



SMI Student Testimonies

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TEAM 1



KAREN F.*



JONATHAN H.*



DANI P.



NICHOLAS S.



TORI S.

*INDICATES TEAM LEADER

Karen

Hello! My name is Karen and this is my third and final year of SMI. This trip was such a blessing to go on and be able to pour into the kids in Bishop. The first day of VBS, our location had a mix-up with another team, but it all worked out and we got to go and serve at another church for the rest of the week. The kids at that VBS were so sweet, we had a pair of siblings that were all over what we were doing, and were memorizing every verse we gave them! It was amazing to see a girl the day after a conversation about showing our faith, go up to the pastor and asked to be baptized! Our second location was incredible! We had three sisters that came every single day and we just really got to spend time and get to know them. They were amazing! None of this would have been possible without your giving and support. So thank you so much!

Jonathan

Hello everyone! This has been my fourth and final SMI and it was such a good year! Like other years, it's had its ups and downs, but serving these small towns and communities has been such a blessing. This year I got to help lead two VBS's, one in Big Pine, which was at a park and another in Lone Pine at a local church. At the Lone Pine location we had one kid that kept talking to me about video games and it was really fun sharing versus and having conversations about the gospel. At our other location, Big Pine, we had three amazing girls that kept coming to our park VBS. I had a hard time finding verses that they couldn't memorize. They were so good at memory verses and they knew so much about the gospel already. This year was fantastic, thank you so much for all your prayers and support!

Dani	Thank you for supporting me through prayer, encouragement, and funds. During this trip I was able to help kids learn about Christ through crafts! Each day we did a craft related to the message. We made Jesus fish, we fixed broken bridges, and we used chalk to draw cross and write Bible verses at the park! I was also given the opportunity to do a sermon on how Jesus restores our relationship! I explained to the kids how Jesus died for us so that we could have a relationship with him, I also explained repentance and forgiveness! While I was doing the sermon, I noticed how much I love publicly speaking about Jesus! I'm so glad that I was able to teach the kids and my fellow students about Jesus, and I'm so glad that I could plant seeds in these kids' lives, and I love seeing them grow in Christ.
Nicholas	Thank you so much for your prayers and support. This week has been so impactful for me. Getting to see the faces of each of the kids was so amazing. Getting to know each kid and be able to sit and talk with him has made this trip so amazing. Along with the kids, I had the chance to meet this amazing old man named Larry. I had the chance to sit and talk with him and understand him to be able to just be a friend to him, and it made an impact on me in ways I never thought it would. Thank you for your prayers and support.

TEAM 2



NAOMI C.*



TOMMY V.*



COLETTE B.



MALACHI F.



ABBY G.



CAED W.



ROSALIE H.



TRE P.



ANJALI G.

*INDICATES TEAM LEADER

Naomi

This year has been an incredibly unforgettable experience. I learned what true servanthood looks like and how we can live on mission every day. One key lesson the Lord taught me during this trip was the importance of not allowing distractions to keep me from serving Him, as well as how important it is to know how to evangelize. SMI has genuinely helped me feel more confident in sharing my faith. I had the opportunity to lead my team's VBS small group, and the skills I learned through EE (Evangelism Explosion) and SMI helped me in guiding our discussions and answering the kids' questions about the gospel. It was so encouraging to witness the growing excitement and eagerness of the kids each day as they learned more about Jesus. My team and I engaged in one-on-one conversations with several kids to understand their hearts, address their questions, and share the gospel with them. There were three professions of faith at our VBS, and it was amazing to witness firsthand how God made the seeds we planted grow. All glory to God! During the trip, I faced challenges, especially in handling the kids who were difficult and uncooperative. A few of them were aggressive and didn't listen. I always reminded myself that many of these kids came from broken homes, so my main goal was to take the time to listen to them and show them the love they often don't receive at home. By the end of the week, I noticed they began to listen more and became less aggressive, which demonstrated how much showing the love of Jesus can truly impact lives. After completing four years of SMI, I can confidently say that it has changed my life. SMI is not just a week-long mission trip, it's a learning experience that encourages growth and gives you a lifetime of wisdom that I will always

	carry with me. I know there is still much more for me to learn. Now that SMI is over, I plan to continue seeking ways to grow in my faith so that I can share it with others. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. Your prayers truly impacted all of us. Thank you for supporting me these past four years, I will forever be grateful. God bless!
Tommy	My name is Tommy Varner, I am a senior and this is my third and final year of SMI. I was sick going into this trip, but with God's help pushed through and now the week is over. It is crazy to finish my last trip for SMI, but I am glad it ended like this. We had quite a few kids at both locations and it was amazing to get to know these kids and to get a glimpse into the lives they have. It was such a gift to be out there sharing the good news of Jesus to these kids. What a blessing this opportunity was and with there being quite a few confessions of faith I hope that us being there has an impact that spreads far and wide. All glory to God and what a great trip. Thank you for your prayers and support.
Colette	This trip was truly incredible. When I first heard about the VBS opportunities, I was a bit nervous mainly because I wasn't sure how many kids would attend, and the locations were several hours away. However, after just the first day, all of those concerns faded. I couldn't have imagined it going any better. The kids connected with my team and me almost immediately, and each day our relationships with them grew stronger. The trip was incredibly fulfilling and played a huge role in strengthening my faith. I could clearly see God working through me in so many moments. It was such a blessing to be part of something that made a lasting impact on the kids and their communities. My team was amazing, we communicated well, supported one another, and truly worked together without any issues. I'm so thankful for the churches that hosted us, the one we stayed at, and Desert Springs for their generosity in supporting and funding the trip. This experience is something I will carry with me forever. Thank you again for the opportunity!
Malachi	Hello everyone! I want to thank you so much for your prayer and financial support. I grew up in the church and accepted Christ at a young age, although I only barely grew in my relationship with him. When I came to Desert Springs Community Church in middle school, I really kickstarted my walk with Christ. Through the following years, I have grown exponentially with God, and thanks to you, have been able to go out and make disciples! This week, my team went out and ran every aspect of two different VBSs in Goldfield and Dyer, Nevada. We had at least seven kids devote themselves to Christ, and many others encouraged in their faith. This week we were able to spend just a little time with these kids, showing them the love of Jesus all

	the way. Thank you again for your support, and all of the other SMLers in this; and I am encouraged to see how God uses all of us in the future.
Rosalie	This week has been so unbelievably fulfilling. So much more than I ever expected. I was really nervous leading up to the trip because I was worried about things like not being prepared enough or not having planned well enough. I realize that even though unexpected things will happen, the Lord is still working and doing amazing things, especially in unexpected ways. I got the privilege of seeing the word work through all of my teammates, my van drivers, and then the hearts of the kids we were ministering to. I've also noticed how much the Lord has been working in my own heart, giving me so much compassion and care for these kids. I've just found so much joy and loving on the kids and showing them the love of Jesus. None of this would be possible without all of your prayers and support and I can't thank you enough for that.
Anjali	This trip has really impacted me in ways I wouldn't expect, seeing God work through me and my team was such an encouragement. So far two kids have come to Christ. That is super impactful to me; we may seem like just high schoolers to some, but God has been using all of us for his kingdom. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support, this trip has been such a blessing.

TEAM 3



MONET H.*



ANA F.



NATHAN R.



MADELYN W.



ABEL Y.



ADDISON D.

***INDICATES TEAM LEADER**

Monet

My name is Monet and this was my 3rd year of SMI. It was amazing to be a part of this VBS service this year. While hosting VBS for kids, I taught two different lessons; one lesson was about Jesus walking on water, and the other about Jesus feeding the 5000. I loved being able to share the gospel with these kids. Not just that, but also being able to answer questions they have and having conversations about Jesus loving us. I had the privilege of being a team leader, which was such a blessing. My teammates did a spectacular job of representing Christ and I couldn't be more proud. None of this would have been possible without the amazing kitchen crew, drivers and leaders. Although the most important thing of all was your prayers and support. So, thank you so much for all the unwavering support.

Ana

My name is Ana Fritts, and this has been my first SMI. I'm so grateful for all the ways God has blessed me throughout this program, from all the people that have prayerfully and financially supported me to the experiences I got to have on the trip. Throughout the training and the trip, I got the opportunity to meet and connect with so many people I couldn't have normally, and now some of those people are integral parts of my life. Going on this trip, I had a few years worth of experience teaching at VBS. And while our mission this week was the same (to bring the message of Christ to the needy kids), the execution was much different than I was used to, and it was a great opportunity for me to be challenged in my patience and flexibility. It was so encouraging to get to meet kids at such different points in life, but connect over the same things: Our love for Jesus. Once again thank you so much to

	everyone who prayerfully and financially supported myself and my fellow SMI students this year, our trip wouldn't have been nearly as successful as it was without you.
Nathan R.	This week was certainly a life-changing experience. I've seen and felt so much in just one week, but I'd like to thank those who prayed for me. Without their amazing support, I don't think I would've made it through. The kids me and my team taught were amazing, Around seven kids made it, but two more showed up near the end. I witnessed these kids from being shy to being excited and eager to play and learn the gospel. While I saw amazing things from little kids, I had a share of older kids, two boys and two girls. They are around my age, but like everyone else they were shy. Me and the teammate invited them to play soccer and that got them talking about which sports they like, eventually I got to know them better, it was almost like we were friends already and we were just chatting it up. This trip was an awesome experience that I wouldn't trade for anything.
Madelyn	Hello! My name is Madelyn Wilson and first off, I'd like to thank everyone who supported me financially and in their prayers! Thank you to my family and friends who have stood by me all the way. One thing I learned from this trip is that the lessons we are teaching these kids aren't just for them to learn from, they're for us too! On Wednesday, day 3 of our VBS, I got to teach the lesson. I told the kids about Jonah and how he decided to go his own way instead of God's way. I explained how we can go our own way sometimes too, but God forgives us and still wants to be with us even sent Jesus to die and rise again just so we could have the chance to have a relationship with Him! It was so cool to see these kids excited for worship! I know God is going to do great things in each of these kids' lives!
Abel	Things I learned: First off, there were things I did and didn't expect that happened. Like for one, our first VBS didn't get kids so we combined that with another team's VBS. Which was fine. Our second VBS had a consistent amount of kids which was cool, and some were even older than me, or slightly, which was interesting. One of the younger kids, a boy, surprised me as well since he asked pretty deep questions for his age. I'm glad to see that. Overall, as this is my first SMI experience, it was good and I'd say successful. Also, playing soccer was something the older kids loved as well as myself. Everything seemed to flow well. The kids started opening up and talking after a day or two. Which made things easier of course. Hopefully the VBS got them something to think about. I'd say it was worth it in the end. Another thing which I didn't expect was that the kids weren't too crazy. I appreciate all of my supporters. Thank

	you all for making this possible.
Addison	Hi, my name is Addison Dallman. I'd like to thank all the people who have supported me through prayer and finances. Thank you to my family and friends for encouraging me all the way and supporting me. I love you all and thank you! When we started SMI, I knew that I would grow as a Christian, but I grew much more than I thought I would. Because of the training I was able to interact with the kids better for God's glory. I was able to be a better servant to them, I've grown so much in my faith and being a good servant, and learned how to share the gospel better than I did before. not only did I use what I learned on the trip, but I can use it in my future for VBS and for serving and sharing my faith. The kids at VBS were so sweet and some of them were so curious about the Bible and ask questions. I was able to simplify and answer many of their questions, and it was just amazing to see them so interested and thinking about all we said. on this trip, I've helped plant seeds and I hope God will help them grow.

TEAM 4



DAVITA B.



GRANT L.



CAITLYN M.



JACKSON B.



NALI P.

***INDICATES TEAM LEADER**

Davita

This trip has been such an amazing opportunity for us to share the gospel with a bunch of kids. My first VBS was at Valley Presbyterian Church, where we averaged 12 kids a day. There was this 10 year-old boy named Trason. He is the oldest of 10 kids. I explained to him what surrendering your life to Jesus meant and I asked if that would be something he's interested in. He said he was unsure because he didn't like the thought of giving over control to his life because he didn't like to trust people. I told him that trust can be a hard thing because we have put our trust in humans who are imperfect and sinners and I'm sure there's been a lot of people he trusted who have failed him, but Jesus is perfect and he knows you and loves you. Jesus will never fail you. He said that all makes sense, but was still a bit unsure, but he wanted to read the Bible a bit more and talk to his parents about it. And my second VBS at a park in Mammoth there was this little girl named Ashley, she was so sweet and very eager to hear all my stories about Jesus. Our VBS was pirate themed so we had some hats and costumes. She wanted to wear my hat all week and be called the Captain Davita. She had never heard about this perfect guy named Jesus before. On the last day she said she wanted a Bible so she can read more about Jesus so we gave her one and showed her where to start. I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support and making this trip possible!

Grant	Hello! My name is Grant, and this is my second year doing SMI. This past week, God has given me and my team amazing opportunities to share Jesus with a bunch of kids who have been coming to our VBSs. The conversations and questions the kids had with us have been amazing, and I thank God for the opportunities He has given me this SMI. My team and I have gotten to take the first step and plant those seeds in the kids' minds and hearts, but ultimately, I give the praise to God because He is the one who waters those seeds and makes them grow. And I thank all of the people who have supported us financially and spiritually. I know y'all will hear it a lot, but this trip would truly not have been possible without y'all. So thank you and praise to God!!
Caitlyn	While I was doing VBS, the last day of our first location, it was so awesome and very impactful. At the beginning, it was really hard because the kids seem to not care at all, and it looked like they weren't understanding or not wanting to understand. But the last day there was this little boy who was asking a bunch of questions. When we were done with the lesson and went to small groups, he continued to ask questions, and that led to him asking about how to trust in Jesus. So we explained it to him, and he eventually said that he wanted to put his faith in Jesus. We walked him through that, and the best part was how happy and excited he was about it. We prayed with him and he prayed as well, and at the end we gave him a Bible and he was so happy about it. It was so impactful because I was really down about that VBS. But that moment showed me that God works in amazing ways even when we can't see it. I was so blessed to be a part of that, and see God working. It was truly amazing. Thank you for your prayers and support because through all the prayers a little boy was saved.
Jackson	Throughout our second VBS, there was a football camp right next to us, and we noticed that one of the coaches was dancing to our songs in the distance. I sparked a conversation with him and learned he was from England, and he did church ministry all over the place back home. The coolest part, is that we ended up sharing Jesus with the football team kids, and gave them Bibles. This is a perfect demonstration of why we should always reflect Jesus' love to others, whether at the store, school, or work, you never know who might be listening. Thank you for your prayers and support.
Nali	I am very blessed to have so much support and heartfelt conversations on my first SMI year. Through difficult days and rigorous training, my work has paid off. On this trip I became closer to my team and discovered the importance for these children at the VBS to learn the Gospel. We were able to help those kids take their first steps in their relationship with the Lord. Our first VBS, I

	learned that the kids had a very short attention span and became distracted easily but on the last day when we were teaching the kids about the Gospel, they asked many questions and listened more often than they usually have. One of the children of the same VBS, Kyler, gave me a hug on the day I met him. It sparked a form of light inside of me that realized how special it was for us to come to these children and tell them the love of the Gospel and how they were loved by Him. On our second VBS the kids were timid but warmed up to us very quickly. I asked a question to them on the last day of the VBS, "Have you trusted Jesus with your life?" All of the children answered yes besides one. Her name is Ashley. I asked why and she said she was scared so I told her to take small steps and to pray to build her trust in Jesus. I feel so many emotions from this experience but the strongest one of them is gratitude. Thank you all for the support for this amazing experience.
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TEAM 5



EMMAFAITH O.*



NATHAN Z.*



CALEB G.



TABITHA M.



TITUS L.



MIA G.

***INDICATES TEAM LEADER**

Emmafaith

This week has been incredible week with being able to run these VBSs! We had a range from kids who were totally sold out for Jesus to some who I've never even heard about the story of creation. But it was so amazing to see these kids, have fun and learning more about Jesus! The last day of VBS we were sitting in a circle with all of our kids, and I asked them what was something that they learned this week? And a little five-year-old girl named Peyton, who was the youngest kid there, stood up and started to preach a whole sermon about how we were made by God and God made the Earth and he sent his son to die for us to save us from hell. But it was just really cool to see this little kid Who came in with not much prior knowledge of God and now she's sharing the whole gospel with everyone! Thank you so much for your prayers and support! We could never have been able to go on this trip without you!

Nathan Z.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support! Going on this mission trip was an honor that I don't deserve. I am so grateful for all the different places I got to go and people I got to meet. Specifically, I met this kindergartener named Yoshi. He was so adorable and energetic too. I feel so privileged to be able to share the gospel with him for a whole week, along with so many others. The joy of sharing Jesus is unlike anything else and it wouldn't have been possible without your endorsements. Thank you so much for allowing me to go on this trip. But, overall, praise the Lord for the souls

	that we touched with Jesus' love.
Caleb G.	Hey everyone! I just want to start by saying a huge thank you to all of you for your prayers, encouragement, and support I seriously couldn't have done this without you. This trip marked my fourth and final SMI, and it's hard to put into words how much this program has meant to me over the years. It's truly a blessing for everyone who gets the opportunity to take part in it. This year, we traveled to Bishop, California, where we had the chance to run a Vacation Bible School for the local kids. It was such an incredible experience getting to share the gospel and help teach these young kids more about Jesus. One thing that really stood out to me during the week was the importance of bringing energy and intentionality into everything we do. If you don't show up with joy or try to build genuine connections with these kids, they can feel that and they won't want to engage. But when you give your all, when you're present, and when you just love them with the love of Christ, it makes a real difference. So again, thank you all so much for your prayers, your kind words, and your support throughout this journey. God moved in so many powerful ways, and I'm grateful to have been a part of it.
Tabitha	This trip has been incredible. I have gotten to see our VBS grow from 8 to 14 and 3 to 19 because of God's provision of my team. In each group, I was able to connect with at least one of the kids very well. Sometimes all you need is a little patience, a small amount of sleep, and a lot of love for these kids. This trip has impacted me in a way that I can't fully describe. Thank you all for your love, care, and support.
Titus	I want to start by thanking all of my sponsors for their sacrificial gifts and prayers. This year is my fourth and final year doing SMI, and I'm so thankful for the amazing opportunities this program has presented throughout my time in high school. This week has been an unforgettable time, at least for me. Even though the days were long and exhausting, I wouldn't trade it for anything. The kids we had at our VBSs were so fun to hang out and talk with and I really enjoyed getting to see each of their individual personalities and interests. I would like to ask the people reading this to pray that God will continue to work in each of their lives. Many of them come from rougher backgrounds and more difficult lives, and they really need to know that there's Someone who they can always depend on. Pray that God would comfort them when things don't seem to be going very well and that they would be reminded that they can always go to Him because He loves them so much more than anyone else could.

	Leaving the kids was kind of difficult, and when they asked when we'd be back I felt sad telling them I probably won't see them again. But I'm so thankful that we were able to do something that will hopefully leave a lasting, eternal impact. It wouldn't have been possible without all of your financial and prayerful support, so thank you.
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TEAM 6



ANYA Y.* JACOB M.* NATALIE B. PARKER M.



EDEN R. BEN B. ANTHONY Y.

***INDICATES TEAM LEADER**

Anya

Hello Desert Springs! My name is Anya Youwanes, I'm a senior in High School, and this was my second and sadly final year of SMI. I had the honor of being a team leader this year. Through that I grew a lot spiritually by being tested in my faith, and with the support of my awesome team, persevering to see the rewards of God's ministry. My team set up camp in our homebase location, First Presbyterian Bishop, and at a beautiful park at Gull Lake, where we spent five days putting on a vbs for kids in the area. From day one my team was presented with the challenge of tailoring our vbs to our different crowds. At our first location we had an average of twenty kids each day! Meanwhile, at our other spot, we had two or three depending on the day. We ended up spending a lot of our energy on the larger group, so by afternoon it was hard to give our all to our second vbs. However, this meant we got more quality time with our two kids at the park. I ended up having some deep conversations with one of our kids, Elijah, and on Thursday his mom actually invited us over to their home shop for some New Zealand meat pies. This experience made me realize that what for us was our one week on mission, for them was a unique experience to have quality conversations and a friendship that maybe was hard to come by. My epiphany from SMI this year is that every person around us has a story—and it's up to us to write God into it. I want to thank everyone at Desert Springs for establishing God in my life, through all your prayers and continual support. None of this trip would have been possible without the generosity of our church.

Jacob

I have loved this trip, I was so blessed throughout the whole trip. I was put

	into a unique situation and was switched teams just before the trip. I was so happy to be allowed to lead another team in a time of need, it was fantastic to get to know my new team and watch them share Jesus with others. I was able to meet with both my old and new teams each day and hear their stories. I was so excited to be a part of this year's SMI, thank you for all of your prayers and support.
Natalie	Hi my name is Natalie and this is my first year of SMI. It was crazy to see how God pushed for me to pursue this trip. I was overly nervous all up until the time to load up and leave. Just being able to feel relieved and see all this hard work pay off after day one of our VBS was just a blessing. Being able to drop all my distractions to love and share with these kids. It was so amazing to see how interested and engaged these Kids were in us sharing the gospel. I was so excited to just be able to love on kids that I didn't know, without even knowing what they were going through. It's amazing to see how God not only used me but about 50 other SMI students to share his word with hundreds of kids. I loved these Kids and love this church for all the support and prayers. I'm so thankful for our church community for coming together and making this possible. I thank everyone who went on this trip for all being able to show how God is leading us in our lives.
Parker	Hi church family, my name is Parker Mazotas, I am a sophomore in high school and this is my second year in SMI. This trip was a VBS year which means we go around and set up VBSs around the places where we stay at. This year we were at First Presbyterian Church in Bishop, California. My job was to be in charge of games and my favorite part is at the park we were able to meet a kid and his name was Elijah. He was super shy the first day but by the end of the week he was excited to come and his mom ended up inviting us to dinner one night and it was so good we had lamb, sweet potatoes, and beans. I guess what I am trying to say is that it was a huge blessing to meet Elijah and his family and possibly impact their lives. Thank you for all your prayers and support.
Eden	My name is Eden and this is my first year of SMI. I'm so thankful to be able to go on this trip. I loved going and being able to tell the kids about God and share the Gospel with them and lead them to God. I loved being able to see how excited they were coming back every day. Thank you so much for all the love, support and prayer. We wouldn't be able to go on this trip without you!
Anthony	Hi, my name is Anthony Yee. This is my fourth and final year of SMI. I was so excited to see the kids and help out with the vbs this year. I had so much fun, and God did much and worked through us to show these kids so much love! I

	met so many cool kids, but one specific kid named Jaycee she was so sweet, I had so much fun with her, and getting to preach the gospel with her this week. She was a light and so sweet. I can only hope that the Lord was glorified by the work that was done. She came from a stable home and loving parents, but loved being around us. She did so good and was really interested in what accepting Jesus in her heart meant. We planted so many seeds this week and had so much fun working with these churches and community! God is great!!
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TEAM 7



SOPHIA S.*



BELLA V.



LANDON W.



BECKY T.



LILY R.



ALEXA G.

*INDICATES TEAM LEADER

Sophia

Hello, my name is Sophia, and this is my 4th and final year of SMI. I just wanted to thank you guys for all your prayers and support throughout this trip and leading up to this trip. This year has impacted me so much because seeing where these kids live is really heartbreaking. And just to be able to come in and love on these kids was really special. And I could tell that we made an impact on these kids because on the last day the kids were running by my car crying. These kids truly felt impacted by what we went in there and did.

Bella

This year was an amazing year. I learned so much and have met so many new people. The kids were so cute and I felt so blessed to be with him. My team has been such an inspiration and none of it would be possible without them this is my third year of SMI and it has been the best one yet. The people were kind, The plan was solid, and the kids were loved. We only had a few kids at our VBS but nonetheless, it was so amazing. And I just wanted to thank you all for your prayers and support.

Becky

Hi everyone! My name is Becky, and this is my second year of SMI. I feel so blessed to have had the privilege of getting to show some love to the kids at our VBS and share the gospel with them. I couldn't have done it without your prayers and support. Thank you all so much!

Lily

Hi, my name is Lily Record. This is my third year of SMI. This year has been such a learning experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. Our

	VBS was so amazing and with the wonderful team that I had we were able to connect with the kids and get a short glimpse into their lives. Overall, I am so thankful for everyone's prayers and support and the opportunity to go on this trip.
Alexa	I just want to start by thanking you all for your prayers and support and making this trip possible. This trip has impacted me in so many ways. One of them was to love one another just how our Father God loves us. My team and I made sure the kids know and felt that they were loved and cared for by our Father God and everyone surrounded them. This trip has really taught me tons of things and grew me in my faith bigger for the Lord. I'm forever grateful I got to experience SMI as my first year, and for 3 more years to come and serve our Father God and speak about His good news.