

These reasons are decisions points, not dead ends. Pause, reflect, move forward.

If we walk in obedience, God will provide the means to do what He's asked us to do; however, if we slack off and refuse to work hard, we shouldn't be surprised when we come up empty handed. Those who faithfully ask God to provide, send out support letters, follow up with supporters, sacrifice to contribute their own funds, and do fundraisers, will see God provide.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
— Matthew 6:33

While three weeks or 10 days may seem like a big chunk of time, it really is a short time period in the span of an entire summer. Chances are there will be employment opportunities later in the summer and most employers will work with a tight schedule. God will provide what you need, you just be obedient to what He asks.

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
-Matthew 6:20-21

This is a unique opportunity to have an intentional conversation with your family about why you think it's important to participate in what God is doing among the nations and take ownership of your personal walk with the Lord. Validate their fears and encourage them to put their trust in the Lord and in you as an adult.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.-Ephesians 6:1

Will the food and culture be different? Yes. Will it be bad? No. This is an opportunity for you to be stretched and rely on the Lord in ways you may not have experienced before. Most people in other cultures are not starving, so they are eating something; they use the bathroom just like we do too. While it may seem unfamiliar, it is something you can overcome. Get out of your comfort zone and expand your worldview.

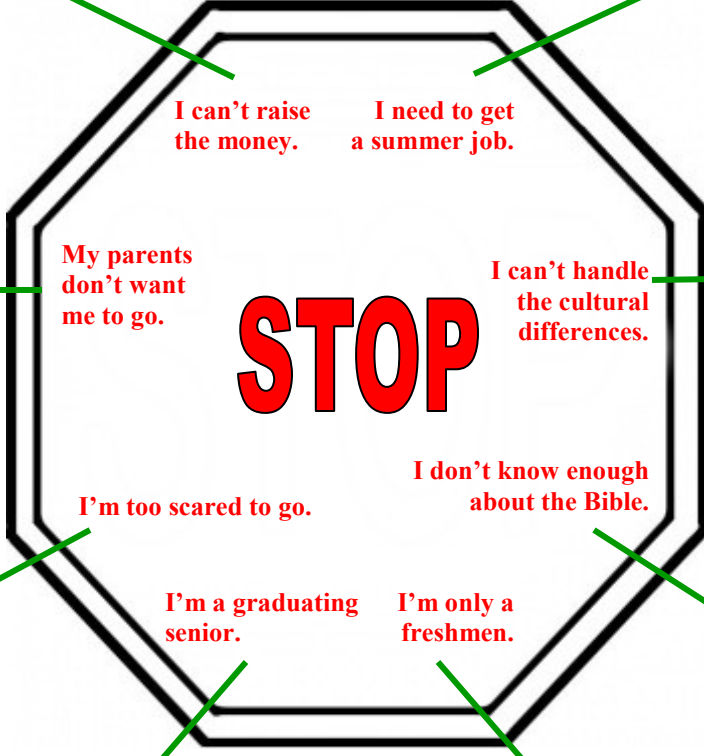
When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.—Luke 10:8

Behind every fear is a lack of trust. If we truly believe that God is SOVEREIGN over all things, then we would lay a lot of our fears to rest. We must learn to fully surrender every area of our lives to God & trust that He will handle our every concern. It's okay to have fears; the challenge is to surrender them to the Lord's control.

Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.—Joshua 1:9

God does not call the equipped; He equips the called. This way He gets the glory—not you. The only qualifications to participate are to be: 1) a follower of Jesus, 2) willing to serve, 3) and teachable. This is a discipleship program; we will train you for the task and purpose. You will learn more about God, yourself, and the world. You can't do it, but He can do it through you!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.—Ephesians 3:20



When else are you going to be able to take three weeks off from life and minister to people on the other side of the globe? Make the most of the opportunity to learn more about God and how He moves in the hearts of His people. Stop trying to plan your life post-CBU and let Him lead you. He will guide you and may even reveal to you a new course for your life.

In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. —Proverbs 16:9

God is not looking for people that have it all figured out. The men Jesus chose as his disciples were not the most brilliant, but He chose them even though they were broken vessels. This way He gets the glory—not us. God uses people who are willing and teachable. This is a discipleship program; therefore, just like Jesus' disciples, you will learn along the way. Start now!

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.—1 Timothy 4:12