

MISSION: GUATEMALA



Hello Again!

I want to give everyone a huge thank you for your prayers and donations. This truly was a life changing experience. I carried home so many memories, friendships, pictures, and a new perspective on what God has in store. From this experience and serving God I have found a deeper love. Each day I felt that my heart was being broken up into pieces and molded back together to see things the way Jesus did. We worked in a village and built stairs using the volcanic ash from the volcano that recently erupted. The relationships that were built with the kids and the adults are unforgettable. You see what they have, especially the kids and the toys they have and with some of them it seemed like so little to us, but to them it was so much. We also worked in the disability center and loved on the people in that facility, played with the kids, and bonded. Most of the people there had disorders we would not face in America so that was overwhelming at first but was also very special to be there with them and pray for them. I want to thank you again for your prayers and support and encourage you to pray for other countries and the people who may not know Jesus.

Hannah Wolfe



During our nightly worship, the song “Beautiful Things” by Gungor became “our youth group’s song”. The lyrics are ...

**“You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things out of us
You make me new, You are making me new.”**

While in Antigua, Guatemala, God was certainly making me new! Hannah and I, along with my old youth group from Michigan, recently spent a week in Guatemala on a mission trip. It was in Guatemala that we all witnessed the huge love that God has for the whole world!

Our mornings were spent working in the local San Felipe Village. In San Felipe you had to go down a steep and dangerous hill to enter the village. San Felipe Village had been denied stairs for over five years, so our group went in and helped build concrete stairs. Not only did we build stairs, we built relationships with the people in the village. We spent hours playing with and loving on the beautiful children in the village. On the last day, we had the opportunity to pray for two kids, Fabian and Rosa. Fabian’s eyesight was bad, and Rosa was in a wheelchair. We were all in tears by the end, and we truly believe that the Lord is healing Fabians eyes and encouraging Rosa.

During the afternoons we went to the Disability Center in Antigua. Talk about emotional! Hundreds of disabled people from infants to elderly lived in this center and all just wanted to be touched and loved. While being in that center, and holding tiny children who had been abandoned and abused by their parents, the Holy Spirit was changing my heart. I remember feeding a seventeen year old his bottle and an hour later when he had finally finished, he looked up at me and smiled the biggest smile. Right then the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said “What you have done for the least of these, you have done for me.” And from that moment on, when I looked at any child’s face, I could see Jesus. Every bottle that we fed, or diaper we changed, or hand we held, it was all for Jesus. The Lord taught me in Guatemala what it meant to be His hands and feet. The Lord taught me how His love is so big that it goes beyond language barriers and cultures. The Lord taught me how to love “the least of these”. . . and that sometimes loving “the least of these” is dirty, smelly, hard, and inconvenient. . .but it is the most valuable blessing I have ever received, because what you have done for the “least of these,” you have done for Jesus himself. Praise God!

Thank you to everyone who supported my trip and offered prayers on mine and Hannah’s behalf!

Alexis Linka