

Winds of Change

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There were fifty-four people in total that traveled to Honduras, more specifically to Little Key (Rock) off the island of Guanaja. Their mission: to rebuild the Spanish church originally destroyed in 1998 by Hurricane Mitch that blew the highest winds recorded—260 miles per hour. The humanitarian effort, so long after the fact, also included rebuilding the pastor's home that was affected by the same winds and water.

The group that went from Okanagan Adventist Academy, Chetwynd's Peace Christian School and the Quiet Hour had plans to "give". Give in terms of money, material, time and even blood, sweat and tears. The work was hard; going from North America to a Little Key that had no road, only sidewalks, no vehicles or even bicycles was more than strange. Everything had to be hand carried. If you were lucky you found a wheelbarrow.

We went to bless, but we were blessed much more in return.

Do you wonder how this happens? Maybe you can relate to this in your school, or your class room. You work so hard, pour your life out for your "kids" and somewhere down the line unexpectedly you are blessed in return by the changed lives of your students. Short-term mission trips are a great opportunity to witness how God can touch the hearts of young and old in ways that normally would not happen in our North American lives.

Mission trips provide an opportunity to give of time, money, blood, sweat and even tears to the less fortunate. In return, lives are touched by the hand of God. The people they interact with, minister to, and build relationships with, become the very finger of God that touches their hearts. One cannot remain the same after having been touched by God.

Four students from Peace Christian School in Chetwynd, BC and eight students from Okanagan Adventist Academy in Kelowna, who traveled to a foreign country to change lives, had their own lives changed and walked into the water to be baptized.

All Glory to God.