, fellowship, and obedience as embodied by the Early Church.

The Rhythm of Jesus: Word. Wonder. Walk.

Every MSSNL Trip follows the rhythm Jesus modeled with His life.

1. WORD – Solitude with the Father

Before Jesus healed anyone, before He called His disciples, before He preached a single sermon, He withdrew.

He rose early.

He went to a quiet place.

He spent time with the Father.

“Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” —Luke 5:16

We begin every day the same way.

No phones. No noise. No voices. Just Scripture and stillness.

Every participant starts the day alone with God, not as a ritual, but as a relationship.

This is where identity is formed, where clarity is received, and where the noise of the world fades into the voice of the Father.

2. WONDER – Eyes Open to God at Work

After solitude came mission.

But not the way we expect. Jesus didn't rush.

He walked and noticed people.

He stopped for the broken.

He taught through questions and interruptions.

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them...”

—Matthew 9:36

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me... He has sent Me...” —Luke 4:18

Every MSSNL Trip includes space for service.

But we don’t show up to fix anything.

We show up to *see*, to listen, and to learn.

We serve the local church, always under the authority and leadership of trusted pastors on the ground—those ministering in the front lines.

We sit with them.

Eat with them.

Hear their stories.

Build walls and concrete floors, if needed.

And in the middle of all this, something shifts.

We begin to see God more clearly because our pace has slowed enough to notice Him.

We call these “God moments.”

They’re never manufactured.

But they always happen if you’re paying attention.

3. WALK – Obedience in Community

After Jesus taught the crowds, He didn’t send them home with a study guide.

He invited a few to walk closely with Him.

Around tables. On roads. In boats. In homes.

Discipleship was not an academic pursuit; it was a relational experience.

“They broke bread together...” —Acts 2:46

“Confess your sins to one another...” —James 5:16

“As the Father sent Me, I send you.” —John 20:21

Every evening of the MSSNL Trip ends the same way: **around the table.**

It's not a classroom. It's not a sermon. It's a Huddle.

We ask real questions.

We listen more than we speak.

We speak about what God is doing in our lives.

And then, we commit to obey.

What Happens on an MSSNL Trip?

Each MSSNL Trip follows a four-day rhythm:

Day 1 – Arrival & the First Table

Welcome meal.

Opening Huddle.

Expectations laid down.

Presence invited.

Community embraced.

Day 2 – Solitude, Service & Huddle

Morning Word (solitude with God).
 Service alongside local pastors/churches.
 Shared meals with locals.
 Evening Huddle discussion.

Day 3 – Formation in Motion

Morning Word.
 More mission, more wonder.
 Cultural or outdoor excursion.
 Evening “Last Supper” meal with reflection, prayer, communion, and response.

Day 4 – Commission to live sent

Morning Word.
 Final Huddle .
 Prayer and commission.
 Sent home, not to return to normal, but to *live sent*

What Makes an MSSNL Trip Different?

No one is here to be a hero.
 We come to serve and be shaped.

The local church leads the mission.
 We follow, support, and strengthen, not replace.

Spiritual formation is the goal.

Not experiences.
 Not projects.
 But transformation.

The Huddle continues after the trip.

This isn't a mountaintop moment; it's a catalyst for a new lifestyle.

Trips are designed to be Spirit-led and reproducible.

Whether it's ten men in Cuba, a family in El Salvador, or a business team in Nicaragua, the *form* is flexible, but the *foundation* remains the same.

We build every trip around the MSSNL Way:

Clarity leads to courage → Word

Margin creates mission → Wonder

Formation fuels multiplication → Walk

Community strengthens obedience → The Table, the Huddle, and the Mission

Who Is This Guide For?

This guide is for **anyone** who wants to lead, host, or participate in an MSSNL-style trip, locally or globally.

You don't need a nonprofit.

You don't need a church budget.

You don't need a title.

You need the Bible, a willingness to listen, and a desire to walk in the way of Jesus.

This is a **trip framework**, not a formula.

A discipleship model, not a curriculum.

It's designed to help you go—fully present, fully surrendered, and fully alive.

Final Word

This is not a program.

It's a way of life.

It's not about going across the world.

It's about *living sent* wherever your feet take you next.

We believe that sometimes it helps to get away to remember who you are.

To sit at the table with strangers who become brothers.

To be broken open in a new place so you can be sent back home with a new heart.

That's why we go. That's why it matters.

And that's why we do it **the MSSNL way**.

Chapter One

Set Apart

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

—Exodus 3:5

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

—Psalm 46:10

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

—Mark 1:35

Before You Go, Slow Down

The world measures time in terms of urgency, but the Kingdom measures it in terms of preparation.

Most trips begin with a flurry of activity.

Packing lists.

Airport runs.

Schedules and confirmations.

That's how the world does travel.

Maximize time, squeeze the agenda, and call it efficient.

But that's not how God prepares people for mission.

When God invited Moses into his assignment, He didn't start with a strategy.

He began with a moment of reverence.

A bush on fire.

A voice from Heaven.

And a command: *Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground.*

The mission began not with a step but with surrender.

Not with speed but with stillness.

Not with movement but with reverence.

Before Moses went to Pharaoh, he had to encounter God.

Before Isaiah declared the Word of the Lord, he had to see the throne and be purified.

Before Jesus chose the twelve, healed the sick, or fed the crowds, He slipped away to a mountain, alone with His Father.

The beginning of every Kingdom journey starts the same way.

Not with **going**, but with **being set apart**.

Sacred Space in a Busy World

To be set apart is to be made holy. It's not perfect, just available.

Not famous, just surrendered.

The Hebrew word for "holy" is *qadosh*: to be distinct, separate, and marked by divine purpose.

In a culture of noise and distraction, God still calls people to step away from it all.

To slow down and become quiet enough to hear His voice.

That's where every MSSNL Trip begins: with the awareness that this isn't just another trip; it's holy ground.

And you don't have to wait until your feet hit foreign soil to step into it.

Holy ground isn't about location.

It's about heart posture.

It's about identity.

It's the willingness to stop and recognize that God is already present and you are already being invited into something sacred.

"Be still, and know that I am God." —Psalm 46:10

Stillness is counterculture.

Our world glorifies hustle.

Stillness says *God is in control, I don't have to be.*

This is the invitation of every MSSNL Trip before it ever begins:

Before you go, slow down.

Before you lead, listen.

Before you serve, surrender.

Set Apart Like Jesus

"Very early in the morning... Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." —Mark 1:35

Jesus was fully God.

He lacked nothing.

Yet He consistently sought solitude with the Father.

Why?

Because the power for His public mission came from His private intimacy.

Because clarity always begins in communion.

Because the model He left us is not just about doing good but about abiding with Him and staying grounded.

Before every day of healing, teaching, and sending, Jesus began in stillness.

This is not a side practice of discipleship; it's central.

You don't serve with strength unless you've been filled with presence.

You don't walk in clarity unless you've made space for God to speak.

The pattern of Jesus is not productivity, it's presence.

He is our power.

Why This Moment Matters

For many, the trip will start with a plane ride.

But in the MSSNL Way, it begins here, with consecration.

With an intentional decision to treat the coming days as sacred, not ordinary.

It starts with removing distractions.

Turning down the noise.

Turning your attention toward Heaven.

Before the Huddle, before the table, before the mission site, this is the inner preparation.

This is the burning bush moment.

This is where sandals come off, and hearts bow low.

Being set apart means acknowledging that your life, your voice, your hands, and your steps are not your own; they belong to something greater.

You're not going because you're good. You're going because God is good.

And you don't go to prove anything. You go to obey.

Living from a Place of Reverence

When Moses heard the voice from the burning bush, he didn't volunteer his résumé.

He hid his face in fear and awe.

When Isaiah saw the Lord, high and lifted up, he didn't rush to action. He fell apart in confession.

When Jesus prayed in solitude, He didn't recite formulas.

He listened, responded, and walked away with clarity and strength.

There is something about slowing down that prepares the soul for mission.

"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." —Joshua 3:5

Before every great move of God, there is a moment of consecration.

In the MSSNL Way, we don't move until we've been still.

We don't serve until we've surrendered.

We don't speak until we've listened.

That's what makes this more than a trip.

That's what makes it holy. This is sacred ground.

Walking in With a Different Spirit

If you're going to *live sent*, you must walk differently.

Not with a posture of performance but with a posture of presence.

Not to change the world but to join what God is already doing.

Being set apart means:

You show up curious, not controlling.

You listen more than you speak.

You look for God before you look for tasks.

You're open to surprise, interruption, and the voice of the Spirit.

It's not about being the hero. It's about becoming more human—rooted, humble, available, Spirit-led.

A Trip That Starts With Worship

The trip begins before the schedule.

Before the service projects.

Before the packing checklist.

It begins with worship.

With reverence.

With surrender.

This is your holy ground moment.

Not just geographically, but spiritually.

“Take off your sandals.”

“Be still.”

“Withdraw to a solitary place.”

You are not rushing into something.

You are being invited into Someone.

The MSSNL Way Begins Here

MSSNL Trips don't begin with hype.

They start with stillness.

Because clarity precedes courage.

Because obedience is born in quiet places.

Because what happens next will be shaped by what happens now.

You have been set apart.

For these days.

For this group.

For this place.

For this Kingdom purpose.

Not because you're ready.

But because He is.

Chapter Two

Called Together

“...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you... Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

—John 17:21–23

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ... then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.”

—Philippians 2:1–4

“They all joined together constantly in prayer...”

—Acts 1:14

The Huddle Begins Now

There’s a shift that happens when you step off the plane.

You might not know everyone on the team.

You may be wondering, “How will it work?”

But something sacred is already taking shape.

This isn't just a collection of travelers.

This is a divine calling.

God brought this group together on purpose, not because of logistics, but because of Kingdom design and purpose.

Every voice matters.

Every story counts.

Every person has something to give and something to receive.

This is the beginning of **the Huddle**. And it starts now.

You weren't called to this trip alone.

You were called together.

Unity Is the Strategy

We live in an age that prizes individualism.

The world tells us to lead independently, think competitively, and look out for our own interests.

But Jesus prayed for something different.

"That they may be one... just as we are one." —John 17:21-23

Before He went to the cross, Jesus didn't just pray for strength or success.

He prayed for **oneness**; for His disciples to walk in unity, not uniformity.

He didn't ask the Father to give them perfect theology, polished plans, or impressive charisma.

He asked that they would be together—heart to heart, mind to mind, spirit to Spirit.

Why?

“Then the world will know...”

Unity is how the world recognizes the truth of the gospel.
Not unity based on personality, age, politics, or culture, but the unity
born out of shared submission to Christ as imparted by the Spirit.

On an MSSNL Trip, unity isn't a nice bonus. It's the foundation.
We don't serve from strength. We serve from **fellowship**.
The trip doesn't work because the schedule is flawless.
It works because the people are willing to surrender.

Unity is the strategy. And it's supernatural.

The Power of One Spirit and One Purpose

“Make my joy complete by being like-minded...” —Philippians 2:2

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition... in humility consider others
better than yourselves.” —Philippians 2:3

This passage isn't a suggestion. It's a road map.

When the imprisoned Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi,
he wasn't addressing people in a conflict-free environment.
He was speaking to people walking through trials, tension, and hard-
ship.
And his plea was clear: if you are united with Christ, then be united
with one another.

Mission without humility becomes pride.
Service without love becomes performance.
Teamwork without Spirit-led unity becomes noise pollution.

But when people walk in humility, preferring one another, speaking life, and carrying burdens together, God's power is on display..

On this trip, you'll need more than skill.

You'll need to surrender.

Not just to God but to one another.

You weren't called to impress the people next to you.

You were called to **walk with them**.

To hold up their arms.

To share their loads.

To listen deeply and speak carefully.

The Huddle begins now and it will become the backbone of the mission.

They Were All Together

"They all joined together constantly in prayer..." —Acts 1:14

This is what happened in the upper room.

Before Pentecost.

Before bold preaching.

Before miracles.

They didn't know what would come next.

They only knew they had been called together.

And they responded with obedience, unity, and **constant prayer**.

Before the Spirit was poured out, the people were poured out, laying down personal agendas and seeking the face of God together.

That's the posture we bring into an MSSNL Trip.

We don't arrive with a personal platform.

We arrive with open hands and open hearts.

The strength of a trip isn't found in its structure.

It's found in its shared surrender.

We walk in the way of Acts 1:14—together, devoted, expectant.

And what comes next is always more than we could've created on our own.

Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and the Power of Presence

The MSSNL Way is not just about mission. It's about **formation**.

It's about letting the trip form something in you through the people God surrounds you with.

That means:

You don't rush past stories being shared.

You don't tolerate comparison or competition.

You don't sit at the table trying to prove something.

You receive one another as gifts from God because that's precisely what you are.

The bond that forms on a trip like this is not temporary. It's eternal.

You are becoming more than teammates; you are becoming **brothers** and **sisters** in the truest sense.

People who have prayed together, cried together, laughed together, and served together.

Across borders, across cultures, and across language barriers.

This is the mystery and the beauty of the Church.

Many parts, one body.

Many backgrounds, one Spirit.

Many stories, one Gospel.

And when we walk in that unity, **the mission becomes unstoppable.**

You're Not Just Called to Go. You're Called to Each Other.

Your assignment on this trip is not just in the place you're sent; it's in the people you're sent with.

That means being intentional.

That means making room.

That means walking slowly enough to see what God is doing in your teammates, not just in the field.

Sometimes, the most significant breakthrough you'll experience isn't in the city you're serving.

It's in the conversation after dinner, the prayer on the van ride, or the quiet confession around the Huddle.

Don't miss the gift of the group.

You were **called together** and God knew what He was doing when He formed this team.

The Huddle is the Culture

In MSSNL, the Huddle is more than a tool. It's a **culture** of shared transformation.

That means this trip won't be built around lectures or presentations. It will be built around:

Table meals where laughter flows, stories are shared, and connections are made.

A huddle of honesty, where hearts are opened, and the Spirit leads.

Prayer that is raw, real, and relational.

You will sit in the Huddle with the people God has placed around you,
not to fix them, but to walk with them.

Not to teach them but to listen with them.

Not to talk about mission, but to live it together.

And that culture doesn't stop when the trip ends.

The Huddle is designed to go with you.

The bond can continue.

The mission becomes a lifestyle.

Called Together, Sent Together

Jesus didn't send His disciples alone.

He sent them two by two.

He sent them together.

Not just for safety but for strength, for sharpening, for companionship, and for joy.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." —Proverbs 27:17

You've been called.

But not in isolation.

You've been called into something **bigger than yourself**; into a fellowship that carries weight and beauty and eternal purpose.

So step into it.

Let your guard down.

Link arms.

Share life.

Speak truth.

Listen well.

And walk as one.

Because this trip doesn't work when it's about individuals.

It works when **the body** of Christ moves in step with the Spirit.

This is the MSSNL Way.

This is the MSSNL Huddle.

This is the MISSION.

And it begins now.

Chapter Three

Sent for This Moment

“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’” —John 20:21

“...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” —Esther 4:14

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” —Acts 1:8

You Are Here on Purpose

You didn’t just sign up for this trip; you were sent to it.

You didn’t get lucky with the dates or end up in this location by chance; God ordained it.

You didn’t join a team; you were placed in one.

You didn’t just raise your hand; you responded to a call.

This is not a vacation. This is not a spiritual detour. This is not a random event in your calendar.

This is a Kingdom assignment.

And every step you take, every conversation you enter, every eye you meet, God already saw it coming.

“The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord.” —Psalm 37:23

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.” —Jeremiah 1:5

There’s nothing accidental about this moment.

You are here on assignment.

And Heaven is watching to see how you walk it out.

Jesus Was Sent—So Are You

John 20 verse 21 is one of the most significant verses in the entire Bible for those who wish to follow Jesus fully.

It doesn’t just describe an event. It reveals a pattern.

“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” —John 20:21

Jesus was sent to Earth, not randomly, but on mission.

He came with purpose.

He listened to the Father.

He walked in obedience.

He served with compassion.

He loved without condition.

He wasn’t just willing. He was commissioned.

And now, He turns to us.

He breathes His Spirit into us.

And He says, “Now you go... the same way I did.”

Let that sink in.

You’re not just invited to mission.

You’re not just volunteering for good.

The King of Heaven has sent you.

This isn’t about proving your value.

It’s about walking in your calling.

For Such a Time as This

In Esther’s story, the stakes were high.

An entire people group was at risk.

She had a choice: stay quiet and stay safe, or speak up and step into danger.

Mordecai’s words pierced through her fear:

“Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” —Esther 4:14

It was more than an encouragement. It was a reality check:

God placed you exactly where you are for a reason.

That same truth echoes into your moment right now.

You may not feel ready.

You may not have all the answers.

You may be entering a culture, context, or conversation that feels

unfamiliar or uncomfortable

But none of that disqualifies you; it qualifies you.

Because the power of your “yes” is not found in your ability.

It’s found in your obedience.

Esther didn’t change history because she was bold.

She changed it because she was available.

And so will you.

Your Assignment Has a Name.

Every trip has a schedule.

But the Spirit often has an assignment tucked inside that schedule.

It might be:

A single conversation with a local pastor who needs encouragement.

A quiet moment with a child who sees Jesus in the way you love.

A question asked in your Huddle that opens someone’s heart to healing.

A late-night confession.

A prayer whispered over someone in need.

The location isn’t the mission; the people are.

The project isn’t the purpose; obedience is.

Sometimes, God will reveal to you precisely what you were sent for after the moment occurs.

Sometimes, you won’t know until years later.

But make no mistake: you’re not here to check boxes.

You’re here to walk in faith.

You've been sent for someone.

And they're on the other side of your obedience.

You Will Receive Power

Jesus didn't just say, "You are sent."

He said, "You will receive power."

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses..." —Acts 1:8

You are not being sent in your own strength.

You are not walking into the unknown without backup.

You are being **filled**, **led**, and **empowered** by the Spirit of God.

And here's the beauty: you don't have to manufacture anything.

You just have to walk willingly, with an open heart and ready hands.

The Spirit will give you the words to speak.

The Spirit will open your eyes to the people who need you.

The Spirit will give you courage when you feel weak.

The Spirit will do the work of transformation; you just carry the presence.

Your job is to show up.

Stay close.

Speak when prompted.

Move when led.

That's what it means to be sent.

Stop Waiting to Feel Ready

God has a long history of sending people before they feel qualified.

Moses had a stutter.

Esther was an orphan girl in exile.

Jeremiah said he was too young.

Peter was impulsive and broken.

Paul had a past filled with violence and religion

But all of them were sent.

And the common thread between them?

They obeyed.

Even when it didn't make sense.

Even when it cost them something.

Even when they were afraid.

The same invitation is before you.

Don't wait to feel ready.

You've already been sent.

The Kingdom Breaks In Through the Sent Ones

Throughout Scripture, God moves through sent people, under all kinds of circumstances.

Abraham was sent to an unknown land.

Joseph was sent to Egypt.

Jonah was sent to Nineveh.

Jesus was sent to earth.

The apostles were sent to the ends of the earth.

Now it's your turn.

Your inheritance.

Your legacy.

You're next.

The Kingdom breaks in when ordinary people walk in extraordinary obedience.

That's the story of MSSNL Trips.

It's not the content.

It's not the plan.

It's the posture.

Every trip becomes holy ground when people step into it, believing, 'I've been sent for this moment.'

Live Like You Were Sent

You'll be tempted to stay quiet and play it safe.

You'll have moments where you want to hang back and let others take the lead.

You'll face moments where the risk feels bigger than your confidence.

But in those moments, remember this:

You are not here by accident.

You were chosen for this team.

The Spirit empowers you.

And you have been sent by Jesus Himself.

So live like it.

Listen like someone on assignment.

Serve like someone with a purpose.

Love like someone who carries the presence of the King

And when the moment comes to speak, act, or move—do it.
Because someone's breakthrough is waiting on your obedience.

You are not just here.
You've been sent.

At this moment.
For this mission.
For the glory of the One who sent you.

Chapter Four

Eyes to See

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” —Matthew 6:33

“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it...”
—Luke 10:23–24

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” —Colossians 3:2

Look Again

You’ll see a lot on this trip.

New landscapes.

Different cultures.

Foreign languages.

Faces you’ve never met.

Conditions that make you uncomfortable.

Churches that worship differently than your own.

But if you’re not careful, you’ll look at everything and see nothing.

Because seeing with the eyes of the Kingdom is different than simply observing with your natural senses.

You can travel across the world and still miss what matters most.

There's a reason Jesus often said, "He who has eyes to see, let him see."

He knew that sight is not just physical; it's spiritual.

You don't just need vision.

You need **revelation**.

You need eyes that see like Jesus.

The Disciples Almost Missed It

In Luke 10, Jesus sent out the seventy-two.

Ordinary men.

Unlikely candidates.

They didn't have degrees, funding, or flashy platforms.

But they had something else—obedience.

He sent them out two by two.

No money.

No bags.

No backup plan.

Just faith.

They returned amazed.

"Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name!"

But Jesus wasn't impressed by what they had done.

He was moved by what they had seen.

"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see." —Luke 10:23

And then He said something stunning:

“Many prophets and kings longed to see what you see...”

Translation: Do you realize what’s in front of you?

Do you know how rare this is?

Don’t miss it.

You’re walking into places where God is already at work.

You’ll meet people who carry the Kingdom in ways you’ve never imagined.

You’ll see the Gospel alive in suffering, in resilience, in hospitality, and in joy.

And Jesus whispers the same thing to you now: “Blessed are your eyes, if you’re willing to see.”

Set Your Sight Higher

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” —Colossians 3:2

Kingdom vision doesn’t come naturally.

It has to be trained.

It takes intentional focus, not just to see what’s happening around you, but what God is doing through it.

The world wants you distracted and impressed by sights.

Comfortable with surface-level analysis.

But the MSSNL Way invites you to a different kind of awareness.

One that pays attention to the invisible work of God.

On this trip, you’ll be tempted to focus on what’s unfamiliar:

The physical conditions of a village.

The poverty or brokenness of the setting.

The cultural differences in the food, schedule, or pace.

But if you let those things define your vision, you'll miss the real story.

The invitation here is to **look deeper**:

See the dignity in the people you're serving.

See the presence of Jesus in the church you're partnering with.

See the joy of the Gospel in unexpected places.

See your own heart being shaped moment by moment.

This is why Paul says to "set your minds on things above."

Not to escape reality—but to interpret it correctly.

To align your sight with God's.

To see through the moment, not just at it.

Seek First the Kingdom

"Seek first the Kingdom..." —Matthew 6:33

Jesus wasn't speaking in metaphor.

He was giving us a lens, a way to interpret reality.

The Kingdom is not a place you go.

It's the reign of God breaking into the now.

It's wherever His will is done.

Wherever people are healed, hearts are softened, and love is made real.

But here's the key: you won't see the Kingdom unless you're **looking for it**.

If you only seek comfort, you'll miss it.

If you only seek results, you'll miss it.

If you only seek adventure, you'll miss it.

But if you seek the Kingdom...

If you ask God, "What are You doing here?"

If you tune your spirit to His...

You'll begin to see it everywhere.

In the tears of a pastor sharing his struggle.

In the laugh of a child offering you their only snack.

In the shared meal with a family that has little but gives abundantly.

In your own MSSNL Huddle, when someone opens their mouth and speaks the truth that breaks chains.

This is the Kingdom's vision.

And it's yours if you seek it.

What You See Will Change You

There's no unseeing the Gospel once your eyes have been opened.

You'll see the faith of believers who have less than you, but live with more joy.

You'll see the strength of leaders who've been through storms, but still stand firm.

You'll see beauty where you once saw lack.

You'll see people as image-bearers, not projects.

And you'll see **yourself** more clearly, too, not as a spectator, but as a sent one.

This kind of seeing reorders your life.

It ruins you for the ordinary.

It makes you hunger for more of God, not just on the trip but in your daily life.

Jesus never meant for His followers to be blind to the world around them.

He called them to walk in awareness.

In discernment.

In holy sight.

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” —Psalm 119:18

“The eye is the lamp of the body...” —Matthew 6:22

So the question becomes: what are you letting your eyes focus on?

On this trip, and in your life beyond it, you will always find what you’re looking for.

Look for brokenness, and you’ll find it.

Look for disappointment, and it will appear.

Look for control, and you’ll miss the mystery.

But look for the Kingdom, and you will see it everywhere.

Be Fully Present

To see clearly, you must be fully present.

That means:

Put down your phone.

Stop narrating the moment for others.

Stop trying to compare this trip to something else.

Stop over-analyzing.

Just... be here.

Be here with your heart.

Be here with your eyes open.

Be here with your spirit surrendered.

The Kingdom is not waiting for you to arrive.

It's happening around you right now.

And your greatest contribution on this trip might not be your action
but your attention.

The most powerful person in the room is not the one talking but the
one **who sees** what no one else sees.

Ask for Eyes to See

This is your prayer now:

"Jesus, give me eyes to see like You do."

"Let me see beyond the surface."

"Let me see the people around me, not as strangers, but as sons and
daughters."

"Let me see You, Lord: at work, in motion, in power."

"Let me see where I'm needed and where I need to get out of the way."

"Let me see... so that I may believe... and obey."

Because once your eyes are opened, your walk will never be the same.

You are here.

You are ready.

Now look again.

There's more to this moment than meets the eye.

Chapter Five

The Table

“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.” —Acts 2:46

“When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him...” —Luke 24:30–31

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”
—Revelation 3:20

The Table Is Not Background; It's the Centerpiece

The world treats meals as a necessity.
The Kingdom treats meals as sacred.

From Genesis to Revelation, the table shows up not as an accessory, but as an altar.

Wherever there's covenant, there's a meal.

Wherever there's breakthrough, there's bread being broken.

Wherever Jesus is present, people gather, often to dine.

And wherever the Church is alive, there is **a table at the center.**

On an MSSNL Trip, the table is more than mealtime; it's mission.
 It's where the Spirit moves quietly, consistently, and powerfully.
 Every shared meal becomes holy ground.
 Every chair becomes an invitation.
 Every dish, every story, every silence, becomes a thread in the tapestry
 God is weaving.

The table is where strangers become family.
 Where wounds begin to heal.
 Where questions are asked and truths are spoken.
 Where no one performs, but everyone participates.

Jesus still meets people at the table.
 And on this trip, you will too.

The Table Was Jesus' Favorite Place

Look closely at the Gospels and you'll find a pattern: Jesus is either at a meal, going to a meal, or coming from a meal.

He called Zacchaeus down from the tree so He could eat at his house.
 He dined with sinners and tax collectors more than with kings and priests.

He fed thousands, not just to fill bellies, but to reveal the abundance of God's love.

He washed feet before breaking bread

And when all was said and done, when His resurrection still left His disciples confused, He met two of them on the road to Emmaus, walked with them in disguise, and as He broke the bread at the table, He **revealed Himself.**

“He took the bread... and their eyes were opened.” —Luke 24:30–31

The table wasn’t where Jesus paused ministry.

It’s where He embodied it.

They Broke Bread Daily

“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...” —Acts 2:46

The early Church understood something we often forget: Spiritual formation doesn’t just happen through sermons or service.

It happens through a **shared life**, and that life centers around the table.

The early believers didn’t just attend church; they became one.

And their most powerful encounters didn’t happen in temples, but in homes, around food, with hands open and hearts exposed.

They broke bread daily, and in doing so, they created a rhythm of hospitality, honesty, and honor.

On an MSSNL Trip, this same rhythm flows into every day:

Meals shared with your team: where laughter and depth coexist.

Meals with local pastors and leaders: where stories flow freely and burdens are lightened.

Meals that turn into ministry: when someone speaks up, confesses, cries, or prays right there at the table.

These are not interruptions. They’re the main event.

Because God shows up when we make room for Him at the table.

The Power of Unhurried Presence

The table slows us down.

In a world that glorifies pace, the table calls us to presence.

There is no rush when you're seated.

There's no multitasking when your hands are full of food and your heart is full of stories.

There's just now.

It's just here.

There's just this moment and the people across from you.

The longer you sit, the deeper it can go.

Walls come down and faces soften.

The Holy Spirit speaks, not through lightning bolts but through quiet confessions, belly laughter, mutual appreciation, and shared gratitude.

That's why we don't rush the table on MSSNL Trips.

Because we know that this is where the Kingdom grows roots.

This is where the Church becomes real.

This is where mission becomes family.

Jesus Is Still Knocking

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." —Revelation 3:20

What's the promise?

"I will come in and eat with him."

Jesus doesn't say, "I'll teach you."

He doesn't say, "I'll fix everything."

He says, "I'll eat with you."

That's what makes the Gospel so beautifully ordinary.

The God of the universe wants to share a meal.

To sit across from you.

To listen. To be heard.

To connect. To be invited in.

And every time you set the table on this trip, whether in a rural village, a crowded home, a rented dining hall, or a back porch, **you are reen-acting this invitation.**

You are saying, "There is room here. For you. For Him. For us."

Every Culture Understands the Table

The power of the table transcends language.

You might not share a tongue with the people you're eating with.

You'll share bread, and that bread will become a **bridge**.

It will say:

"I see you."

"I honor you."

"I'm not here as a guest—I'm here as family."

This is one of the most powerful forms of mission: sitting, listening, eating slowly, receiving.

You may think preaching or service is your most valuable offering.

But for many of the people you'll meet, **your presence at their table will say more than any sermon ever could.**

So don't miss it.

Don't just show up for the ministry moments.

Show up for the meals.

Because those are ministry moments, too.

From Table to Huddles

In MSSNL, we often say: "The Huddle forms around the table."

It's true on every trip.

The best Huddle conversations don't come from obligation.

They come from relationships.

A relationship forms when people sit together with nothing to prove, nothing to hide, and something warm on their plates.

It's why our evenings don't start with a meeting; they begin with a meal.

It's why every Last Supper is more than tradition; it's a declaration of community.

It's why so many of the most profound breakthroughs happen after the table is cleared.

So lean in.

Stay present.

Share your story.

Ask questions.

Wait for silence to do its work.

Then, when the Huddle begins, you won't just be sitting with teammates.

You'll be surrounded by family.

The Table Changes You

You'll return home with more than memories.

You'll carry the table in your spirit.

You'll crave slower meals and deeper conversation.

You'll set your own table differently, with intention, not just convenience.

You'll remember what happened in those simple, sacred moments and it will stir something in you that never settles for surface again.

Because the table doesn't just feed your stomach.

It forms your soul.

And Jesus, still today, is known in the breaking of the bread.

You don't need a pulpit to proclaim the Gospel.

Sometimes, you just need a table.

And you've already been given one.

Pull up a chair.

Make room.

Slow down.

He is here.

Chapter Six

The Huddle

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
—Hebrews 10:24–25

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves... Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.” —Romans 12:10, 15–16

“Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.” —Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

The Table Makes Room. The Huddle Goes Deeper.

By now, you’ve shared meals.

You’ve heard stories.

You’ve begun to see God moving: in people, in places, in quiet moments, and in bold conversations.

But something deeper is still forming.

The Huddle isn't a meeting.
It's not a discussion group.
It's not a Bible study or a debrief.

The Huddle is a sacred space: a holy rhythm of community, humility,
and obedience.

It's where surface-level conversations die.
Where masks fall off.
Where questions linger.
Where truth is spoken gently, firmly, and in love.

And most importantly, it's where we walk out what we've **heard** God
say.

Why the Huddle Matters

In Hebrews 10, the early Church is under pressure.
Scattered.
Suffering.
Turmoil.
Afraid.

But the writer doesn't say, "Just read your Bible and hang on." He says
this:

"Don't stop meeting together."
"Spur one another on."
"Encourage one another."

The assumption is clear: **we need each other to stay faithful.**

Obedience was never meant to be a solo journey.

The Christian life was never meant to be lived in isolation.

And a real mission is not sustainable without **formation in community**.

The Huddle is where that happens.

It's where the Word of God becomes the way of life because we don't just read it.

We reflect on it.

We respond to it.

We wrestle with it together.

Two Are Better Than One

"Two are better than one... If either falls, the other helps him up."

—Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

The MSSNL Huddle isn't just for encouragement but also endurance.

You weren't meant to carry your calling alone.

You weren't built to navigate faith in a vacuum.

You were created for **companionship in obedience**.

That's why we gather each evening on an MSSNL Trip in a Huddle.

It's not a program.

It's a posture.

We sit in a Huddle because there's no ministry head.

No stage.

No hierarchy.

Just voices.

Just presence.

Just space for the Spirit to move.

In a Huddle:

We speak the truth in love.

We ask better questions, not give better answers.

We confess and receive grace.

We mourn and celebrate—side by side with arms linked.

We call each other forward—not with pressure, but with purpose.

And this is what creates a culture of **spiritual movement**.

Not hype.

Not emotionalism.

But real, grounded formation in community and lasting brotherhood.

Romans 12: The Blueprint for Community

Romans 12 paints a picture of what the Church, what the Huddle, should look like.

“Be devoted to one another in love.”

“Honor one another above yourselves.”

“Rejoice with those who rejoice. Mourn with those who mourn.”

“Live in harmony.”

“Do not be proud.”

This is not optional Christianity.

This is what it means to follow Jesus.

And it only happens when people show up honestly.

When we choose proximity.

When we open our lives and let others in, not just into our schedules,
but into our souls.

On this trip, the Huddle is your chance to do that every night.
To ask:

What did God show me today?

What did I resist?

What do I need to obey?

Who do I need to forgive?

What am I carrying that I need to lay down?

And then, don't answer alone.

Let others hold your arms up.

Because in the Huddle, you're not just processing your faith.

You're practicing it.

Real Talk. Real Growth.

Every Huddle conversation will feel different.

Sometimes it's full of laughter.

Sometimes it's heavy.

Sometimes, someone's honesty will spark a chain reaction of healing.

Sometimes, the Spirit will bring conviction, but always in love.

You'll be surprised by what happens when the pressure to impress is
gone.

When no one's performing.

When someone just starts with, "Here's what I'm wrestling with..."

Suddenly, people breathe.

Walls lower.

Eyes meet.

Hearts soften.

And you realize: This is what the Church was always meant to be.

Confession. Commission. Covenant.

The Huddle is where three sacred movements happen again and again:

1. Confession

Not just of sin, but of struggle, doubt, fear, failure, and questions.

We name what's real because God only transforms what we're willing to expose.

James 5:16 says:

“Confess your sins to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

Confession leads to healing.

Not shame.

Not punishment.

Healing.

But that only happens in safe, grace-filled space.

That's why the Huddle matters.

2. Commission

After truth is spoken, obedience is always the next step.

The Huddle doesn't just stay in conversation; it moves to **action**.

We ask:

What is God asking of you?

What will you do about it?

How can we help?

Then we bless and send.

We pray for courage.

We speak life.

We declare God's promises.

And we send each other back out, not just to the field, but to families, businesses, neighborhoods, and churches.

Because obedience isn't complete until it's lived.

3. Covenant

Every Huddle forms a covenant—a spiritual bond built not on performance, but on presence.

It says:

"I see you."

"I'm with you."

"I won't let you walk alone."

And on an MSSNL Trip, those bonds form fast.

Because time doesn't build trust; **honesty does**.

So make space for covenant.

And when you return home, don't leave it behind.

The Huddle Is More Than the Trip

Some of the men and women who sit in your Huddle on this trip may be in your life for decades.

Some may only walk with you for this week.

But what God builds in the Huddle doesn't stop here.

When the trip ends, and the flights are over, and you're back in your own city, the same rhythm can continue.

All you need is:

People who love Jesus.

A place to sit.

A willingness to speak, listen, and obey

This is how the Church grows.

This is how mission multiplies.

This is how disciples are formed.

One Huddle at a time.

Final Word: Don't Miss the Moment

Every trip has a holy moment: when someone says the hard thing, when someone prays with power, or when someone breaks open. More often than not, that moment happens in the Huddle.

So don't disengage.

Don't skip.

Don't hold back.

Show up.

Be honest.

Listen well.

Speak when prompted.

Because **truth is spoken here, and when it is, chains break.**

This is where you walk in obedience.

Not alone, but together.

This is the Huddle.

This is MSSNL.

This is the way.

Chapter Seven

The Mission

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.’”

—Matthew 28:18–20

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... to set the oppressed free...” —Luke 4:18–19

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...” —James 1:27

Mission Is Not a Project

If you’ve made it to this chapter, you’ve probably already served.

You’ve lifted.

Built.

Prayed.

Shared meals.

Played with kids.

Spoken with strangers.

Sat with leaders.

But here's what makes an MSSNL trip different: **you weren't sent to do a project; you were sent to live on mission.**

The world thinks of mission as a task.

A checklist.

A report.

Build the thing.

Run the program.

Take the photo.

Post on social media.

Go home.

But in the Kingdom, **mission is not a task; it's obedience.**

It's not something you accomplish.

It's something you walk in; a way of life.

You don't finish it.

You follow it.

It's not a destination.

It's a posture.

And that distinction changes everything.

The Great Commission Was a Lifestyle

"Go and make disciples... baptize them... teach them to obey..."

—Matthew 28:19–20

These were Jesus' final words to His disciples—not a recommendation, but a command.

Not an event, but a way of life.

Notice what Jesus didn't say:

He didn't say, "Go build a ministry."

He didn't say, "Go run a successful outreach."

He didn't say, "Go help people so you feel useful."

He said, 'Go, make disciples.'

Go teach people to walk with Me.

Fish for men, not crowds.

The command isn't complicated.

It's singular, relational, and life-altering.

Mission is **not** about building your résumé for God.

It's about walking in step with Him.

It's not about making converts.

It's about multiplying obedience.

And here's the heart of it: **you're not called to produce outcomes; you're called to walk in obedience.**

Leave the fruit to Him.

You're not the Savior.

You're the servant.

The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon You

"He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... to set the oppressed free..." —Luke 4:18

When Jesus announced His mission in the synagogue, He quoted the scroll of Isaiah and applied it to Himself.

But what He modeled is now ours to walk in.

You are not sent in your own strength.

You are sent in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

That means:

You walk in humility, not hype.

You proclaim good news, not opinions.

You set the oppressed free, not with force, but with Spirit-led love and truth.

You bind wounds, not because you're strong, but because Jesus is near to the brokenhearted.

The work you do, big or small, noticed or unseen, is not ordinary.

When done in love, in surrender, in alignment with the Spirit, it becomes holy.

That's the kind of mission that changes you forever.

See the People. Don't Miss the Point.

Every trip runs the risk of subtle drift.

You start with open hands, but the schedule is full.

You begin with prayer, but the day gets loud.

You want to listen, but the noise of doing can drown it out.

That's why you have to fight to stay present.

Engage the moment.

Because the mission is never about what you accomplish.
It's about who you become and who you see along the way.

Don't miss the pastor who has quietly led his church for 30 years with no recognition.

Don't miss the single mom who cooks for your team with joy even though she's grieving a loss.

Don't miss the child who gives you their only snack with a smile that carries the heart of God.

Don't miss the man sitting next to you, whose walls start to fall when you finally ask a deeper question.

The mission isn't just out there.
It's right here, in front of you.

The people you came to serve and the people you came with are all part of the same sacred assignment.

Open your eyes.

Stay grounded.

Don't rush the relationships.

Don't sacrifice presence for productivity.

The Kingdom moves at the speed of people, not projects.

The Purity of Real Religion

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows..." —James 1:27

James cuts through the noise.

He doesn't define pure faith by knowledge, influence, or eloquence.

He defines it by **compassion**.

To love those who can't repay you.

To serve without conditions.

To enter pain without needing to fix it.

To look people in the eye and say, "You matter. You are not forgotten.

I'm here with you."

That's the kind of mission God delights in.

And that's what makes MSSNL Trips different:

We partner with local pastors. We serve under their authority.

We walk into ongoing stories not to change them but to strengthen what God is already doing.

We don't bring answers; we bring presence.

We don't make promises; we make space.

And in that space—God moves.

The Mission Is in the Margins

Some of the most important moments on this trip won't be on the itinerary.

Not penciled but prompted by the Spirit.

It might be:

A Spirit-led prayer on a van ride.

A late-night Huddle conversation that shifts someone's life.

A quiet moment where God reveals something you didn't know you needed to surrender.

A spontaneous word of encouragement to someone who's been silently struggling

These are mission moments.

Not loud.

Not public.

But eternal.

Don't overlook them.

Stop.

Listen.

Observe.

Wait.

In the margins, God speaks.

In the interruptions, Jesus heals.

In the quiet "yes," the Kingdom advances.

You Came to Serve—Now What?

You've served.

You've loved.

You've been stretched.

But the real question is this:

Will you live like this when you go home?

Mission isn't a trip.

It's your life—if you'll let it be.

The same Spirit that called you here is already going back with you.

The people in your city need the same presence.

The same posture.

The same Gospel.

You were never meant to return “to normal.”

You were meant to live sent.

To carry this obedience forward:

In your family.

In your business.

In your church.

In your neighborhood.

In your daily rhythms.

Every table can be a mission field.

Every interruption can become an assignment.

Every person can be an encounter with Jesus.

Final Word: The Mission Walks with You

The mission didn’t begin when you boarded the plane.

It won’t end when you fly home.

It began with a call: “Follow Me.”

And it continues with a response: “Yes, Lord, send me.”

So walk in it.

Not with pressure but with peace.

Not with striving but with surrender.

Not with pride but with power.

Because the mission is not yours. It’s His.

And He has chosen **you**—for such a time as this.

Chapter Eight

Broken & Blessed

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” —2 Corinthians 1:3–5

“He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning.”
—Isaiah 61:1–3

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” —Psalm 34:18

The Beauty and the Burden

Every trip has a turning point.

There comes a moment when it's no longer about where you are or what you're doing, but what God is doing in you.

Something happens.

A story breaks your heart.

A moment stirs your spirit.

A prayer wrecks you.

You feel the weight of the world, or maybe just the weight of one person's suffering, and it undoes you.

Welcome to that moment.

This chapter is about what to do with it because it matters.

This is the place where **ministry becomes real**.

Not just action.

Not just strategy.

But holy surrender.

And it's where you begin to see the Gospel not just as a message you carry but as something that carries you.

The God of All Comfort

"...who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble..." —2 Corinthians 1:4

Paul knew pain.

Beatings.

Betrayal.

Imprisonment.

Weakness.

Rejection.

But he also knew the comfort of Christ.

In fact, he says comfort isn't just something we receive; **it's something we're given so we can give it away.**

That's what ministry really is: receiving God's comfort and passing it on.

Not perfect words.

Not neat answers.

Not polished speeches.

Comfort.

Presence.

Compassion.

It's sitting in the dust with someone and weeping with those who weep.

It's praying with someone even when you don't know what to say.

It's holding space for pain and believing Jesus is enough for it.

This trip will likely confront you with stories and situations you can't fix.

That's okay.

You're not here to fix.

You're here to feel.

To hold.

To love.

To be present.

To mourn with.

To be a blessing.

And to be changed by it.

Jesus Came for the Broken

"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted..." —Isaiah 61:1

This is how Jesus defined His mission.

Not just saving souls.

But binding wounds.

Not just teaching truth.

But carrying sorrow.

Jesus didn't avoid pain.

He moved toward it.

He touched the leper.

He wept at the tomb.

He welcomed the outcast.

He blessed the bleeding, broken woman who touched His robe.

He bled for those who hated Him.

And now He calls us to walk the same way.

To **see the hurting**.

To **listen to the silenced**.

To **love the overlooked**.

To not run from pain but enter it like Jesus did, with healing in our hands and hope in our hearts.

This is not a safe mission.

It's a sacred one.

What to Do When It Breaks You

Let's be honest: it might get to you.

You might feel overwhelmed by what you see.
You might cry unexpectedly.
You might feel powerless, heartbroken, confused, or even angry.

Good, let it come.
Let the stories land.
Let the sorrow speak.
Let the heartbreak form something in you that no mountaintop experience ever could.

Because this is where compassion is born.
Not just emotion but **Christ-like compassion**.
The kind that changes the way you see life, people, and the world around you.

Jesus was “moved with compassion” (Matthew 9:36), and it moved Him to action.
He didn’t feel pity.
He felt their pain and He responded.

So if this trip breaks something in you, don’t rush to rebuild.

Let the Spirit speak in the silence.
Let grief do its work.
Yield to it.
Don’t resist.
Let tears water the seeds of lasting ministry.

This is part of your formation.

There Is Beauty Here Too

“...to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning...” —Isaiah 61:3

Wherever there is deep brokenness, **there is also beauty.**

You’ll see it in:

The resilience of a pastor who keeps preaching even when no one applauds.

The joy of a child who plays freely in the middle of deep poverty.

The generosity of a family who serves you a full meal out of their scarcity.

The humility of those who show up during your project, not to receive but to help, expecting nothing in return, simply grateful to serve alongside you.

The world wants us to believe that beauty and brokenness are opposites.

But in the Kingdom, they always travel together in tandem as partners.

One softens you.

The other strengthens you.

Both shape you into someone God can send again and again.

Don’t miss the beauty because of the pain.

And don’t numb the pain because of the beauty.

Hold them both.

Like Jesus did.

Blessed Are the Broken

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted...” —Psalm 34:18

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
(Matthew 5:4)

That’s the **paradox** of the Kingdom: the broken aren’t cursed; they’re blessed.

Because they’re the ones who sense the nearness of God most clearly.

And if you let Him, God will use the brokenness you experience, not just to soften you, but to send you.

You will return home more awake.

More compassionate.

More aware of pain.

But also more grounded.

More ready.

More shaped into His likeness.

You’ll see your neighbor differently.

You’ll respond to suffering differently.

You’ll carry both scars and strength, and they will speak louder than any sermon ever could.

What You Carry Home

You may not bring home souvenirs.

But you will bring stories.

You may not remember the exact schedule.

But you’ll remember the tearful moments.

You may not fix what broke your heart, but you will carry a deeper burden for the broken.

And that burden is holy.

It will show up in how you pray.
In how you parent.
In how you give.
In how you lead.
In how you speak up when others stay silent.
In how you show up when it's inconvenient.

Because now you know.
You've seen it. You've sat in it.
You've been changed by it.
You can't unsee it and don't want to.

This is how God multiplies mission.
Through the broken who are willing to be blessed.
And the blessed who are willing to be broken again and again.

Final Word: Let It Shape You

Don't harden.
Don't hide.
Don't minimize it.

Let this trip mark you.
Let it shape you.
Let it lead you into a deeper kind of ministry, one that flows not from strength, but from surrender.

Because when you let brokenness in, blessing always follows.

"He binds up the brokenhearted..."

"He saves those crushed in spirit..."

"He comforts us so we can comfort others..."

You've been changed.

You've been blessed.

Now you are ready.

Chapter Nine

Live Sent

“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.” —Acts 13:2–3

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? ... As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’” —Romans 10:14–15

“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” —John 20:21

The Trip Ends, But the Mission Doesn’t.

You’ve shared meals.

You’ve served pastors and communities.

You’ve sat in Huddles.

Confessed real things, prayed with tears, and felt the presence of God in new ways.

And now, it’s almost over.

Suitcases will be packed.
Flights boarded.
Text threads will carry some of the connection forward.
Life will call you back.
And the trip, as a moment, will end.

But the mission is just beginning.

This trip was never the finish line.
It was the starting gate.
It wasn't the mountaintop.
It was the sending place.

You were not brought here to consume a spiritual experience.
You were brought here to be awakened to who you are and what you're called to carry.
You are a messenger.
A witness.
A son or daughter of the King.
You are being sent home with purpose.

The only question now is: Will you live sent?

The Pattern of the Early Church: Worship → Word → Send

“While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart Barnabas and Saul...’” —Acts 13:2

The rhythm of God's people has always included moments of worship, listening, and then **sending**.

We don't just come to receive.
We come to be filled and then released.

We don't gather for spiritual comfort.
We gather to be equipped and assigned.

That's what happened in Antioch.
That's what happened in the upper room.
That's what happened in your Huddle this week.
And that's what must happen now.

The Holy Spirit still sends.
Not just to foreign fields, but to families.
Not just to pulpits, but to playgrounds.
Not just to churches, but to companies, neighborhoods, school parking lots, sports sidelines, waiting rooms, and back porches.

Your mission field is not "somewhere else."
It's wherever you go and are sent.

As the Father Sent Me...

"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." —John 20:21

These are the words Jesus spoke to His disciples after the resurrection.

He had conquered death.
Fulfilled the promise.
Walked out the full obedience of the cross.
And still, He didn't say, "Now go relax and celebrate."
He said, "Now it's your turn."

That same breath of commissioning is now blowing through your life.

Jesus doesn't just save you.
He sends you.

He doesn't just call you out of sin.

He calls you into assignment.

This is not optional.

It's core to who you are as His disciple.

You are not just a believer.

You are an ambassador.

You are not just someone who knows the Gospel.

You are someone who carries it.

And the way you live, whether at home, at work, in your friendships,
or in your habits, either confirms or contradicts that reality.

How Will They Hear?

"How can they believe... if they've never heard? How can they hear...
unless someone tells them?" —Romans 10:14

There is an urgency.

But not fear-driven or emotional manipulation.

This is the Spirit quickening.

The world doesn't need louder Christians.

It needs **faithful witnesses**: people who walk in humility, boldness,
and clarity.

People like you.

People who:

Speak the truth with love.

Listen before they preach.

Live lives of integrity and quiet courage.
Reflect the grace and power of the One who sent them

You may not have a pulpit.
But you have a life, and that life speaks.
At the grocery store.
At the dinner table.
In the boardroom.
And even in traffic.

In the moment when someone needs prayer and you feel that slight nudge: “Speak up.”

You are the beautiful feet Paul talked about.

Not because of where you went but because of how you go now.

Sent Where You Already Are

Living sent doesn’t always mean changing locations.
It means changing your lens, how you see daily life.

Your neighborhood becomes a mission field.
Your coworkers become your assignment.
Your children become your first disciples.
Your time becomes a tool for Kingdom investment.
Your resources become seeds for eternal impact.

This trip has shown you that you don’t need a microphone to make a difference.

You just need obedience.

So as you return:

Start with what's in front of you.

Start with who's already in your life.

Start with the places where you're already planted

Because you have already been sent there.

What Does It Look Like to Live Sent?

In MSSNL, we talk about living sent not as a role but as a rhythm.

It's not about being a missionary overseas (unless God calls you).

It's about walking out the Gospel everywhere you go now.

To live 'sent' means:

You stay rooted in the Word.

You seek the Holy Spirit daily.

You say yes to what God asks—quickly and joyfully.

You serve with humility and grace, even when no one sees.

You invite others into the story, not to make converts but to make disciples.

You remain in fellowship, in the Huddle, and you walk in obedience.

You don't go back to normal.

You go back on purpose.

And everything becomes 'mission' when you live sent.

You Are Not Going Back Alone

If there's one fear that often surfaces near the end of a trip, it's this:

"How do I keep this going when I go home?"

The answer: **you don't go alone.**

You've been formed in community.

You've sat in the Huddle.

You've walked shoulder to shoulder with people who now know your story and have shared their own.

Don't lose that.

Don't drift back into isolation.

Don't settle for old patterns.

Carry the Huddle home.

Keep meeting.

Keep confessing.

Keep praying.

Keep asking the hard questions.

Build your life around the rhythms of Scripture, presence, mission, and margin.

And stay connected to the MSSNL movement because we're all walking this road together.

Final Word: You've Been Sent

This chapter could go on.

But the point is simple and sacred:

You've been sent.

Not by a ministry, a church, or a program, but by Jesus.

So go live like it.

Let your life preach louder than your words.

Let your time reflect what you truly value.

Let your home become a house of peace.

Let your hands stay open.

Let your feet keep moving.

Let your heart remain soft.

And when people look at your life, may they say: “Surely, this one has been with Jesus.”

Live sent.

Because this trip is ending.

But the mission—it’s only just beginning.

Chapter Ten

The Movement

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” —Isaiah 43:18–19

“Write down the vision and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the vision awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false.” —Habakkuk 2:2–3

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine... to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!” —Ephesians 3:20–21

This Is Not the End; It's the Beginning

You've reached the final day.

The final chapter.

The final conversation.

But don't mistake this moment for closure.

This isn't the end of the story; it's the **spark** that launches the next chapter.

MSSNL isn't just a trip.

It's a way of life.

A way of walking with God, forming deep community, multiplying mission, and following Jesus into the places He's already working.

What began around a table, what deepened through a Huddle, what grew stronger in service, and what came alive in worship is now ready to go home with you.

This isn't a memory to protect.

This is a movement to participate in.

And you're part of it now.

"See, I Am Doing a New Thing..."

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" —Isaiah 43:18–19

The people of God had experienced deliverance before: miracles, mountains, and moments of provision.

But Isaiah reminds them: the story isn't over.

Don't get stuck looking backward.

God is doing something new.

Not different in essence and substance, but fresh in expression.

And He's doing it through ordinary people with open hands.

That's what MSSNL is.

Not a new religion.

Not a clever brand.

Not a social club.

It's a movement of believers choosing to live the ancient path in modern times.

To follow Jesus fully.

To make disciples boldly.

To meet in Huddles, not platforms.

To open tables, not build stages.

To serve with humility and live sent every day

God is doing a new thing.

And He's using people like you to carry it forward.

“Write the Vision. Make It Plain.”

“Write down the vision and make it plain... for the vision awaits an appointed time.” —Habakkuk 2:2–3

The prophet Habakkuk was instructed to write the vision so that it could be understood.

So it could be carried.

So it wouldn't be left behind or forgotten.

That's why this Trip Guide, and every MSSNL book, Huddle, trip, and conversation exists.

To make the vision plain.

And here it is:

MSSNL is a movement of people who walk in:

Clarity → We hear God's voice and respond.

Margin → We build space to obey

Confidence → We walk in identity, not insecurity

Obedience → We live what we've heard

.Multiplication → We make disciples who make disciples

.Mission → We live sent where we already are.

It's not complicated.

It's not flashy.

But it's Spirit-led, Scripture-rooted, and soul-deep.

That's the vision.

And it's already running.

Huddles are forming.

Trips are launching.

Books are opening hearts.

Conversations are deepening.

Obedience is spreading.

Families are changing.

Business leaders are being sent.

And ordinary people are discovering they've been called into an extraordinary story.

More Than a Trip

You've just tasted one part of the movement.

The trip, beautiful, immersive, and disruptive in the best ways, was the introduction.

But MSSNL continues wherever people choose to walk it out.

It continues when you start a Huddle in your home.

It continues when you gather two or three around the Bible and obey it.

It continues when you lead your family differently, steward your work differently, and view your city with new eyes.

And it expands every time someone says yes.

Yes to prayer.

Yes to presence.

Yes to slowing down.

Yes to sharing the Gospel.

Yes to inviting others in.

Yes to multiplying what God has placed in them

This is what movements do.

They grow.

They stretch.

They reproduce.

And they only require one thing: **faithful people who say yes again and again.**

“Immeasurably More...”

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...” —Ephesians 3:20

This trip may have awakened something in you.

A desire for more.

A hunger for purpose.

A fire that feels both exciting and a little overwhelming.

That’s how you know it’s God.

Because the dreams He puts in your heart are always bigger than your ability, but never bigger than His.

You don't have to see the full blueprint.
You just have to obey the next step.

Start the Huddle.
Have the conversation.
Change the pattern.
Take the risk.
Open the table.
Say "yes" when the Spirit prompts.

And watch what He does.

It won't always be loud.
It won't always be visible.
But it will be eternal.

Because the God who called you is still writing this story.

What Comes Next

You might be asking, "Where do I go from here?"

Start with these three:

1. Carry the Rhythm Home

Don't leave Word → Wonder → Walk behind.

Spend daily time in the Word.
Stay alert for God moments throughout your day.
Stay in the Huddle. Keep obeying what you hear

This rhythm works.
Because it's how Jesus lived.
And it's how His people are formed.

2. Start or Join a Huddle

MSSNL Huddles are the heart of the movement.
Whether it's two people or twenty, whether weekly or monthly—Huddles form disciples.

We'll help you get started.
You're not alone.

3. Lead Someone Else into the Movement

Invite someone to read a book with you.
Take them through what you've experienced.
Lead them into mission, not as a teacher, but as a brother or sister.

What you've received wasn't just for you.
It's for others, too.

You Were Made for This

This is not a spiritual detour.
It's the reason you're here.

You were created to walk with Jesus.
You were formed for community.
You were built for obedience.
You were sent to multiply.
You were born to live sent.

And MSSNL is simply the framework to help you do it.

We're not here to build an empire.

We're here to fuel a movement: one table, one Huddle, one soul at a time.

This is the new thing.

This is the vision.

This is the life God is writing.

And now, you get to step into it.

Not as a fan.

As a builder.

As a brother.

As a leader.

As one who's been sent.

Welcome to the movement.

Epilogue: Now What?

You came to serve.

You came to listen.

You came to learn.

You came to grow.

But what you received wasn't just an experience—it was an awakening.

The trip is ending.

The bags are packed.

The airport is waiting.

But something inside of you is different now.

You've seen what happens when men and women seek Jesus with everything they have.

You've experienced what it feels like to walk in rhythm with the Word, to look for wonder in every moment, and to respond in obedience—to **walk** the Kingdom way.

You've sat at the table.

You've opened your heart in the Huddle.

You've stepped into the mission.

You've wept with those who weep.

You've served without fanfare.

You've lived *sent*.

Now comes the question: **Will you stay awake to what God just did?**

Because this isn't just a trip to remember.

It's a life to live.

You've Been Formed

You may not be able to explain everything that's changed in you, but you feel it.

That's how formation works.

Quiet. Deep. Lasting.

It happens in silence.

In scripture.

In shared meals and sacred prayers.

It happens through discomfort, through tears, through breakthroughs.

It happens through **presence**—God's presence and yours.

You've been formed by:

The solitude of the early mornings.

The table set before you.

The faces of the people you served.

The words spoken in a Huddle.

The movement of the Holy Spirit

You are not who you were.

And that's the point.

You're Being Sent

If all this trip gave you was a good story, we failed.

But if it gave you a new vision for your life, if it rooted you deeper in the Gospel, awakened your ears to the Spirit, and lit a fire of purpose in your heart, then it has done its work.

Because you were *never* meant to return home the same.

You were meant to return home and live **sent**.

To walk with Jesus in a way that others can follow.

To bring the Kingdom into your family, your friendships, your business, your city.

To make disciples in the real, ordinary, beautiful spaces of your everyday life.

What Comes Next

The movement doesn't stop when you go home.

It **multiplies**.

Here's what we invite you to do:

1. Start a Huddle

You don't need a title or a curriculum.

You just need a Bible, a few people, and a willingness to obey.

We'll help you begin.

2. Choose a Rhythm

Keep living the pattern of *Word. Wonder. Walk.*

Start your day in the Word.

Look for God's hand throughout it.

End it with obedience.

3. Multiply the Mission

Take someone else on this journey.

Bring them on a trip.

Give them a book.

Invite them to your table and huddle.

Lead by example and watch what God does.

A Final Blessing

“May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May He turn His face toward you and give you peace.” —Numbers 6:24–26

We bless your going.

We bless your return.

We bless your obedience.

We bless your boldness.

We bless your quiet faithfulness.

May you never chase comfort over calling.

May you always walk with eyes wide open.

May you lead with humility, speak with grace, serve with joy, and listen for the whisper of the Spirit.

You are a son.

You are a daughter.

You are a messenger.

You are not alone.

You are not finished.

You are being *sent*—today, tomorrow, and every day after.

Welcome home.

Now go.

Live sent.

Appendix A: Packing List & Preparation Checklist

Packing List (Recommended)

Essentials

Passport (valid at least 6 months beyond return date)

Travel documents (flight itinerary, travel insurance, ID copies)

Bible, journal, and pen

MSSNL Trip Guide (printed or digital)

Refillable water bottle

Backpack or day bag

Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, and bug spray

Flashlight or headlamp

Travel-sized toiletries (3 oz. or smaller)

Medications (clearly labeled, with extras if possible)

Clothing

Modest, lightweight clothing (for hot/humid climates and work sites)

Long sleeves and pants (for sun protection or evening wear)

1–2 outfits suitable for church or formal gatherings

Comfortable closed-toe shoes or hiking sandals

Rain jacket or light windbreaker

Flip flops or shower sandals

Undergarments and socks

Sleepwear

Optional but Helpful

Snacks or protein bars

Travel pillow or small blanket

Earplugs or a sleep mask

Phone charger and/or power bank

Insect netting or wipes

Small, culturally appropriate gifts for local hosts (optional)

Preparation Checklist (1–4 Weeks Before the Trip)

Spiritual Preparation

- ☐ Set aside time daily in the Word and prayer
- ☐ Ask God to prepare your heart and highlight anything you need to surrender
- ☐ Invite friends or family to cover you in prayer during the trip

Relational Preparation

- ☐ Connect with your MSSNL trip team (via group text, call, or pre-meeting)
- ☐ Practice sharing your story or testimony (1–2 minutes)
- ☐ Commit to listening well and encouraging others

Logistical Preparation

- ☐ Confirm passport, travel documents, and vaccinations
- ☐ Complete all required forms for MSSNL or trip partners
- ☐ Label and organize all luggage

- ☐ Prepare to unplug—limit digital distractions and focus on presence

Heart Preparation

- ☐ Lay down expectations—this trip is about presence, not performance
- ☐ Ask: “What is God asking me to notice, learn, or carry home?”
- ☐ Commit to showing up fully—with humility, obedience, and openness

Appendix B: Daily Schedule Template

Living the Rhythm: Word · Wonder · Walk

Each MSSNL trip follows a simple, Spirit-led rhythm modeled after the life of Jesus. He began with solitude. He walked in community. He lived on mission.

This is the pattern we follow:

Word – Begin in the Scriptures and the presence of the Father

Wonder – Watch for God throughout the day—in people, moments, conversations, interruptions

Walk – Respond with obedience, service, encouragement, generosity, and love

Here's how that rhythm unfolds over the course of a 4-day trip.

Day 1: Arrival & Welcome

Participants arrive, are greeted by hosts, and settle into the local setting.

There's no rush—just space to breathe, notice, and begin to turn hearts toward God.

In the evening, a shared meal brings the team together.

Around the table, introductions are made, stories are shared, and the first Huddle begins.

There's no pressure—just presence.

The facilitator offers a short devotion, sets expectations for the week, and introduces the rhythm: *Word. Wonder. Walk.*

This is not a typical mission trip.

This is a sacred journey—where formation matters more than performance, and presence is more important than productivity.

Days 2 & 3: Mission Days

Each of the next two days follows a prayerful, focused rhythm, with open hands and a prepared heart ready to be led by the Spirit.

The **morning** begins early, with personal solitude.

Each participant rises and spends 30–60 minutes alone with God.

Just as Jesus withdrew to quiet places to pray (Mark 1:35), this time is set apart for Scripture, reflection, journaling, and prayer.

There is no script—just space to listen.

After devotion, the team gathers for breakfast.

A brief reflection is shared inviting the group to be attentive and obedient today.

The group then discusses:

What is God saying to you?

What are you noticing?

How are you being formed?

From there, the team goes out to **serve local churches, pastors, or ministries.**

Projects vary by trip, but the heart is always the same: honor the local leaders.

Support their work. Encourage and uplift—not replace or dominate.

Where possible, the group may have **educational moments** with local pastors or entrepreneurs.

These sessions are not about delivering solutions, but exchanging wisdom—learning from those on the front lines of faith, leadership, and community transformation.

Ask questions.

Listen deeply.

Let it shape you.

Lunch is often shared with these leaders or members of the local church.

These meals are sacred—don't rush through them.

The Kingdom is often built one conversation at a time.

The **afternoon** may include a cultural excursion or time with the host team.

These activities are not a break from the mission; they *are* the mission—opportunities to see what God is doing in the people, places, and history of the land you've entered.

Practice presence.

Be curious.

Look for God in the beauty, the brokenness, the rhythm of their daily life.

As **evening** comes, the team regathers for dinner.

This is the space where stories are told, hearts open, and the Huddle deepens.

The table is again the setting for worship, reflection, and response.

MSSNL Huddle prompts guide the conversation (see Appendix D), but the Spirit leads it.

On **Day 3**, this meal often becomes what we call the “**Last Supper**”—a moment of deep fellowship and preparation.

While the formal commissioning typically happens the next morning, some groups choose to include Communion, anointing, or a commissioning prayer here, especially if the Spirit leads and time allows.

Whether done this evening or the next morning, the sending is sacred—and it matters.

Day 4: Communion & Commissioning

The final morning begins, again, in solitude.

The Word centers us.

The Spirit whispers.

Each person is encouraged to reflect:

What is God calling me to carry home?

What do I need to lay down?

Who am I being sent to?

After breakfast, the group enters the final **Huddle**—a time of testimony, encouragement, blessing, and commissioning.

This is not just a farewell. It’s a declaration: *you are being sent*.

Communion is shared as a seal of unity and surrender.

A simple prayer, spoken over each participant or as a group, marks the moment.

You came to serve.

Now you are being sent to lead: by presence, by love, by obedience.

This rhythm is not rigid.

Adjustments may be needed based on culture, context, and Spirit-led opportunities.

But the heart remains the same: each day begins with the **Word**, is filled with **Wonder**, and ends with a step of **Walked-out obedience**.

Let the Spirit guide your plans.

Let the table guide your connection.

Let the Word guide your days.

And always, let love lead the way.

Appendix C: Field Guide to Leading a Trip

Creating Space for God to Move. Walking in the MSSNL Way.

You don't need a title to lead a trip.

You just need faith, obedience, and the willingness to make space for God to do what only He can and desires to do.

The MSSNL Trip Guide isn't a program; it's a posture.
This field guide will help you walk it out.

Your Role as a Trip Leader

You are not the hero of this trip.

You are a guide.

A shepherd.

A listener.

A co-learner.

Your primary responsibilities:

Create sacred space: physically and spiritually for people to encounter God.

Cultivate culture: humility, unity, and presence over productivity.

Set the rhythm: Word, Wonder, Walk. Day by day, faithfully followed.

Follow the Spirit: plans matter, but obedience matters more.

Empower others: draw out their stories, gifts, and leadership.

This isn't about delivering a perfect experience.

It's about making room for transformation.

Leading Each Day: What to Keep in Mind

Day 1: Set the Tone

Welcome each participant personally.

Begin building connection over meals and shared space.

Use the first Huddle to cast vision and set expectations. Keep it simple.

Introduce the rhythm: *Word Wonder Walk*.

Facilitator prompt:

"This week isn't about how much we can do. It's about how deeply we can listen: to God, to one another, and to those we serve."

Days 2 & 3: Lead the Rhythm

Begin the day with personal devotion. Invite others into silence.

Share breakfast reflections: "*What is God showing you?*"

During service time, encourage humility and attentiveness—don't over-program

When possible, create educational moments with in-country pastors or entrepreneurs.

Let local voices lead.

Ask your team to listen, not teach but to receive.

During the afternoon excursion, watch for “God moments.”
Ask people afterward: “What did you see? What surprised you? What did God highlight?”

At dinner and Huddle time, facilitate reflection using prompts (see below).

Let people speak.

Don’t force it.

Leave silence where needed.

Facilitator posture:

Ask more than you teach.

Respond with curiosity, not correction.

Gently redirect toward Scripture if conversation drifts.

Model vulnerability, be transparent

Day 3 Evening: The Last Supper Moment

Whether or not formal commissioning happens this evening, treat it with reverence.

Encourage each participant to share one reflection: “

What has God spoken to you this week?”

“What are you taking home?”

Invite team members to speak words of life over one another.

If led, you may:

Share Communion.

Anoint each participant.

Pray commissioning prayers.

This is not performance.

It's sacred surrender.

Day 4: Commission and Send

Lead the morning solitude and devotion time with a focused Scripture (John 20:21, Romans 10:15, Isaiah 6).

Then, gather the group one last time.

Ask:

"What is your next step of obedience?"

"Where is God sending you?"

Close with Communion and a final prayer of commissioning.

Speak identity.

Speak blessing.

Speak mission.

Facilitator example prayer:

"Lord, we send these men and women not just to return, but to live sent. Fill their homes with Your presence. Fill their cities with Your Gospel. Let what started here multiply in their families, friendships, and callings."

Leading a Huddle on the Trip

Huddle conversations are the soul of the MSSNL trip.

Use them wisely.

Set the posture.

Structure:

Meal.

Short devotion or reflection.

Scripture reading.

Group response using prompts.

Open time for confession, prayer, and encouragement

Sample Huddle Prompts (rotate or reuse):

What is God saying to you right now?

What are you seeing around you that's moving your heart?

Is there anything you need to surrender?

How has someone on this trip impacted you?

Where do you feel called to obedience when you return home?

You don't need to cover all of them.

Go slow.

Let depth lead.

Final Tips for Trip Leaders

Pray early, pray often. Over every meal, every moment.

Watch for the quiet ones. Pull them in with kindness.

Don't over-teach. Facilitate, don't dominate.

Keep your own rhythm. If you're empty, you can't lead from overflow.

Build team, not hierarchy. Empower others to lead moments and share.

Celebrate the small. Every moment of breakthrough, every tear, every laugh matters.

What Success Looks Like

Success is not measured in how much you accomplished.

It's found in:

A participant who heard God's voice for the first time.

A quiet leader who came alive in the Huddle.

A local pastor who felt seen and honored.

A spontaneous moment of shared prayer or worship.

A single step of obedience taken back home

You are not leading an event.

You are creating sacred space.

And the Spirit will do the rest.

Appendix D: Trip Partnership Overview

MSSNL + Praying Pelican Missions (PPM)

A Partnership Built on Presence, Pastors, and Long-Term Mission

The Power of Partnership

MSSNL trips are not about spiritual tourism or short-term outreach events.

They are sacred, intentional spaces shaped by the life of Jesus: marked by solitude, community, and Spirit-led mission.

To make these experiences possible, MSSNL partners with **Praying Pelican Missions (PPM)**—a global missions organization committed to serving the local church through long-term, in-country relationships.

Together, MSSNL and PPM form a seamless structure:

MSSNL curates the trip vision, spiritual rhythm, and formation experience.

PPM coordinates all on-the-ground logistics, connections, and local relationships.

This model allows every participant to stay fully present and focused, without distraction, while ensuring local leaders are honored, heard, and strengthened.

The Role of MSSNL

MSSNL is responsible for:

Trip content and spiritual formation: We provide devotionals, Huddle prompts, the Rhythm of Word · Wonder · Walk, and a facilitation model that shapes every day of the experience.

Leadership and facilitation: MSSNL trip leaders guide the pace, tone, and heart of the trip through daily rhythms, team engagement, and teaching.

Participant experience: We walk with each participant, before, during, and after the trip, to ensure that what happens on the trip transforms life back home.

Multiplication: We help teams and individuals take what they've experienced and share it: at home, in their workplace, church, or community.

The Role of PPM

Praying Pelican Missions handles the entire logistical backbone of the trip.

Their responsibilities include:

In-country coordination: Ground transportation, meals, lodging, excursions, interpreters, safety, and any needed security or medical support.

Local church partnerships: Each trip is tied to a real church, led by real pastors, in real communities. PPM's model ensures the trip is not a one-time project, but part of a long-term relationship where correspondence and return trips are encouraged.

Project alignment: All service projects and ministry efforts are led by local church needs; not outsider assumptions. Your team joins what God is *already* doing.

On-site staff: PPM staff are present and active throughout the trip to ensure safety, coordination, and cultural alignment.

The PPM365 Model

PPM365 is the heartbeat of what makes this partnership unique.

Unlike many short-term mission organizations, PPM doesn't "parachute in."

Instead, they invest year-round in local churches and pastors through:

Long-term pastoral care and coaching.

Ongoing financial and resource support.

Multiple trips per year to the same communities.

Local leadership development.

Follow-up and continuity between teams

When you go on a MSSNL trip, you're not just going somewhere—you're stepping into a story that's already unfolding.

The pastors and churches you meet are not side notes; they are the heroes.

Your presence is part of a bigger picture of consistent, Spirit-led support.

What This Means for You

Every MSSNL trip through PPM is:

Spiritually grounded – focused on the Word, prayer, worship, and formation.

Relationally focused – prioritizing connection over construction.

Pastor-led – guided by local church leadership, not imported vision.

Culturally humble – you're there to serve, learn, and honor.

Missionally ongoing – what you do fits into something much bigger.

This model ensures that when the trip ends, the work doesn't.

You go home changed.

And the church you served keeps growing: with strength, dignity, and support.

Final Word

MSSNL trips are an invitation.

To slow down.

To show up.

To serve with humility.

To be formed by the Spirit and shaped by community.

With PPM, we're not building moments.

We're building the Kingdom, together.