

FOR PARENTS

It can't be denied that our country and our world are changing. More and more schools, communities and student activities provide daily cross-cultural opportunities. Students have constant chances to interact with people much different than them. Engage trips offer an avenue of training where your child can learn how to communicate with others, learn from differences and how to articulate his or her faith in real, practical ways.

We would love for you to have a meaningful conversation with your child about going on an overseas experience to see the work that God is doing globally. As a parent, you understand that there are some opportunities worth pursuing. There are numerous opportunities available through Engage, and we'd be honored to partner with you. This is a chance to help prepare your son or daughter for Kingdom work as they go to college, into the world of business or even ministry. Seeing the global church at work makes a difference in who they are, what they pursue and their own understanding of how their gifts and abilities can advance the Kingdom of God.

We understand that you may feel apprehensive about sending your child overseas. It is a big, yet exciting step. Our Engage staff wants to walk alongside you as a parent to assure you that your child will be in safe hands throughout the entire experience. On the back side of this card is more information about safety and finances.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.CIY.COM/ENGAGE/THEWORLD TO FIND OUT MORE,
OR CALL 1-888-765-4249 AT ANY TIME.

SAFETY

- » CIY has been facilitating mission trips for more than 25 years, and each location is carefully researched to ensure the safety of each trip participant. Engage never takes a student team to a location without first sending CIY directors and staff to do a survey and research trip.
- » Information relating to food, water, housing, political stability and health concerns are reviewed with our in-country partners and missionaries.
- » Travel medical insurance is provided for each participant. The coverage for this plan includes doctor or hospital visits/admittance for illnesses or injuries. The plan also includes coverage of an emergency medical evacuation if a serious situation would arise.
- » Engage provides trained and qualified trip leaders, many of whom have decades of experience. Each trip leader (as well as each trip participant) is required to have a criminal and sex offender background check.

FINANCES

- » Engage encourages each participant to raise support by supplying them with creative fundraising ideas (see the included Fundraising card). This will be the first of many challenges that can shape your child's life. Many trip participants share stories of how God provided the necessary funds for their trip. It's a great way for your child to stretch and develop faith.
- » CIY provides an online tool to help with fundraising. Through this resource, students have the ability to share information about the trip and how others can support them.
- » Trip participants are accepted months in advance of their trips, giving them plenty of time to raise funds. A payment schedule is put in place, which helps participants stay on track to have all monies raised before the trip begins.
- » CIY holds a nonprofit 501c3 status, which means donations are eligible to be tax deductible.