

# Go Now Orientation Weekend: Prepare hearts and minds

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Go Now Orientation Weekend was life-changing. I thought I knew pretty much how everything was going to go. Then I allowed myself to learn and grow. I walked away with so many tools and knowledge that I didn't even know were out there.

At orientation, we were put into different groups, called tribes, made up of people who would be serving together or in similar areas or ministries. Getting to meet all the other students with a heart for God and who want to serve him was refreshing. And the worship was amazing—breathtaking and awe-inspiring.

The weekend was just what we needed to prepare our hearts and our minds towards God before our trips this summer. More than once, we were humbled and taught how blessed we are—often more than we realize. The leaders kept telling us about different cultures, offering the reminder: “It’s not bad; it’s just different.” That is a phrase I will take away with me forever. Just because it’s not something we are used to it doesn’t mean it’s wrong. Somebody else’s culture is their everyday life. For me to go up and say that it’s wrong because it is not how I live my life is inconsiderate and just hurtful, to be honest.

This weekend was life-altering and mind-blowing. I am so grateful to be able to be a part of it with all the other student missionaries going out to the field. I hope that everything I learned will stay with me and will continue to help me to live a Christlike example. Thank you everyone at Go Now for loving us, for teaching us, and for continually praying for us.

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