

GIFTS

God has given us all gifts. Through this experience, we are probably starting to realize that these gifts are. What are my God-given gifts? Why do I think God gave me these gifts? What experiences have made these gifts most clear to me? How do I intend to use these for the rest of my volunteer year and afterward? What do I think holds me back from using my gifts?

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians. 12, 4-13

Related Readings:

Orientation Binder - Community: Way of Life - pp. 26-27 “A Journey of Faith”

The Four Agreements - pp. 75-78 “Do Your best”

Touching the Holy - pp. 22-27 “Ordinariness & Self-Esteem”

COMMUNITY

Vulnerability is a word that Brother Steve McKenna first brought up to us at orientation. Have I allowed myself to be vulnerable to my community? With others? How can I let my guarded emotions and feelings be so open to others?

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4, 1-6

Related Readings:

Orientation Binder - Community: Way of Life - pp. 11-14 “Friendship” & “Communication”

The Road Less Traveled - pp. 131-134 “Risk of Loss”

Touching the Holy - pp. 133-139 “Vulnerability” & “Sensitive Listening”

FAITH

How has my faith grown/changed since I have been here? What has led to these changes? How do I hope to grow in the future?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13, 31- 33

Related Readings:

Orientation Binder - Community: Way of Life - pp. 29-32 “Prayer” & “Interiority”
As One Struggling Christian to Another - pp. 20-25 “A Very Personal Relationship”
Touching the Holy - pp. 39-47 “Callousness” & pp. 116-122 “Types of Guides”

PERSPECTIVES

How (if at all) has my perspectives on poverty and wealth changed since the program began? Why do I think my perspectives have (or have not) changed? Will I take this perspective with me as I move beyond this volunteer year?

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-18

Related Readings:

Orientation Binder - Community: Way of Life - pp. 19 - 20 “Poverty”
The End of Poverty - pp. 5-10 “Malawi: the perfect storm”

PERSONAL GROWTH

How have my community members changed me? What have I learned from each of them? And have they changed my views on life or added/taken away from my experience?

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31, 13: 1-8

Related Readings:

*Orientation Binder - Community: Way of Life - pp. 14-15 “Harmony”; pp. 38-39
“Community: Apostolate & Community”*
The Road Less Traveled - pp. 51-53 “Openness to Challenge”
Touching the Holy - pp. 93 - 101 “Friends”