



Top left: The difference between the dirty and filtered water. Top right: Getting ready to install the filter on a five gallon bucket. Bottom left: Our team comprised of Destino students, Compass Church, and people from the local church who went out with us into their community.



***Matthew 10:42, “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water...”***

It wasn't necessarily cold but it was definitely clean! I can't help but think of this verse as I remember ministering in Belize. In house after house and in family after family we were able to minister to very real physical needs.

I came home from Belize and told DeAnn that this was most satisfying mission trip I had ever been on. There was just such a sense of being right where we should be, doing something that we knew was worth it both physically and spiritually, and seeing God open doors to the Gospel for us over and over again.

Perhaps my favorite memory was installing a filter in a traditional Mayan home. We walked in under the thatched roof, ducked our heads under the cross beams, and weaved our way around the hammocks—one of which held a two year old taking his afternoon nap. In the home that day was the grandmother, her two daughters and a couple grandchildren.

The grandmother didn't speak English or Spanish but spoke the Mayan language K'iche'. We installed a filter in their house and we were able to then share the message of how Jesus can make us clean from our sin using the water filter as an analogy. At the end we asked if they would like to pray with us to invite Jesus in to their lives. We asked one daughter to pray in K'iche' as we were praying. Both daughters prayed with us! When we were done we asked the grandmother, now that she heard the prayer in her language if she would like to pray to receive Jesus as well. She looked at her daughter and said, “Tell them, I just did.” Praise the Lord with us!

(Let me know if you'd be interested in learning more about trips like this one—I'd love to connect you.)

Personal prayer update: We are so grateful for your prayers on behalf of DeAnn. It really is amazing to see the difference in her dizziness and in the numbness she was experiencing. While it isn't completely gone, there is such significant improvement that it definitely feels miraculous. We are grateful for your prayers. Thank you so much for praying!