

CCA Senior Class Mission Trip to the DR

Daily Reports

Saturday, May 22, 2010 Update:

By: Mrs. Wade and Miss Zima

After fundraising for what seems like forever, we have finally made it here. Travel went very well, all our luggage and supplies arrived undamaged and we arrived at the SCORE Complex at about 3:00 p.m. We spent some time in the pool cooling off and then sorted through our ministry bags to organize all of our supplies. Everyone is happy to be here, finally!

After dinner, we walked to the beach and Jeff presented a devotional to us and everyone had an opportunity to share his/her impressions of the trip so far. We also had an opportunity to go into the water at the beach. Tomorrow we will be going to a local church to hear their service and do children's church as well. We will also be singing "Mighty to Save," which was sung at the Commissioning Service.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Sunday, May 23, 2010, AM Update:

By Grace Craigie, Angela Roan, and Cassie Calhoun

We arrived at Villa Espana for church this morning and were surprised to see how new and beautiful the church itself was. It is only a year old to date and there were many people for such a young church. From the second we got off the bus we were encircled by children, they hugged us and led us into the church. Some of the message was hard to follow because it was all in Spanish, but what we could understand was mainly focused upon Christ being the only way we are wise as individuals on this Earth.

After worship, the children were taken into Sunday school and many of us were divided into different groups to help teach them about the Bible. All of the children were loving and paid close attention to what our translators and we were teaching them. They were so happy when we passed out simple crafts for them to do and little pieces of candy that we would normally take for granted. It touched all of our hearts to see them and the people within the church enjoying us and enjoying the worship time.

In our service, one of the missionaries, Nathan, talked to us about not focusing so much on works, but more on belief. He had us memorize John 6:27, which tells us not to worry about literal food for our bodies, but on the bread of life which will benefit us eternally.

Back in the main service, we sang our song for the people. We sang Mighty to Save in Spanish, and it went really well. They had us sing it twice, and the congregation really seemed to enjoy and appreciate it very much. It was a really great experience for us to be here and to be a part of their service.

Sunday, May 23, 2010, PM Update:

By: Cameron Tom and Mitch Narbe

After church we returned to the Score Complex and had lunch. They treated us with Hot Dogs and if we so chose we could have a nice chili dog. We ate and took a little time to chill out and lay around for about a half an hour before we went out for the rest of the day.

Once we left we could do two things. One being going to the beach, where everybody eventually ended up, and the other was to take a little horseback ride through a nearby village. The beach that we go to is about a 5 minute walk from the complex and let me tell you the beach is absolutely beautiful. While at the beach people had a good time laying around, frolicking in the ocean (which is actually very warm), playing soccer, enjoying long luxurious walks on the beach, and some people took the liberty to take a nice little run. Altogether we spent about 4-5 hours on the beach this afternoon and enjoyed bonding together while soaking up the sun. Finally we would just really appreciate if you would keep us in your prayers.

Tomorrow we will really start our missionary work as we will head out to some villages. Also this afternoon as they were coming home from church, a SCORE missionary, not part of our group, was involved in a car accident (the Valdez family). He, his wife and two sons were in the car as it happened. The wife and two children have been released with minor cuts and bruises, but the father has a broken arm and is being x-rayed for a broken rib. Nothing life threatening, but this is definitely a serious incident and we would really appreciate your prayers in this matter. Thank you Very Much.

Monday, May 24, 2010, AM Update:

By: Megan McCluskey and Emily Faracca

This morning we went to breakfast and had eggs and toast. Then we got on the bus at 9:00 and left the Score Complex for Inocencia and visited the village. In the village we went to the school house and performed our skits and sang our song "Mighty to Save" twice at the school there. Then, half of us went to play baseball, and the other half stayed with the children. While with the children, we did a craft with them which was small wooden airplanes. We played with the children and passed out play-doh as well. We were able to donate school supplies for the school in the village as well. We split up into teams with the children and began the game. As we were playing, Kiko was at bat, hit the ball, and it bounced and hit Rebekah Moser in the nose and the game immediately stopped. We were able to treat her with some ice and it felt much better. Rebekah's first concern was that she would be able to play soccer in the afternoon. We returned to the bus, and were on our way to the grocery store called Jumbo.

When we got to Jumbo, we exchanged our money for pesos (\$1.00=36.5 pesos). Then we all began shopping for foods and drinks. After we were done we returned to the complex and had lunch. We hope that you are keeping us in your prayers and pray that God will continue to use us to spread his word.

PM Update, by Megan McCluskey and Emily Faracca

After our lunch break, we headed to the SCORE sports complex. There we participated in a soccer tournament including five other teams. To start the afternoon off we performed one of our skits in front of all the teams. Two men, Aby and Fermin spoke and gave a gospel message. Nine people raised their hand to accept Christ, and we gave them follow-up booklets. 12 of our seniors participated in the games, and we made it all the way to the championship through hard work and determination. The long tournament lasted four hours in the hot sun. Along with the seniors watching, the Dominicans also cheered for USA. However, we lost in the championship by one point in the last two minutes.

While some played soccer, others played water-volleyball in the beautiful pool. The net for the pool was donated to the sports complex by our senior class. The game was played Americans vs. Dominicans, where we lost miserably, but had tons of fun. Each team was loud shouting their own chants, and we couldn't understand each other very well. Afterwards, we had time to talk to some the Dominicans on the other team and test our Spanish while they were testing their English, to understand that they had just as much trouble understanding us as we did understanding them. We enjoyed the fellowship and getting a taste of a different culture. We realized that sports is an incredible way to minister to people, as well as build relationships for the future, even without speaking their language. We also found out that many SCORE missionaries were reached through sports.

Thank you for your continuous support and prayer!!!!