

The Gillespies and the Good News

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Our
New
Home!

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We got home on Sunday from two weeks in Orlando, FL working with Campus Crusade's ministry to the poor, Here's Life Inner City. While our work is primarily with Dartmouth, we also coach a student-led ministry at Keene State College (located in southwestern NH), so we took advantage of the schools' back-to-back spring breaks to get to know students at both schools better as we ministered alongside them to the urban poor in Orlando.

Our time in FL was varied and wonderful. The time had a dual focus of exposing and educating our students to issues of poverty and God's heart for the poor, and involving them in sharing the gospel in word and deed with the poor. We were broken up into work teams, and so among our 38 students and staff we dug a sewage ditch, painted trailers, tutored, sorted food, sorted clothing, built a computer lab, shared the gospel with children, and with adults, trained ministers in evangelism, assembled easter bags, surveyed neighborhoods, ran after-school programs, built a roof, distributed food, held children, and prayed for many.

At right read about just a few of the life-changing experiences our students had.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- That our Spring Break trip would have a lasting impact in the hearts and lives of our students
- That God would give our staff and students fresh energy, passion and ideas for sharing the gospel, both at Dartmouth and at Keene State
- That we'd finish out the year faithfully and joyfully
- That God would, through His Spirit, grow us to trust Him more



MAIKE

Maike, a junior from Germany, spent the majority of her week working with an after-school program at an urban church. Though Maike studies economic development in school, she was shocked to see the level of poverty that exists in parts of the U.S. After her week with kids, Maike was left with the conclusion that academia doesn't have an adequate answer for the problem of poverty. The kids she met needed the hope and faithful love that truly only God can provide.



MICHAEL

Michael is a junior exchange student from Indonesia. Although he grew up in a privileged family, he is accustomed to seeing extreme poverty; Jakarta is the 10th largest city in the world and more than half of its residents live without clean water. Michael realized during our time in Orlando that he has used his privilege for himself, working to achieve as much as possible for his own gain. He was deeply convicted this week that God has given him much so that he might lift others up.



JESSIE

On her first day at Orlando Rescue Mission (a Christian homeless shelter), Jessie shared the gospel with a young girl using a five-colored bracelet as a tool to tell the good news about Jesus. The next day when Jessie returned, the girl ran up to her with a picture she'd drawn. "Look," she said to Jessie. "It's blue, because it makes God sad when we do bad things. This is green 'cause we're forgiven and can grow with God. And I drew this building 'cause this is where you taught me about God."



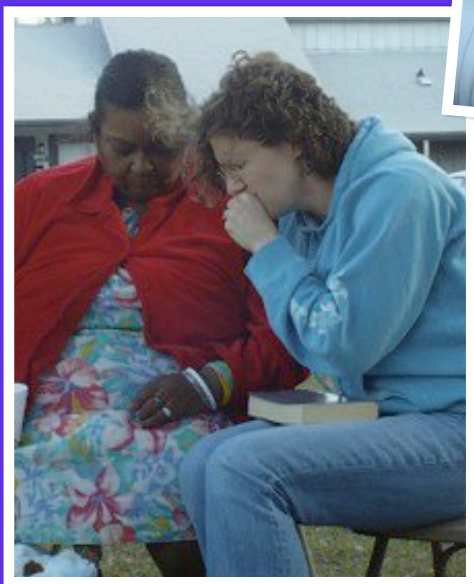
Kids in one of the after-school programs we helped out with. Here they are acting out a Bible verse we taught them.



Hannah standing in front of boxes of food we were sorting for the local food bank.



A day of play at Disney after a week of hard work.



Faye praying with Alice at an outreach in her neighborhood.



Jason spent much of week 1 digging a giant ditch with Andy and Tyler to run a new sewer pipe so that the trailer park it runs through will stop reeking of raw sewage. Here Tyler is walking Joel, a resident of the park, through the new ditch.



Week 1: Keene State College and the University of Mississippi



Week 2: Dartmouth College