

Honduras Mission Trip: Sept. 17-24 2016

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Next meeting March 9 @ 7:00 in AMR

When I heard the call to go on the Honduras mission trip last fall, I was going through a lot in my personal life, and it was hard for me to find God in the midst of it all. It was a medical, dental, and catechetical mission, and I had zero skills in those fields so I didn't think there was anything I could offer to this mission but when God calls you - you go. I thought I was going out there to help people, but really, those people touched my life and helped me more than I could EVER help them.

In ONE WEEK, I saw God in the midst of poverty, in the faces of beautiful, happy children who smiled just because I was there, or because I gave them a little snack - and I watched as they HAPPILY shared what little they were given. I saw children get baptized, receive their First Holy Communion - what a blessing to witness these Sacraments. I saw God in the faces of grateful mothers as their children were treated by the doctors and dentists, and I saw Him in every single one of our mission team members. Once home, I continued to see the blessings in my everyday life: I appreciate the little comforts and conveniences I have. I know I have much more than I'll ever need or want; wastefulness disgusts me; but mostly, it helped me get out of myself and focus on other people. It gave me a whole new perspective about life, and I have a community of friends that I have a special bond with because of that one week.

In this place on the mountain, I found God and He is good.

Emily Domingo