

Manuelito Mission Trip 2018

I have been attending the Manuelito Mission Trip for six years now and I absolutely love it! While we are there we work on projects that the home needs done like painting, cleaning, or whatever else they have for us to do. It feels good once we have accomplished a task and it makes me feel like I did something good to help. But that is not the reason I keep going back. I go because of the people there. After six years, I feel like I have gotten to know some of them really well. I always learn something when I go to Manuelito. Things like when people work together you can accomplish more and sometimes we do things that we don't want to because that is what needs to be done.

This year I learned that good relationships require time and patience. The relationships I have with the kids at the home weren't always the way they are today. It took time and effort. You can't just stand there and expect the two of you to be best friends just because you showed up. You have to talk to them, listen to their answers and not just assuming that you already know. Spend time with them and show interest in the things they are interested in. This is a lot the same as how our relationship with God should be. We have to talk to God and not just assume that we know the answer. We have to spend time learning about him and spend time with Him, and we have to do the things he says to do. And you can't just stop doing these things. You have to keep doing them. One of the most important things to remember when you are trying to form a meaningful relationship with someone is that it is not all about you and the things you want or you will have a one sided relationship. I think it is cool how God uses the scenarios we are in and the things we are doing to teach us about Him.

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