

Puerto Vallarta Aug 2-9, 2008 Everyday Exports to Puerto Vallarta ---Junior High week

During the mission trip many life changing experiences occurred, in fact almost every day we had another event happen. The most important part though of the trip to me was the way people reacted. While we were at the dump handing out the popsicles and water the people had so little yet they were happier than anyone here in Colorado even though we have so much. One little boy walking around bare naked came up to Amber and she gave him a Popsicle and then he ran back to his mom with a huge smile on his face. Family to these people is the most important thing, relationship before work. Another example of the joy found there was at the orphanage. The infants were all happy and smiling and they just really wanted to be held. While the toddlers were crazy and wild, they craved the attention of us. Then there were the older kids. I heard there was one boy that was amazing at soccer. Of course that is a very big sport down there. Some of the people even said that he might be good enough to go pro even though since he was an orphan he probably would never get scouted. So you can see are time down in Puerto Vallarta was one of the greatest experiences I've ever had and my life was turned upside down by it as well.

--Caden Duvé

The very minute I realized I was able to go on this missions trip I was very excited. I was also a little nervous, but I'm so glad I went!! I made amazing friends, had amazing experiences and over all a great time!! Mexico really showed me how to live my every day life as an act of worship. This trip truly taught me how my life is not about me. When we went to a dump, where people live, and an orphanage, it showed me how much I have, and how much I should be grateful. The fact that the people living at the dump had such a happy smiling face surprised me and gave me a picture of what humility really is. When we did the VBS, I realized even more of how much I truly love children and long to make an impact in their lives like they unconsciously make an impact on mine. Looking back, Mexico made me come alive and show who I really am. I would definitely do this trip again any day!!

Rock on

--Amber English