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Mission Adventures Experience— Explanation of Outreaches and Activities

*Please Note: Each Mission Adventures week changes according to team size and season. Outreaches are updated and become more strategic according to the season and team size. Your week may not necessarily include all of these outreaches. It is likely that you will experience most along with additions.

Orientation: During this time, we will go over things like rules, schedule, meeting our staff, and getting excited about what God has planned for the week!

Intercession on Sunrise Mountain: We do worship, intercession, and an introduction to Las Vegas on the highest hill in Las Vegas that looks over the city. We educate your group on our city; stories about Las Vegas (good and bad), and statistics/facts that will excite the students about reaching Las Vegas. We then spend some time praying over Las Vegas and worshipping on the mountain.

Work Duties: Every morning the students will do a work duty led by our staff in small groups. Work duties include cleaning bathrooms, vans, hallways, courtyard, kitchen and other needs that may come up throughout the week.

Small Groups/God Time: Small groups are usually around 5-8 students led by one of the Mission Adventures staff (this size may vary depending on how many students and staff there are). The small group leader will have something planned (ex: Bible study, devotion, discussion, etc.). Students are given the remaining time for quiet time. If students need help with quiet time, their small group leaders are there to guide them.

Evangelism Teaching 1 & 2: We have 2 teachings on evangelism. These lessons will explain why we do evangelism and will equip the students with the tools that they need to be effective during outreaches.

Scavenger Hunt: Treasure hunt is a fun and interactive tool to take the glamour out of the “Las Vegas Strip” or being in a new city with new friends. This competition between small groups challenges students to take pictures with strangers and interact with the craziness of the city. For example as part of the competition a group member will have to get a photo locking arms with a stranger while going up an escalator.

Intercession: After a short 30 minute or so lesson on intercession, we take the students into our neighborhood or throughout the city to pray on “justice issues” or city wide needs.

YWAM Base Worship: On Monday mornings the students get to participate in worship with all of the YWAM staff and ministries coming together.

Free Prayer Outreach: We take the students to Fremont St. where the staff will hold a giant sign reading "Free Prayer". The students are paired up (all of our outreaches are done in pairs) and encouraged to approach people and ask them if they can pray with them. The staff is there to guide and encourage the students and help them. The goal of this outreach is to use offering prayer as a way to start conversation. We aren't just praying with people, we're out there to share the Gospel and love on people.

Wordless Signs: Each person creates a painting or drawing with no words. We then go to the strip and hold up our paintings up to display to the hundreds of people walking by at the intersection of Las Vegas Blvd. and Tropicana. The idea is to hold the signs up without speaking a single word until someone walking by asks a question. For example one guy painted a picture of handcuffs. People would come up and ask, "What is with the handcuffs?" From there a person can create a kind of personal and tailored message to talk to them about Jesus. "Well a lot of people feel handcuffed... by addiction etc., but Jesus can set us free etc. Can we pray for you?"

Video Survey Outreach: We go out to the strip and do "Surveys" where we use a simple interview method to break the fear of talking to strangers about Christ. This is a non-aggressive approach and the survey is a great conversation starter to get people engaged with strangers. Some of the questions are; "What do you think about "Sin City"? "Do you believe in a god?" "What do you think he/she is like?" "Why is there so much suffering in the world today?" etc. We ask these questions to get into conversation with people, not to get a whole bunch of answers.

Cross-walk Outreach: Students take turns carrying a large cross on the Strip, while everyone else follows behind in pairs. This is a great tool to get conversations started with other people as the students watch onlookers reaction to the large cross. The students also get to experience what Christ felt while carrying His cross.

Block Parties: We partner with a Church called Grace City to run an enormous party at a local park. We canvas a particular neighborhood, serve barbeque, food, pray for people, share the gospel, set up bouncy castles, etc. It is a great way to reach a lot of normal people from Las Vegas and potentially connect them to a local church.

Homeless Outreaches: We partner with local churches and the Rescue Mission to serve meals and get some face time with some of the down and outs of Las Vegas.

Serving Breakfast @ Park: Every Tuesday morning, a few churches in the valley gather together across the street from our building to do a free breakfast for the homeless. We partner with them to help serve the food and also pray and talk with people as they wait in line.

Community Outreach: We partner with ministries and churches in our neighborhood and serve them however we can! Sometimes this consists of helping organize clothing at the rescue mission or picking up garbage in the neighborhood. Sometimes we give out water and snacks to the homeless.

Dinner @ Las Vegas Rescue Mission (LVRM): The Las Vegas Rescue Mission is a local homeless shelter that is only a block away from us. Students will help serve dinner to the 300+ homeless who will be at the

Mission for dinner. Students will also be eating in the dining hall with the homeless, sitting down and talking with them.

LVRM Chapel Service: For 1 hour, your group will lead the chapel service for the residents and overnight guests at LVRM. During this hour you can do things like worship, drama/skit, testimonies, preaching, etc. There will be some time earlier in the week for your group to prepare, but home preparation is recommended as well.

Special Brunch & 10/40 Focus Lesson: Special brunch is a hands-on lesson where the students' eyes are opened to what other people in the world live like. We educate the students on the 10/40 window; a section of the world where 95% of the people have never heard the gospel. Students are reminded of how they are called to reach these people (Matthew 28:19).

2x2 Outreach: We give the students 4 different ways to approach people in conversation; free prayer (asking people if you can pray for them), direct (going up to someone and saying something like "Do you know the love of Jesus?"), indirect (going up to someone and saying something like "Where are you from?" and then directing the conversation towards God), and random (break dancing on the street and getting peoples attention, telling jokes, etc.) Students are encouraged to be creative during this outreach and do whatever approach they feel the most comfortable.

Viva La Worship Outreach: This outreach is what we call "proclamation evangelism". We head to the strip with an amp, guitar and microphone to share the love of Jesus. Students will gather for a time of worship on Las Vegas Blvd. and have opportunities to share a message or their testimony as people are walking by. If your group has a drama planned, they will have an opportunity to perform. There are many street performers in Las Vegas so many people will stop and listen. People who aren't involved in sharing their testimony or a message are talking to people in the crowd that have stopped to listen.

True Discipleship Teaching: This interactive teaching challenges students to be more than just believers of God, but followers and disciples of Jesus!

Commitment Service: Commitment service is a night challenging the students to change the world and to respond to the call God has on their life in one way or another. This ties the whole week together, challenging the students to apply what they've learned in Vegas, in their own towns, and the nations.