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"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

Since two Honduran churches had small but necessary jobs for a construction team, we split our team for a few days. What I found amazing was that when the team reunited, the devotions had both been about listening to God. Elaine & Jesse both challenged us to be still and listen since we are away from our busy routines; clean out our spiritual closet and focus on Him and what He is teaching us. As everyone shared what God was teaching them on our last night, I was inspired thinking of their sacrifices, the struggles a few had, yet they exalted God. We laughed, we sweated, we prayed, we cried but ultimately, we all wanted to serve! Everyone's service looked different but that's what we did; we served God, served others and looked for ways to serve those around our church when we returned. What a joy to know God wants to use us in ways we can't imagine if only we would say yes! I'm thankful these 14 said yes, I'll go!



The team of six went to El Nispero to lay block & pour a concrete floor. The church is on the side of a mountain so they had to haul everything they used up a tiny, horrible road. I was thrilled to hear of all the church & community participation. When they told me about the little boy with a cement block on his back and the little girl with her dog's bowl carrying mortar up the hill, I was reminded that God has a place for each of us and desires that we serve Him faithfully (I Samuel 12:24).



Sometimes our place of service may not make sense but I'm thankful God sees the big picture. This was the case at the orphanage. I thought I was going to paint but immediately I was whisked off to the playground, which I renamed Dede's Daycare. Little Elias had only been there a week & was still adjusting. He told me his life story, all four years, except it was in Spanish so I only caught a few words. As we said goodbye, he said, "Are you really leaving?" He broke my heart but I pray he soon learns that his Heavenly Father will never leave him! (Hebrews 13:5).



Matt was excited to experience how much the community wanted to build the church. They had been having Sunday School on a dirt floor for 5 years and he got to help pour concrete so



they could have their classes on concrete instead of dirt. Yet they were content. I Tim. 6:6

This was Cade's first mission trip. He said the highlight was hanging out with the children but he didn't just hang out & play, Cade hauled blocks



up the hill and so did they. He had an entourage of children working to build their church and he paid them in lollipops.

Todd is a plumber but did minimal plumbing on the entire trip. He built a wall, a gable, helped weld doors and a basketball



goal and played with kids. He encouraged our church to go because it's not our skill set, nor the messenger but the message that makes the difference. Col. 1:10