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Dear Family & Friends,

Thank you so much for supporting my mission trip to help Sports Outreach in San Salvador, El Salvador. I had the opportunity to work with the staff down there and it was incredible. My friends and I helped them out with whatever was needed. I felt so blessed to be there and witness this all in person.

While there, we helped out with a PE class and almost every day we helped out in the English class with other kids around our same age. These kids had the chance to learn English and by doing so, it could give them many more opportunities for their future. On the weekend, when we were not helping out at the school, we helped out with a soccer club with kids of all ages.

We also visited a couple different communities while we were there that were outside of San Salvador. There was one community in particular that was in very bad shape and extremely impoverished. We played games with kids and had a piñata filled with candy and toys. The joy and happiness on their faces was so fun to see. We also gave food to ex-soldiers that lived in a nearby village and we prayed for them as well.

A few boys from my team and I went to help a 108 year-old woman fix up her front porch, making it safer for her. She was so sweet and happy to have us there.

We were also able to visit an orphanage for kids and adults who were disabled. It was encouraging to see how the staff cared for them under such hard circumstances. Our team helped paint there and we were glad to help them.

I had an amazing time in El Salvador serving God by serving the people there. It was cool just to be there and to be with others from a different country and culture. Even though there was a language barrier, we could still communicate through gestures, the Spanish I knew and help from the staff there.

Most importantly, I learned that I do not need material things to have the same love for God that the people down there have.

Thank you again for all of your support and allowing me to witness God at work in El Salvador. Below and on page 2 are a few photos of our amazing experience.

Love,

*Jaden*



Our team with our new El Salvadorian friends



Our team helping build a new porch



Our team with the sweet 108 year-old lady



Painting at the orphanage



Thankful to help the orphanage



Helping teach English to my new friend



A little break after working to visit a Mayan Ruin



Praying with our new friends before leaving El Salvador