

HONDURAS 2013

Mr. Oakes: Your fellow students represented you and Christ well. We want to share the power of the body of Christ, the culmination of all of you and all of your parents and grandparents providing money and prayers. You should feel the joy of these testimonies. Be a part of it. You were. We felt those prayers. It was incredible, moving me to tears. Every function in the body of Christ is equally important. We thank YOU for our experiences.

Josh: Our life is of eternal significance. If we live for him, we will store up treasures in heaven for eternity.

Mrs Oakes: I was a floater at one point. I prayed over each area. I was overwhelmed by God's goodness. I prayed for the students and the adults. They were praying for Hondurans to receive Christ. Students were loving on kids. They washed lice out of people's hair. The construction was tireless, difficult work. All of these people were so poured-out. If they went expecting a "vacation," they did not experience a vacation. They got up every day for devotions at 6:00. We saw so much fruit – not because we people were special. It was all beyond all of us. All of us were totally inadequate to do any of this in our strength. The Lord's strength made all of this happen. Think of 2 Corinthians 4:7, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." **Micah:** A 17-year-old girl with her daughter came to us. We asked if she thought she would go to heaven. She said no. She had done too many bad things. Romans 5:8 came to me. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. I shared that verse with her. Relief came across her faith. She accepted Christ! It was so good to see God working through us. **Marissa:** These people have nothing, and they had joy. We washed their hair with ice cold water, and they had joy!

Hannah: I was nervous about adult evangelism. It was amazing to share the Gospel, but the biggest impact on me was my interaction with a woman who has a sad story but she still had joy. Her husband had died. My father died when I was 10. God brought both of us together. **Nathan:** A mom accepted Christ. Her twelve-year-old son had been praying for her since he had been five! **Lee:** I was impacted by the living conditions. Most people live in pretty shocking conditions. They'd be happy to call your tool shed their home. **Sammie:** I signed up for the trip to get the experience. I didn't know that God has called me to be a missionary. God is telling me this is what He wants me to do. This is what He wants me to be. **Taylor:** I came home to so much "stuff." As Americans, we are not content. The Hondurans are so content with what little they have. I loved seeing the joy in their lives.

Blaine: I've heard about poverty but never been near it. I was struck by the poverty. I wanted to serve more as a result. **Mrs Kostek:** We set up for the brigade. Bernardo, the Honduran doctor, called me to pray with the patients. One woman came who had a six-month-old baby who could not hold his head up. The mom, who wasn't yet 20 years old, had come to get medicine and vitamins for herself and her baby. Dr. Bernardo had to tell her that her son would never be developmentally normal. God showed me why I was there. God poured his compassion through me to her.

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