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Reflections on the Mission trip to Kenya

I think they really enjoyed our personal stories that gave depth and validation to the talks.

They seemed to be especially encouraged by our apparent effort to unite everyone from different tribes and civilizations under one God. I particularly enjoyed showing them that even though we were from another country and from completely different lifestyles; we all had one thing in common that brought us together—our faith and our love for the Lord.

This experience has changed my life. It has opened my eyes to a world outside of my personal circle. I found that I was too consumed with my own life, and by separating myself from it, I was able to notice the amazing way God works in other people—even around the globe.

I was surprised and impressed by how friendly and welcoming the Kenyan people were to our group. I found myself wondering if I would have been as hospitable and friendly to outsiders. It humbled me to see how these people go out of their way to show their appreciation for our visit and the small way in which we were helping them. I know that I get so preoccupied in my life and in the things that I have to do that usually don't purpose to take the time to show both strangers and friends Christ's love throughout each day.

I was also moved by how generous these people were. Even though they did not have much, they easily and willingly gave what they had to be hospitable. Because I have to pay for a lot of my financial responsibilities, I have been so controlling of the little money that I have. I realized that I was not being a good steward of what God has given me and I was not trusting that he would provide what I need. God calls us to share our resources with others, and I have learned that I need to follow His will and put my full trust in him that he will provide for me.