



Gospel Transformation:

- We go on the trip with the expectation and desire of God working in our lives and in the lives of others – transformation by His grace.
- We should be surprised with delight when the food is hot, the bed is comfortable, the water is hot, the toilet works, drinking water is cold, lunch is tasty, or the day off suits us, because we came to serve and not be served. So when things are going well we are thankful and show our appreciation. In fact, we assume our hard heart will only be opened by God cornering us with some difficult circumstance, relationship or our internal complaints during the trip.
- Expect to learn more than you teach and don't be surprised that when God shows up, He shows up for you, not for the people you are serving. Remember, you are the big sinner on the trip.
- Times of solitude with God are needed to seek His work in our lives during the week: "Speak LORD, your servant is listening...."
- We do not drain our host with complaints, special requests, or the expectation to be comfortable.
- Semper Gumby: "That's just the way we like it", always flexible, go with the flow, because even with the best planning, things will go wrong. This is usually the best time to examine what is happening in your heart.
- Time for confession, talking about the day, encouraging each other, speaking to what God is doing in each others' lives is part of our gathering time each day. Debriefing is important. People need time to talk about their experience with others so they can process what God is doing in their lives. Seek out others; don't be afraid to talk about your struggles or joys.

Authentic Community:

- Branch out to get to know new people from SRPC and other churches – get out of your clique. Pursue loners. Listen to those you serve.
- We are FOR each other. We came together as a team!
- Work hard together...have fun together!
- Build lasting community and memories with other believers.
- Prayer groups or work teams should be a mixture of rookies and veterans.
- We go as learners. We serve both the missionaries and their target group with the mindset that we need them more than they need us. We are poor in perspective and we need them to help us see our own poverty. We go as learners eager for them to teach us and show us. We go with the realization that our American ghetto causes near-