

Have you ever heard of something called Murphy's Law? I learned about this unfortunate idiom in college while pulling all-nighters in the Architecture studio. It simply means "whatever can go wrong will go wrong." Although I don't base my worldview on this idea, it seemed like our spring break trip to El Salvador was that way.

On our very first leg of travel, one of the cars got into a major accident on the highway in Los Angeles. Myself and the other leaders were certain that our trip was momentarily foiled, if not all together doomed. But the Lord was gracious and got us back on track. The firefighters who responded to the accident turned out to also be Christians, and made it a point to drive all four girls straight to LAX. Instead of scraping to make our flight, we were standing around for half an hour before leaving.

Once we landed in San Salvador after taking a red eye flight, we hit the ground running. But I hit the ground a little too hard. On Sunday night while playing soccer, I tweaked my ankle and woke up Monday morning barely able to put weight on it. Thankfully I was able to get it wrapped and borrow some crutches. I even was given a wheelchair at the hardware store while getting supplies for our service project.

After recovering from my ankle injury and crutching around campus for a day, I found myself coming down with a sinus cold. It wasn't fun to say the least, but I was determined to push through. Both days I prayed for strength and took meds. The Lord was gracious and allowed me to say on the project site both days to help lead our teams. We cleaned up and reorganized the backyard for one of the national staff women (Cecy) whose husband (Manuel) just passed away a month ago from stomach cancer. It was a great pleasure to use my college degree and experience to bless her in that way!

Through all these roadblocks, God was meeting us with His grace, power, and redemption. Thanks for praying for us! Please pray that El Salvador, which means "The Savior," would be changed by Jesus and live up to its namesake.

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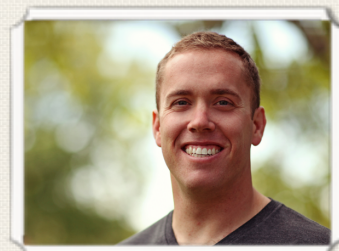


Left: I wheeled around the store for two hours!

Right: Cecy, far right, sharing her gratitude for our help



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"PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK."

- pray for student leaders of Cru in El Sal to step up and be bold in sharing their faith
- national staff who are struggling to raise financial support
- praise God for changed hearts of Cal Poly students
- students' transition back to school after a blitz experience

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