

DOULOS 2010

SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO THE DEPTHS OF MEXICO

Servants for Jesus Christ

I am writing this with a grateful and humbled heart. We entered our trip with an excess amount of money, knowing, in the same way, we were covered in generous prayers. From the bottom of my heart, I say thank you. God always provides and guides us exactly where we belong, and He used you to show me that. As I look back on those two weeks, I continue to see His gentle leading.

GOD IS ALIVE AND MOVING

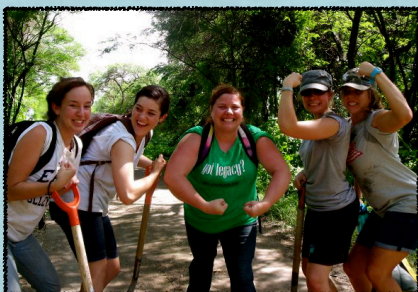
We survived Mexico! I began the trip exhausted from a busy, yet rewarding summer in ministry. I was relying on God every second of everyday. The first week we did lots and lots of construction work for a Christian camp in the mountains of Cuernavaca. The team assisted them in building a security fence surrounding their property. Through out the week, we also helped a nearby church with their Vacation Bible School program. That week the girls on the team were able to connect and open up with one another through out the work day and small groups at night. Prayer is what held the group together.



His Strength Kept Us Going

God only continued to work in the lives of the students on the team as the weeks went on. It was awesome hearing their stories and seeing how God was changing their hearts. During the second week we traveled to two Purepechas villages, where communication and openness to Christianity became harder and less popular. We ran games and craft days for the kids. It was amazing to see how easily the kids fell in love with us. Many of them lived in broken homes with alcoholic fathers. Alcoholism is very popular in all

the surrounding villages, which was heart-breaking to see. The people were also blinded by a Catholicism mixed with animism and paganism. We had many prayer sessions, praying against Satan and his lies asking for the power of Jesus to break down all walls. We learned to be content in all circumstances as Philippians 4:11-13 really came alive. From exhaustion to discomfort to sickness, we had to choose to serve Christ in all things and learned to ask Him to give us loving motives. I was blessed and honored to be apart of it all.



EL MONTE The girls worked hard helping to build the fence for the Christian camp. We dug holes, carried cement, leveled the ground and moved rocks. It was a great time to talk and pray for each other as we chatted about our joys and struggles.



FREE T-SHIRTS We gave each kid we saw those two weeks a t-shirt with a verse on it. They loved it, and it was so cool seeing them all wear it. We handed out balls and toys as well, and crafts for the girls.



11 HOUSES DOWN In the last village, we worked together to paint the houses on the main street. It was a great way to gain the people's respect and approval as many did not want us there. Villagers even came out to help us paint their neighbors house.