



Testimonies from Around the World

Asia

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Do you enjoy serving others? Do you love children? Have you wanted to go on a mission trip to serve the Lord but just haven't found the "right" trip for you?

We worked with a child caring agency (aka orphanage) in Asia. It was founded by Marc & Marilen Morris from Cleveland. Several members of FBC have been involved with this ministry for many years. In 2013, FBC sent its first group in late November to "sponsor" Christmas for the orphanage and the community children just outside the facility. Nov 2017 will be the 5th trip that FBC has led for this purpose. While FBC is the lead, participants have joined the trip from other churches and even other cities!

What are the activities during the trip? Each trip is uniquely based on the interests and talents of the participants. Some examples of past activities includes:

- Cook a Thanksgiving Dinner and teaching about that holiday before jumping into the Christmas Spirit!
- Bake sugar cookies with the children and staff and decorating.
- Make Gingerbread houses/trains.
- Repair bicycles.
- Help with the babies, feeding and playing.
- Lead a needlepoint ornament craft for staff.
- Babysit the entire orphanage while the staff takes a few hours off to go out for a staff meeting.
- Host the neighborhood group called Kidz Klub which meets 2 Saturdays per month all year. This will be the Christmas Party for these children (about 125).
- Decorate the facilities for Christmas!
- Prepare all the orphanage children's Christmas gifts which have been shipped ahead. There will be a Christmas party for them where they open 1 or 2 gifts. The remainder are saved for Christmas.
- Play games with the children. Board games, cards, basketball, volleyball, reading books.
- Teach community first aid classes.
- "Santa & Mrs. Claus" go to the malls and it is used to spread not only smiles, but the love of Jesus in unique ways.

Target Group for Participants:

- Ages have ranged from college to 80s.
- Couples, singles, multigenerational, friends are all invited! This has been a favorite trip

for retired teachers, but we have had doctors, students, homemakers, nurses, accountants, technology experts, all are useful!

Accommodations are on site and include modern amenities and delicious food.

One of Many God stories:



In 2012, a group went from FBC. We planned activities and food for the every other week Kidz Klub. The normal attendance is about 60, but with special guests there (us), we knew there would be a larger number. We had brought 153 red T-shirts that were donated miss-prints and thought we would give them out as well as feed all the kid's lunch. Philippine spaghetti was planned (includes hotdogs and banana ketchup). All for 100. We started dipping the plates inside the house and carrying it out on trays. No one knew how many kids were there at that point, except God. The last plate dipped fed the last child. When we handed out the T-shirts, we realized that there were 150 kids there! God had multiplied the food!

Susan Berry

Our team from FBC was privileged to join missionaries and their families serving in undisclosed areas for a time of rest and planning. We met with them in Asia and were able to love and care for their children while the parents attended workshops and ministry meetings. This was a wonderful week of building relationships with the missionaries and loving their children during the day. Each day we had an amazingly fun times by going on walks, singing songs, playing games, swimming, and working on crafts with the children while extending the love of God to them. It was also an extreme blessing for the moms, especially since they never had childcare available for them in the past. This childcare also allowed for men and women to both gain from the planned missionary activities. When families are called to the mission field by God, they serve as a family.

We feel honored that God allowed us this tremendous opportunity to serve the teams in this way. We had an amazing time with the families, as well as, enjoying the different culture. If traveling to a foreign country to assist others already serving interest you, please consider joining us the next time. We will most likely have the chance to serve again in January 2018. Start planning and saving now to be used in an incredible way by God.

Sharon Wallace