

Mission

25:40

June 20-26, 2010

Aldersgate United Methodist Youth Group

...when you did it to the least of these, you did it
to me...

~Matthew 25:40

Dates: *June 20-26, 2010*

Location: *Flint, MI*

Who: *13 youth and 7 adults from Aldersgate United Methodist Church*

Where we stayed: Calvary United Methodist Church

Where we worked:

- Carriage Town Ministries (Non-Denominational Christian Outreach Center)
- North End Soup Kitchen (Roman Catholic)
- Calvary United Methodist Church Roofing Blitz (United Methodist)
- Street Evangelism in downtown Flint (Nick Staley, Missionary Gospel Fellowship)

Where we played:

- University of Michigan - Flint Recreation Center
- Town n' Country Bowling Alley
- Rev & Mrs. Furness' Home in Corunna, MI
- Rave Motion 14 Cinemas
- Badawest Lebanese Restaurant

Where we worshipped:

- New Wine Anglican Mission
- Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

We were assisted by:

- Rev. Father Dave Kulchar, New Wine Anglican Mission
- Rev. Ray McGee, Calvary United Methodist Church
- Nick Staley, Faith Missionary Church
- Jeff Johnson, Calvary United Methodist Church

I think that I have more courage, a little bit more faith. This week I saw God working in our group growing our youth group together. I also saw God working by how he wanted me to be able to see him more. On Monday I saw God at work because there was a man who I had met on the streets when I did street evangelism and he started talking about how he already goes to church. I saw God at work because God had already started working in that man.

On Tuesday I saw God at work by helping not only my group, but also the Calvary UMC group in finishing roofing. On Wednesday I saw God when we were getting ready to leave the North End Soup Kitchen and Scott and MaryBeth stopped and talked to some people who had gone in and gotten lunch. On Thursday me and my friend Sami gave milk out at the North End Soup Kitchen. When we gave them milk they always said thank you, which is how I saw God at work. God had not only brought us there to help, but the other people too.

On Friday I went street evangelizing. On Monday I had also gone street evangelizing, and on Monday Micah had told our group about a different group who prayed for the one person they needed to find. Each time the group had prayed they had found that person. On Thursday I thought about it, and a guy in a green rain jacket was the person that I had to look for. God then built up my strength so that on Friday when the decision for me to either choose street evangelism or go to Carriage Town I would choose street evangelism and find a guy in a green rain jacket. So I went street evangelizing and the last person I met on the street was a man in a green rain jacket. Then when I started talking to him I realized then he was there to teach me, and I was supposed to listen. So that was how I saw God that day.

I liked going to Carriage Town and North End Soup Kitchen best. Carriage Town is a place where people can go who are homeless and get food and be able to sleep. Carriage Town also has a church service at night for the people who live there. North End Soup Kitchen is a place where people can go for a free lunch and dinner.

On Monday I went to Carriage Town and street evangelism. On Tuesday I went roofing and painting. On Wednesday I went to the North End Soup Kitchen. The soup kitchen is also the place I went on Thursday. On Friday I did street evangelism.

Mackenzie Pirie

This week I've done a little bit of everything. I have worked at North End Soup Kitchen filling bottles with laundry detergent. I've worked at Carriage Town Mission cleaning lights and sorting clothes. I've worked on the roofing sites with Calvary UMC where I did a little bit of everything. I street evangelized and I participated in a Prayer Team made up of my work team for Monday. Not only have we done this but we also had fun every night.

Throughout this week I have seen God in so many places. I have seen him within our group with how close he has brought us this week. I have seen him in our work with how much we were able to accomplish, that everyone stayed safe even though roofing wasn't the safest, and by how much we touched the people's lives of who we worked with/for and met. I have seen him in the city of the people's lives we've touched and through the happiness of the people we served no matter how big or small the job was. I also saw God this week through small reminders left in places such as my bedroom wall where two Bible verses were printed and a sermon we heard when we visited Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church that reminded me of the lessons we had been learning in devotions.

This week I grew a ton as well. I have grown closer to God throughout the week. One way this happened was my growth in prayer. We had many opportunities to pray aloud in small groups and with the whole group. Our daily devotion lessons throughout the week along with the people I met also allowed and helped me grow closer to God. Another way I grew this week was in my ability to be outgoing. I am not usually the most outgoing person but God gave me the strength this week to reach out and talk to many people on the streets that I may have let walk by before. I have also been able to interact with our entire group without worrying what they may think which has allowed me to grow closer to our group.

Some things I liked this week have been roofing, street evangelizing, being with the group in general, our evening activities and basically the whole trip. I really enjoyed meeting the amazing crew Jeff had while working on the roof and relaxing in the church. I also really enjoyed the evening debriefs. The debriefs were a lot of fun because I was able to hear about everyone's day. The stories tended to be funny and the God stories were amazing. It was an awesome way our team was able to bond. This trip was INCREDIBLE and will be a memory I will never forget.

Shannon Fick

Ways I grew this week were through God and helping serve people and help people with their job and talking to people who needed talking to the most.

Some ways I saw God at work were...

- 1 - serving the less fortunate
- 2 - talking to people in downtown Flint
- 3 - Edging the sidewalk and having people say "Good job, you're doing it for the right reason"

Some ways I saw God in our group were...

- 1 - How we were bonding together
- 2 - I was not shy with the other youth
- 3 - The way we acted

Some ways I saw God in the city were...

- 1 - People learning what the gospel is
- 2 - Reading the little tracts down on the street
- 3 - In the people's faces

The things I really liked were seeing our group bond closer together each day. Another thing I liked was talking to the people and praying with people. I feel like God has sent me here to do something great to serve others who are in need of helping and saving. So the question now says, "Things you did during the week." Well I did more than I can write about, but...I spread God's love by talking to people, roofing, carriage town and North End Soup Kitchen.

God sent our team here knowing we would change the lives of others and that our lives would be changed.

Doing all this work makes me feel very refreshed know God can hear us begging for him to open the door to our hearts and let him in.

Brett Nowak

This week in Flint I learned that God has a plan and no matter how much you like your own plan the only thing that matters is His plan. This week I grew a lot in my faith as well as growing closer to people on the mission team. We really bonded this year.

I saw God this week through all the people I came in contact with. No matter if they were homeless and at the end of their rope, or they were helping some come to know Jesus. God worked in such amazing ways this week that he just blew me out of the water. God worked in our group also. Usually there are cliques w/in the group, but this week we all got along with everyone. I am coming home with new friends and closer old friends. Our support system this week was phenomenal, and I know it will even go beyond this week. God also worked in the city of Flint by giving us the right words to say and the strength to keep going and having perfect timing like he always does.

I really liked the opportunity to try new things. I did a lot of things this week that I have never done. I also liked the evening activities that Micah had planned for us. It was a good way to unwind each night after the long day.

This week I worked at Carriage Town Ministries, I helped roof a house, I worked at a soup kitchen and went evangelizing on the streets. At carriage town they are an organization for the people of Flint. They have a wide variety of things that they give to the people like computer classes, food, worship, clothes, and shelter. While I was there I helped sort clothes for them. When I was roofing I took shingles off with a roofing shovel, picked shingles up off the ground and nailed down shingles with a nail gun. At the soup kitchen we made coleslaw and filled over 300 containers with coleslaw and I also helped serve coffee to the people who came to get food. While I was evangelizing on the streets I met all different kinds of people. It is mind blowing how some of the people react, like cussing at us or trying to pick a fight. But there are also people who listen and accept everything you have to say graciously. You meet all kinds of people, and just have to talk to each person differently so you can reach them.

This week has been a great week. It was challenging emotionally and physically, but it was worth every single laugh, every single tear, and every single moment.

Jama Tobey

This past week I grew with the youth group and also with God. I learned this week that I can fully and completely trust in God. If I have worries or a problem I can always pray to God. I also learned that you can always trust God to protect you. I also feel like I have grown even more comfortable around the youth. I have always considered the youth group my family ever since I joined three years ago. Although I have realized our group has grown closer together every year and become a big family.

God has showed himself to me on the mission trip in many ways. One time I saw him was when we went downtown and did street evangelism. Some of the people were unable to stop and talk to us because they were heading somewhere, but others would take the time to listen. Once in a while we were able to give a person who couldn't stop a gospel track such as what looked like a "Free Gift" coupon and asked them to read the back when they had time. There were also gospel tracks that look like a million dollar bill, but when you look on the back it talks about, well the gospel. On the "Free Gift" coupon track it talked about eternal life as our free gift because Jesus paid the price for us to have it. The other people though usually would allow us to talk to them and if willing, pray for them. One lady we met asked us to pray for her son to have a good male role model. Another lady was unable to stop when we first saw her but while looping back around we ran into her again and she had time to talk to us.

Another time I saw God was when we were working with the group from Calvary paint one of the houses. When things started to slow down Jama, Kaylene, Mackenzie, and I sat down on the back porch steps. And this little girl kept peeking through the screen door or running over to the window and looking out of it. So we started to talk to her and she told us she was four years old, has a twin sister, her favorite color was green, and all these other facts about her. She also came out and sat with us for a while. But the thing that got me was she had a tracheal tube in her neck and we didn't take a second glance at it. Which I felt was great because God welcomes everyone no matter what they look like or what medical problems they have. And instead of dwelling on the fact of her issue everyone there was able to look past it and get to know this sweet little girl who was practically glowing.

The third time I saw him was at North End Soup Kitchen (NESK). One of the cooks there named Annette was telling us her story of how she ended up there. Annette told us that her husband had lost his job and they were trying to find jobs because at that time she had been a stay at home mom. Then some people had remembered she volunteered a lot and suggested she try for a job at the soup kitchen. They paid off all their debt and now she gets to do what she

loves best, cook! God also showed himself at NESK through the little kids that came. They were skipping around and having a good time even though the situation that their families are in are not the best.

Lastly, I saw God in the youth group. Whenever we came together to worship you could feel our love towards God and each other. Our group was always laughing and having a good time together; especially when Brett was around. You could see that from the past two years of us visiting Flint our youth group has fallen in love with the city. It's practically our home away from home even though not all the neighborhoods would be welcoming us.

I liked being able to come back to Flint. When I walked into Calvary UMC I really felt a belonging and that the mission trip from last year never really ended but had taken a break. Being able to go back to NESK and recall working on organizing the can food room and the walk-in cooler was so neat for me. And driving by the white fence we helped fix up last year at Carriage Town was such a great experience. It just helped me realize the reasons I personally wanted to come back.

I also liked being able to see part of the roofing process even though I didn't go up on the roof. I do admit picking up shingles is not the most exciting thing to do, but if you get around the fact that asphalt is covering you, it gets easier. For example, instead of thinking of the asphalt as dirt, you can think of it like chalk and use it to draw on people. All morning I had people asking to take a picture of my beard and mustache that Micah so generously "wiped" all over my cheeks and chin.

I also liked our little activities that we did during the night. Bowling was quite interesting, because only our youth group would know how to get three balls stuck in the gutter along with five more in the pin catcher behind the lane (all at the same time on the same lane). The bible study service we attended at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church was very welcoming and a pleasant experience for me. Although having people randomly say, "Amen" during the lesson was out of my norm. Finally, the Lebanese restaurant we went to before the movie on Friday had such good food; it was so favorable and different from our "American" food. Overall, this mission trip has surely left an impression on me.

Sami Jackson

Through this week I feel I've come closer to God. I saw God work in some pretty cool ways this week like when lightening struck not far from us while we were working on the roof. I liked going on the roof because I don't get to do it much. My favorite thing this week was street evangelism. Getting to talk to all sorts of people. Nick would find someone who didn't want to hear what we were saying, but after five minutes of talking to the person Nick would have them as open as a book. Another thing we did during this week is re-roof a house.

Christian Pirie

I really liked the week in Flint. It was sad to see so many people sad and hopeless. It made me glad for what I have at home. I learned to pray a lot and to tell people about Jesus and heaven. I really had a good time helping and being with everyone and I feel like I am closer to God now.

Maris Thornton

This week has meant so much to me. It was so great to be with my church family and get to serve the Lord with them. At the beginning of this week I wasn't sure or strong in my faith and having talks with some of the youth and the people we were working with just re-bonded me with God and sewed up any patches with him. I grew with many of the youth. I never knew how much they trust me and love me until this week. This week made me feel like I belong and I'm accepted. I really became close with God but not only him, I came close to my church family. I'm so glad they are always here to pull me back into God when I fall away. I saw God everyday many times, but I saw it the most when on Friday a guy from Carriage Town came up and asked me about the mustard seed necklaces from last year. I thought it was amazing that someone remembered me and what I brought last year and I could just tell that God was right there. I loved going to Carriage Town because they are such a good organization and there's always something we can do for them and they always just appreciate what we are doing, even if it is just small things. I also loved going out on the street. Getting to meet someone and pray with them right on the street is so amazing. Jacob and I went over to a guy named Gel and we talked with him and asked with we could pray with him and me and Jacob put our hands on him and prayed with him; it felt so amazing. I liked getting to know a lot of the youth better. Just getting one on one time with them was great. I loved jamming out with Jama and just getting to talk with her and pray with her. I did many things, but I'll ntry to say them all here. I worked at North End Soup Kitchen and got to serve a meal and it was great to see how us being there made them smile and happy. I also got to be a part of a prayer team and we wrote down things and just spent an hour or so in prayer. I worked at Carriage Town and sorted clothes and we had fun and dressed up in them. I also edged the sidewalk there and it was hard work but we still had fun. The other thing I did at Carriage Town was cleaning cabinets in the wash room and cleaning the light fixtures. While we weren't working I was having talks with the girls or Jacob. I was also teaching and making friendship bracelets. Singing with Jama was another fun thing I did. We had morning, lunch, and nighttime devotions which was amazing. We went swimming and bowling. We went to two other churches and it was great to see what their churches were like. We went to Jama's grandparents and had a bonfire and tractor ride which were both amazing. I learned how to make pies on the fire. This week has been so amazing, unbelievable and indescribable. I'll never forget it and I'll never stop what has been started here.

Kim Scribner

During this week in Flint I grew in many different ways. I grew as a person and I grew in my relationship with God. I learned I couldn't complain, even if I was hot, sweaty and uncomfortable. Everyone else was in the same situation as me. My friends would rather be around someone with a positive attitude. I grew in my relationship with God because I have been struggling with giving God 100% of my everything and I let go of it all. Jesus tells us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself and I have not been living up to those verses and I have not been living up to His full potential for me.

I have seen God a number of times this week. One way was through safety. We all made it through without any injuries or accidents in our group. God was also in the weather keeping it from raining when we needed to get outside work done. I also saw God through Micah. Not only through morning devotions and the way he talked to us. Thursday Micah went on a rood, he is ridiculously scared of heights and seeing him there and working was amazing. He worked with such a positive attitude. I met some people in Flint when I was evangelizing that were on a break and they were just so hungry for what we had to say. They asked questions and listened. It was pretty cool to see God at work in their hearts.

I Really enjoyed just hanging out at the church, playing guitar, singing, playing games, laughing and talking and just spending time together. We had a lot of evening activities that were just a blast! I also enjoyed roofing a lot. I love being that far off the ground and I met a bunch of cool people that way. I met Heather, Austin, Jeff and Rob. They really appreciated the hard work we did on the roofs.

This week I also worked at Carriage Town. I helped sort and organize clothing. It seems like an endless job. That's because there are always new donations and people are always coming because they need clothing. It was a lot of fun to play dress up while we were sorting. Ashley and I found a pair of shorts and they were so big we literally fit both of us in them.

This week has been amazing. I have learned so much and seen so much. It feels good to be on the right path that God wants me to be on. I love Flint.

Lisa Vaught

For awhile I have not been sure about my future. I have no idea what to do with it. In two years I will be graduating. I did want to be a Chemical Engineer, but that was based on selfish ambition and sinful desire to earn a lot of money. By spending much time learning and praising God I realized this. This is not my life to live. I have decided to surrender everything fully to God. With God in control of my life, there is nothing to worry about. My future is in his hands. This week God has been softening my heart and taking care of issues I have been dealing with.

Whenever something needs to be done, I feel God coming over, telling me to do it. I go do the task at hand. God is starting to lead my life again. I dated Jama for awhile. I relied a lot on her and God was not in the picture. When we broke up in May, I did not know who I was and life was going downhill. I feel like God re-entered my life through this mission trip. He picked me up out of the river of hopelessness and dried me off. The future is brighter because God pulled me out of my slump. "Greater things are yet to come"

My whole experience in Flint was enjoyable. The most enjoyable moments were roofing. People from Calvary UMC were soccer fans. We chatted a lot about soccer. Also, we could tease each other making jokes. One moment in particular, which made me laugh really hard, was when Brett threw a basketball at Lisa. He apologized and when she said it was ok he said, "Ok, Good, I meant to do that (Kidding)" Brett had the whole group laughing all week with his joking.

Through this whole week I have seen God at work in many ways. HE created a bond between each and every individual who went on this trip. Our minds and attitudes stayed according to what God would want. Even when tired from working hard people held their words with patience and self-control. God's fruit flowed through everyone throughout the week.

It was a great privilege to serve God and be transformed by him.

Jacob Logan

I grew a lot this week. I grew in maturity and also spiritually. I saw God through the kids at the soup kitchens and all the way to the shingles falling. It made me very happy to know that I made a big difference to someone who could use help more than me. I was very sad when I saw some broken lives of homeless people but I was full of joy knowing that I was helping repair their lives.

We worked at Carriage Town and North End Soup Kitchen, roofing, and my favorite: street evangelism. We did many activities like bowling, swimming and a movie. I HAD AN AWESOME TIME!! Nothing bad happened to us either.

I got up every day at 7:15 to get dressed and eat breakfast and leave for work by 9 am and we got back between 3:00-4:00 pm. We had to take showers in five minutes so everyone had a chance. We went to bed around 10:30 pm and then got up and did it all over again.

At the soup kitchen we would work for a few hours and then eat and then go back to work again. My first time at the soup kitchen we took everything out of the freezer and then reorganized it. That was hard work but it got done. IT surprised me how many people came each day to the soup kitchen.

All in all it was an awesome trip and I really enjoyed it. I did it all for God.

Gage Spitnale

I grew this mission trip in the way I See things. I realized how privileged I am to be the one on the mission trip instead of the one being helped by the mission trip. I also started seeing our youth group become a true family and really show love for each other. I personally learned more about some of the different youth members who allowed me to see them in different ways. During the trip I also grew closer to God.

I saw God everywhere this week. I saw him in our group that we got along so well and showed so much love for each other. God brought us all closer together. I also saw God through the willingness and numbers of other volunteers God brought together at the different locations this week. During street evangelism God brought us to a woman who really needed encouragement from other Christians to go and do the right thing and lead her down the right path. I also saw how God watches over children as none of us got injured this week.

I enjoyed many times of laughter this week with the group while we were together. One day while working at Carriage Town I fit into a large pair of shorts with Lisa. At Carriage Town I also had fun trying on clothes with Kim while we were hanging up donations that came into the shelter. I enjoyed doing physical labor during the trip because it makes you feel like you accomplished something at the end. Roofing was really fun until a thunder storm rolled in and we had to race to get the shingles off the tarp to cover the roof. Evening activities were always a highlight of the day when everyone was together. My favorite activity had to be bowling with Lisa, Jacob, Kim and Kaylene. We all cheered for each other and actually I think we cheered the loudest for gutter balls. This week I was also part of the prayer team, which was cool because we were able to pray for concerns and then the next group would add to the prayer list and also pray for the rest of the concerns. I really enjoyed the mission trip and had a blast with the youth group.

Ashley Menning

Calvary UMC plans its mission week for the same week as our youth group. We provide some of the labor to get the jobs done that they find materials for. For Calvary it is a whole congregational effort, not just the youth. They cook, pick up shingles, paint and run for supplies. What a seed it must plant for those receiving the help they need. This help might bring them and others in the community to the church. Is there a need for mission work in Midland? Could God use us in the same way?

Scott Tefft



I had a wonderful experience, through bonding with our youth group and meeting new people but my main mission was to "plant the seed of Christ."

To plant the seed of Christ, I needed two things. One, to know that going to a tough area, meant that I needed to trust in Him, to keep me safe and second, to go up to complete strangers and tell them about our one and only God, Jesus Christ. I knew that through doing this, I could possibly change their life forever! So of course I did it! Not for me, but all for them. The feeling for this is indescribable. All I remember was the fact of completing my most difficult fear, which was sharing my faith with others. I did this by opening myself up and letting God use me.

Throughout this mission of growing deeper in God and within myself, I've learned that by Him using me in a graceful and forgiving manner that I can serve God better than by just doing it all myself.

Kaylene Wilsey



The way I saw God is when the children prayed, you sang, preached, the evangelism downtown Flint. I learned that God is there through thick and thin, when we get hurt, scared, when we are having fun. He helped me remember he is always there for me even if I forget. Going to the Soup Kitchen is very humbling; that was my favorite spot. Watching the kids work in every job they did without complaining was God at work. I think I complained more than they did. God helps us to be positive people. No matter where we are in our walk with Jesus, we should know he is always walking beside us, behind us, or carrying us if we need him to (remember the poem Footprints). God blessed me this past week by helping me to stay on his path and letting me know he really does love me and he loves all us. Thank you God for letting have this weekend. God Bless to all.

MaryBeth Pringle



1. Ways I saw God at work.

Watching the youth serve God was a wonderful sight.
We wish every parent and grandparent could have seen their kids in action.
It would have made you very proud.

2. Things I learned.

Flint is a good location for mission trips. The need is great in Flint,
and the opportunities to serve are boundless.
(Approx 5% of population is homeless).

Flint is close to Midland, which means short travel time, and more mission work
time.

Some youth could not spend the entire week, so their parents came and picked
them up because Flint is close.

3. What I did & ways my faith grew.

We all had opportunities to work at: Carriage Town Ministries, North End Soup
Kitchen and Outreach Center, do Street Evangelism, roofing/painting.

If you allow yourself to be open to God's will, then anything is possible.
The best example of this was Street Evangelism. After some brief training, and
watching the youth (who were natural at this),
we gained enough courage to do this our self. Prior to this, we would have said, we
could not do Street Evangelism.

Don & Betty Grinwis

What a week! On Sunday June 20, 2010 13 youth and 7 adults from Aldesgate UMC set out for Flint, MI for their Youth Summer Mission Trip. Our plans were made, bags were packed and we were ready to go. Little did we know how incredible our week was going to be...

Our theme for the mission trip was "MISSION 25:40" which refers to Matthew 25:40 where Jesus teaches that "when you did it to the least of these, you did it unto me." Flint is known for its great need, its hopelessness, and its darkness - spiritually and in the daily problems of violence, addiction, prostitution and homelessness. Our goal was simple: offer love, hope, grace and peace. Love to fill the empty void in the hearts of so many, hope to give a reason to live and grow, grace to cover the mistakes and rough edges and peace to calm the fears and bitterness of many. Our methods were equally simple: serve a hot lunch, pour a cold drink, sort clothes for them to wear, give a smile and a handshake, put a roof on their house, remind them that God loves them, give a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, share God's plan of salvation with them. The impact we were able to have was evidenced by the gratitude expressed by the people we serves, by the smiles on their faces, by the seeds planted in their hearts, and by God's hand of blessing and protection on our group throughout the week.

What impacted me the most was the unmistakable way in which I saw God moving and directing the week. Everything, it seemed, was being woven together in ways we had not planned, but that brought us growth and brought God glory. From the moment we arrived for worship at New Wine Anglican Mission on Sunday, God was doing a good work in our midst. Our devotions each morning focused on what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus. This had been planned for several weeks. What had not been planned was that God has placed this message on the hearts of the preachers we heard Sunday morning and Wednesday evening (Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church) and that it would be a part of a special communion service on Thursday night. God planned it this way to reiterate to us the importance of living as true disciples. Another way I Saw God at work was in the connections that were formed and strengthened between our group and the partners we worked with. I believe that God has something very special in store for AUMC and Flint and I pray that the partnerships will continue to grow and be strengthened in such a way that they help build the Kingdom of God. I also saw God at work in the timing of things.

On Tuesday while doing street evangelism our group had a conversation with a woman downtown. She was a Christian, but was going through some difficult times in life and was struggling. Little did we know but that shortly before we arrived she had prayed that she would meet some other Christians who could encourage her! We spent several minutes with her, encouraging her and praying with her. Another moment like this that stands out to me was Friday morning, again while doing street evangelism. We passed a young man outside the courthouse and handed him a gospel tract. He and I sat down on a bench together to visit and I learned that he was on his way to court. He was worried about the outcome and openly admitted that he had made several mistakes in life and didn't want to go to hell. He readily received the gospel as I shared it with him and we had the privilege of praying with him before he went to court. I continue to pray for him that he comes to know Christ as his Savior.

Finally, I saw God at work in the time our group shared together as a community. I don't think I have ever laughed so hard in my life! We ate, played, joked, prayed, sang, cried, worked, worshipped and learned together. God grew us individually and as a group in amazing ways. Prayers were answered, fears were overcome, relationships were healed, conflicts resolved peacefully and so much love, affirmation and encouragement were shared. It was incredible to watch as the week went by. This mission trip will be an experience I treasure for a lifetime.

Grace & Peace,

Micah Chisholm, Youth Director

The Least of These

by Decemberadio

be love to me
be hope to me

cause I'm the least of these
I'm the least of these
cause I'm the least of these
I'm the least of these
be love, be love

be grace to me
be peace to me

cause I'm the least of these
I'm the least of these
cause I'm the least of these
I'm the least of these

my heart is crying out
my hands are reaching out
my heart is crying out
my hands are reaching out
be love, be love to me
be love

I'm the child without a home
I'm the widow left alone
so be love, be love to me

cause I'm the least of these
I'm the least of these
cause I'm the least of these
I'm the least of these

BE LOVE

2010 Youth Mission Team



Front: Scott Tefft, Jama Tobey, Shannon Fick, Donna Czerepinski **Middle:** Lisa Vaught, Sami Jackson, Gage Spitnale, Betty Grinwis, MaryBeth Pringle. **Back:** Mackenzie Pirie, Kaylene Wilsey, Maris Thornton, Jacob Logan, Michael Jackson, Kim Scribner, Ashley Menning, Micah Chisholm, Christian Pirie, Brett Nowak, Don Grinwis