

Manuelito Mission Trip 2018

This year at Manuelito I learned many things from our devos in the mornings. Zachary Stipanovic and I did a devo together. It was about staying on the right path. An example we used was if a driver turned the wheel a hair that was noticeable, where would the driver be in 5 or 10 miles? They would be off the road. That applies to our lives, because if we make an unnoticeable mistake we could eventually be on the wrong path. That's why we need God to help us stay on the right path.

Also, Bradley had a devo and he was talking about the times that we pray. Most of the time we only pray in bad times and we don't keep the same intensity when times are good. Brad said, "People think God is waiting on us, but we are actually waiting on God."

I also learned that the world does not revolve around me, and there are people out there that need our help. Last year I did not really have a relationship with the kids, but this year I was either working or if I was not working, I was playing with the kids. - Joshua Mayben

The Manuelito mission trip was amazing. I really enjoyed the devos in the morning. Wednesday night was really fun. We got to play games with the kids. This trip taught me patience. Bradley gave a great devo about that. I also enjoyed giving my own devotional.

This trip made me a better leader. I had lots of chances to be a leader. I lead lots of prayers, songs, and verses. I am glad that I got to help all the people there. I am proud of what we did. I hope it helped reduce the workload they had. I enjoyed building relationship with the kids. When we were not working or waiting for paint to dry, I played with the kids and made friends with the kids at the home. In the morning, the devos were so nice. We were outside in the beautiful world God created and getting to hear God's word.

At the end of the trip, we do the circle. We get in a circle, go around to every person, and tell them how we saw Jesus in them. It feels good to tell everyone how I saw Jesus in them. I also enjoyed hearing the way everyone saw Jesus in me.

As a group, we cleaned under a tree and parking space, trimmed bushes, made a dirt path, moved rose bushes, painted a crosswalk and built and painted a porch rail. I am glad I came to Manuelito. - Zachary Stipanovic