



Outreach Ministry Experience Overview

Dear Ministry Leaders,

This is a brief review of the outreach variety that NYSUM mission teams may engage in while serving the Lord in NYC. NYSUM's ministry focus is comprised by, but not limited to, the holistic nature of urban ministry fulfilled through these outreaches. The purpose of this sheet is to help you prep your team as thoroughly as possible prior to your group's arrival at NYSUM. This should help you prep your group accordingly.

The list is separated into 2 categories:

1. Low-Prep Outreaches: Minimal preparation will be required for these sites. Volunteer coordinators and other site staff will instruct your group upon arrival. Your group need only to show up with a flexible & willing attitude and, of course, a heart to serve. E.g. *Soup Kitchens*
2. Prior-Prep Outreaches: These sites will require that your group arrive at NYSUM with a general ministry format and organization to be utilized during specific ministry outreaches. E.g. *Children's Ministry*

Please be advised that every ministry outreach is accompanied by a NYSUM Ministry Leader. They will be giving a brief Prep-Class prior to going out to each site to prepare your team.

NOTE: Please be aware that not all of the following ministries are not guaranteed to reflect on your schedule, as they are assigned according to availability with our ministry partner sites. We will however make every effort to honor specific requests. NYSUM reserves the right to schedule your team with our ministry partners appropriately.

Please refer to the next pages for a detailed list of the things to expect and prepare for during each outreach experience.

Here is the Outreach Ministry Experience List:

Low-Prep Sites

- Soup Kitchens
 - Help set up/ prep for the meal service.
 - Serve guests, clean & reset tables throughout the meal time.
 - Engage in conversations with the people you are serving when possible.
- Food Pantry
 - Assist unpacking and stocking food items for those in need, along with food distribution.
- Warehouse Service
 - Warehouses, food pantries/soup kitchens & shelters that have new clothing and/or food to be sorted then later stocked to shelves/storage.
 - Clothing & food is distributed to needy people, programs, & ministries throughout the city.
- NYC Relief Bus
 - Outdoor ministry partner offering food, compassion & access to many helpful resources while sharing God's love & encouraging others.
- Food Truck
 - This ministry is a mobile compassion outreach experience.
 - Serve food, distribute needed items while sharing God's love & encouraging others.
- Homeless Compassion Ministry
 - You will be taking food, toiletries, blankets & the love of Jesus to homeless people of NYC.
 - Food/needed items are transported by Vans, NYSUM Food Truck or subway in backpacks.

Prior-Prep Sites

- Children's Program/Ministry
 - Range from 1-2 hours, the time/ need can vary depending on the ministry site.
 - Typically includes praise/worship, games, skits, crafts, Bible stories, etc.
- Chapel Service (Rehab Centers/Shelters)
 - Range from 1-2 hours, the time/ need can vary depending on the ministry site.
 - Typically includes praise/worship, testimonies, preaching, prayer, bible studies, drama/skits.
- Jewish Ministry
 - Attend ministry prep class before outreach to learn about Jewish culture and the best approach to ministering to those in the Jewish community.
 - Teams will visit Orthodox neighborhoods and/or Russian Jewish Communities for evangelism/prayer walk opportunities.

▪ Muslim Ministry

- Attend a prayer service at a mosque: observing the religious practices of the Islamic faith.
- Q & A Session with an Imam (Muslim Priest), a chance for thought provoking but respectful questions to ask regarding their faith.
- Discreet prayer walk throughout mosque during team tours.

NOTE: The Muslim outreach is etiquette sensitive. BOTH male and female team members will need to have an outfit that consists of the following: Loose fitting clothes, collared long-sleeved shirts that cover the collar bone and wrists, pants that cover the ankles. Women need to wear scarves covering their hair.

▪ Street Outreach

- Scope of ministry varies according location & ministry site.
- Typically includes evangelism, sharing testimonies, preaching, singing, tract distribution.

▪ Glory Train

- Travel on the NYC transit system to encourage other riders through praise/worship, evangelism, prayer, testimonies, etc.

▪ Friendship Evangelism

- Showing the love of Jesus through direct conversation with those you encounter.
- Examples: Shelters, Staten Island Ferry, NYC street events, etc.

▪ Prayer Station

- Teams will be assigned a location in the city to serve at a portable station.
- You will have the privilege & opportunity to pray for those who walk by the prayer station.

▪ Prayer Walk

- Walking in an assigned area, praying for that specific location/demographic area.
- NYSUM determines will determine the location in which to pray and share the Gospel.
- Examples: 9/11 Memorial, Bridges, Muslim Mosques, Jehovah's Witness Watchtower HQ.
- May include surrounding Astoria area, walking through Arabic and Greek neighborhoods & praying for the needs of the community.

Please note that Street, Prayer & Evangelism outreaches are considered Prior-Prep due to the importance of arriving to NYC with minds & hearts ready to be used by God in miraculous, sometimes unconventional, and unpredictable ways. Spending time praying with your team before and during your stay with us will have a great impact on your group's experience in & for this city. In addition, if your team is scheduled for Muslim, Jewish, and/or general evangelistic outreaches, you can prep your team beforehand with respectful but thought-provoking questions to ask an Imam, Rabbi, and people you meet on the streets. This will increase your understanding of their lifestyle but also create an opportunity to share the Gospel with them and pray for their specific needs.

Thank you for your serving alongside NYSUM for the Kingdom of God!
We look forward to serving & blessing you and your team!