

The most important thing I learned during my experience in Haiti is that God always has his own plan, and His takes precedence over ours every time even if we cannot see it at first. Our trip was scheduled over the brief fall break in the school year, so it was a relatively short one as mission trips go. Knowing this, I wanted to make full use of all of our time spent there and serve in any way we could. On the morning of our last work day we learned that another team was behind schedule, and the site on which we were supposed to work was not ready for us. My initial reaction was frustration--we were squandering what opportunity we had to do mission work. We decided to go out into the country and visit a small native village to meet some locals and play with the kids since there was nothing else worthwhile to do at that point. This little excursion was far and away the most meaningful part of our trip. I saw God upon the beaming faces of those Haitian children who immediately loved these American strangers unconditionally and attached themselves to us, and we could not help but love them back just as fiercely. I feel like getting to rejoice with our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ was the best part of our trip. So even if you do not see God's path ahead, trust that he will set you on it, for all good things come from Him.

I would like to pray for the family that will receive the house that we worked on, that they will stay strong in their faith and continue to help others. Also, pray for the workers of Conscience International who sheltered us and are doing God's work not only in Haiti but all around the world. Lastly, I would like to pray for the villagers and especially the children we met through God's grace.

John 12:26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

~Charlie Bryant

