

ALOHA KE AKUA

"GOD IS LOVE" -- Reaching A Lost & Broken World
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Mussoorie: India

This month, I had the amazing opportunity to spend 14 days on a missions trip with my church New Hope Diamond Head. After 39 hours of travel, we finally started our descend into Delhi. As I looked out over the plane, all I could see was what looked dirty and chaotic. I remember praying *Jesus, bring your light to this dark and broken place where over 1 billion people live and yet, only 2.3% are following you.* In that moment, I wanted this trip to be about really serving Him and seeing my heart grow and break for what breaks His.

I had two major highlights for this trip. The first happened our very first morning at the Firs Orphanage. We woke up at 5:30am to join the boys at chapel. We walked into a little room and immediately, they began to worship and sing songs in Hindi. Not knowing the words or language, all I could do was sit and listen. Doing so, I



Me and the boys before going to school



Retreat with Woodstock School

could sense their deep desire and passion for Jesus! The next thing I knew, I couldn't stop the tears from coming down my face as I began to really worship Him. I grumble at waking up at 8 and these boys do it everyday before the sun comes out to meet with Jesus. It definitely challenged me, yet, in that moment, I also realized that the Lord is choosing to use these boys in their young age to bring hope and light to this place. Even in their different circumstances, they are all at this orphanage and they love it because they realize that they are being equipped as ministers to reach a place that so desperately needs Jesus.

The second highlight was running a retreat for Woodstock School. We had about 100 students & staff come and it was amazing to see these high school kids come with a desire and passion to reach their school. Most of them are seniors and

and are about to enter college so it was just a great time of building new friendships and getting in the Word. The neatest thing about it is that some of the students that attended were non-Christians and my heart is to continue building relationships with them as many of them are going to the US for college!!! This was my first time overseas on missions and all I can say is that it was unforgettable! It definitely opened my eyes to SO much more and really just how BIG our God is. With that, next up is....

This Summer: Tokyo, Japan

As you all know, while I was in India, a tragic event took place. A life altering earthquake and tsunami swept out one of the world's most developed and thriving nations. A few months prior, I had been assigned to co-lead our summer missions team to Tokyo, Japan. After a few months of evaluating applications and planning, we have finalized our team of 14 students and as of now, are still planning to go. I will send out a more detailed letter of our trip and what we will be planning to do there in the next week but wanted to ask you first and foremost, to continue praying with and for us. My heart says that as tragic as this was, there is no better time to go in with the love and message of Jesus. These people have lost all their earthly possessions and our desire is to bring them what is eternal. Would you stop now and take a moment to pray for 1) the decision of our leadership and Worldwide Student Network as they are making the final decisions as to whether or not we will still be sent to Japan, 2) the hearts and minds of our students going as well as peace for their parents, as we have received numerous concerns, and 3) that ultimately, we would continue to lead this trip under the headship of the One who is at work. Thank you for all your constant prayers and support.

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