

# CSM: Talking Points to Share

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- **CSM provides ministry opportunities to serve the world's fastest growing mission field.** With the population explosion in and around the world's urban centers, cities are quickly becoming the world's largest (and most complex) mission field. CSM provides groups an opportunity to serve through local ministries that have a year-round presence in their specific communities.
- **CSM handles the details, you get to serve.** As a leader or group member you will be joined by one of CSM's resident staff on your trip. They handle the specific details (from directions to meals) while you have the opportunity to wholeheartedly serve.
- **CSM provides a long-lasting experience during a short-term trip.** CSM staff live year-round in the city they serve in. They've formed relationships with the ministries we partner with and you become the vital link as these ministries depend on the volunteers CSM provides to remain a vibrant presence in their communities.
- **CSM's service projects are working with people.** When serving in the urban center with CSM you will be coming alongside ministries that focus on serving people. Whether you're serving food at a homeless shelter or playing with children at an after-school program, you will be cultivating relationships throughout your entire trip.
- **CSM allows you to not just serve the city, but to learn about who you are serving.** By participating with CSM you will have many opportunities to learn about just who you are serving. By becoming better informed we can better know the needs of the city and, in turn, learn where we can best serve the individuals in the city.
- **CSM provides training and follow up to all of its groups.** We believe that both pre- and post-trip training are crucial – not only for the trip to run smoothly, but that participants would be personally changed as they serve. CSM provides in-depth training materials for both before and after your time of service, free of charge.
- **CSM allows participants to experience the rich cultures that make up the city.** Groups have the opportunity to serve at ministry sites and eat at different ethnic restaurants that expose them to the multitude of cultures that make up the city. Experience brings understanding.
- **CSM provides an experience that changes the trip participant and the people being served.** Our goal is for each person who serves with CSM to leave not only more aware of the needs and issues of the city, but also with a heart to serve those that are lost and less fortunate. Awareness brings empathy.