



Camp 2009

We have been working with Potter's House Ministry to reward underprivileged students with a camp experience for 7 years. Potter's House is a ministry in Guatemala City that works with kids whose parents make a living from scavenging through the trash of the very large Guatemala City Dump. Potter's House provides an after school program and meal each day for the students that attend. We, at Missions Frontier in Chichicastenango, are able to support this wonderful program by offering a camp that is held during their "summer vacation." The camp is a reward for the students who attend the after school program and who pass all of their classes at school for the year.

This year 20 teenagers from ages 12 and up were able to attend our camp here in Chichicastenango. Since this is a reward for them and we want them to continue striving hard in school, we try to make this a really great experience for them. For so many of them it is the first time that they have left Guatemala City to see the beauty of their own country. In the mornings we offered English classes in 2 different groups (beginners and advanced.) Learning English can contribute to better job placement in the future, and they were very eager to take advantage of this intense study time. In the afternoons we offered a variety of classes and activities: knitting, art, cooking, team building games, etc. The nights were filled with fun activities such as soccer, baking, movies, cookout, bonfire, etc. We also had several special day activities: Thanksgiving

(cooked and ate with all 20 students!), building a house for someone in need, and a day trip to Lake Atitlan.

The theme of this year's camp was "Don't Waste Your Life." Devotions were based on this theme with much of its content coming from the John Piper book, "Don't Waste Your Life." The main idea was that no matter what our circumstances if we find our passion in Christ, we can live a life for His glory. A life lived for Jesus is a life worth living!



Group Photo at Lake Atitlan

I asked one of the girls if she goes to church on Sundays. To her church was a privilege she did not have time for. She said that her mom who is a single mom works to gather and clean items from the dump all week. This girl and her siblings help their mom throughout the week whenever possible. Then they take these items to a

One of the top students in the English classes was telling me about a goal he has for his life. He really wants to earn a scholarship and study abroad someday. He is highly motivated which could be seen by his early morning jogs as well as his challenging questions in the English classes.



We believe it is important to teach the youth that no matter our circumstances we can always give something to someone else. We spent one day helping someone else build their home! Even though it was very hard work, it really was a rewarding experience for them to be able to help someone else in this way!



Who would have guessed that knitting would have gone over so well with teenagers!? Yet in their free time, you could find many of them working hard on making a scarf!



Pool time!
Christmas Cookie Decorating!



Group Photo on last day of camp

Special thanks to those who made this year's camp possible: Grace Community Church, Matt & Leslie, Don & Heather, Josh & Leigh, Jessica & Emmanuel, Cindy, Judy, Sue, Jenny, Karla Maria, Kate & David.



Even though this year's camp is over and the kids have returned to their lives in the city, we can still lift them up in prayer. I ask that you would pray specifically for them by name:

Irene, Fredy, Sandy, Brenda, Henry, Lisbet, Joselyn, Maynor, Carlos, Edgar, Erick, Ericka, Mishel, Brenda, Nancy, Kimberly, Alejandra, Claudia, Daniel, and Katy

“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the Gospel will

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