

Activity: Language Exchange

Language Exchange: Learn Creole

This is a fun, relational, and educational activity that can be done anywhere. During your trip, your team will have opportunities to learn certain words and phrases in the local language from your 410 leader and locals. Take this time to engage with the people you're serving. A simple way to approach this is to use the language guide and sit with someone or a small group who can teach you words and phrases. Practice saying the phrase and let them lead you in this activity. If the other person is willing, teach them English words and phrases, too.

If team members want to get a head start they can YouTube the local language to learn introductory phrases and words. Showing an effort to learn about another culture and language is always appreciated and can help build relationships more naturally, but there is no expectation to speak the language and translators will be available on every trip.



Language Exchange; Teaching English

This activity is more intentional, requires prep work, and takes place with specific people who are interested in learning English (like students). While the language exchange is an organic activity that can take place whenever there is down time, if Teaching English is on your itinerary, that means the team needs to come prepared to practice conversational English and have an outline for what they'd like to teach. Below are suggestions to help guide you.

Beginners; focus on vocabulary and introductory words and phrases

Intermediate; ask and answer questions, greater vocabulary usage

Advanced; conversational English, dialogue back and forth, correct pronunciation and grammar

Things To Bring

- Language Guide section from The 410 Bridge Travel Book
- Flash cards (numbers, colors, family relationships, transportation, body parts, clothing items, animals, shapes)
- Chalk or dry erase boards
- Coloring books/crayons
- Children's books or Bibles that have pictures
- Supplies for games

Things To Remember

While this is a time of intentional learning, let it be fun! Think of ways to be engaging with your audience by utilizing games, songs, skits, participation, hand claps, etc. Remember the goal of all activities is to build relationships.