

Title: Jesus Said, "Go!" Why are H.I.S. Years Participants Choosing to Follow: An Exploration of the Motivations of and Support Systems for Millennial Students Committed to Two Years of Global Service

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## **INFORMED CONSENT**

Voluntary Status: You are being invited to participate in a research study conducted by the researchers listed above. You are being asked to volunteer since you meet the requirements for enrollment into this study. Your participation is voluntary which means you can choose whether or not you want to participate. You may withdraw any time without penalty. If you choose not to participate, there will be no loss of benefits to which you are entitled. Before you can make your decision, you will need to know what the study is about, the possible risks and benefits of being in this study, and what you will have to do in this study. The researchers are going to talk to you about the study, and they will give you this consent form to read. You may also decide to discuss it with your family or friends. If you find some of the language difficult to understand, please ask the researchers about this form. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to sign this form.

**Purpose:** The study for which you are being asked to participate is designed to determine the factors that motivate H.I.S. Years participants to engage in a two year voluntary global service project, their perceived expectations for their overall experience and whether their support systems, coursework and past experiences have prepared them for their extended overseas service trip.

**Procedure:** To be a voluntary participant in this study, you will be asked to take part in a single interview of approximately one hour in length. This will take place in person in a quiet room on campus and at a time and on a date of your convenience.

**Commitment and Compensation:** Your total participation in the study will take approximately 1 hour. You will not receive financial compensation for participation in the study.

**Possible Risks & Benefits:** It is expected that participation in this study will provide you with no more than minimal risk or discomfort which means that you should not experience it as any more troubling than your normal daily life. However, there is always the chance that there are some unexpected risks. The foreseeable risks in this study include an accidental disclosure of your private information, or discomfort by answering questions that are embarrassing. If you feel uncomfortable or distressed, please tell the researchers and they will ask you if you want to continue. Because this is research and does not have anything to do with the current services you are receiving, you can withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.

You will not receive any direct benefits from participating in this study; however, your participation in this study will help improve the knowledge about what students who desire to commit to longer term service are thinking and experiencing as they prepare for their departure.

**Confidentiality & Consent:** The investigator and staff involved with the study will keep your personal information collected for the study strictly confidential. Any information that is obtained in connection

with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential by giving you a pseudonym during coding procedures, and any references in the project to specific individuals in this study will be by pseudonym only. The interview notes and voice recordings will be transcribed by the researchers.

This document explains your rights as a research subject. If you have questions regarding your participation in this research study or have any questions about your rights as a research subject, please contact the principal investigators using the information at the bottom of this form. Concerning your rights or treatment as a research subject, you may contact the Vice Provost for Graduate Programs and Research at Azusa Pacific University (APU) at (626) 815-2036.

**New Information:** During the course of this study, we may discover information that could be important to you. This includes information that, once learned, might cause you to change your mind about being in the study. We will notify you as soon as possible if such information becomes available.

**Conflict of Interest:** The Principal Investigators have complied with the Azusa Pacific University Conflict of Interest policy.

**Consent:** I understand that my participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that I may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. I have received a copy of this consent form for my records. I consent to participate in the study.

I consent to allowing the researchers to have	ve access to my H.I.S. Years application	
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