



June 3, 2015

Dear Class of 2015,

We can finally say, "See you next month!" Summer Orientation at the University of Scranton will be here before we know it. Please continue to check your Gmail accounts, as we will continue to correspond in the weeks ahead.

The overarching goal of the two weeks of Summer Orientation is to effectively and prayerfully educate, motivate, and challenge Jesuit Volunteers and Rostro de Cristo Volunteers (the program with which JVC collaborates for Summer Orientation) in preparation for international service in the context of each programs model. Of course, we realize that two weeks is not an adequate amount of time to fully orient new volunteers to the realities they will face abroad with JVC. By energizing your hearts and empowering your minds we hope to build a base that, coupled with an openness to learn well into and past your own immersion, will allow you to join with those volunteers/support people already in the field and succeed.

In the meantime, we've compiled some additional resources to help in your preparation.

**Enclosed in this packet you'll find:**

- Summer Orientation Letter
  - Includes suggested packing list
- Country Specific Information
  - Includes suggested reading material
- Country Suggested Packing List
- Self-care plan: Please bring this with you to orientation
- Photo Release Form: bring this with you to orientation
- Additional summer reading materials
  - The article "Helping, Fixing or Serving?" by Rachel Naoimi Remen.
  - The article "Living the Questions" by Jennifer Sawyer
  - The article "Stages of Community-Making," [The Difference Drum](#), M. Scott Peck

Lastly, a friendly reminder to be on top of your fundraising! We've been very impressed with the strong start to the Send Me to Serve Campaign!

We look forward to seeing you all on July 8 and 9!

Peace and grace,  
Liz, Pat, Paige, Billy, and Shelby  
JVC Staff – International Program