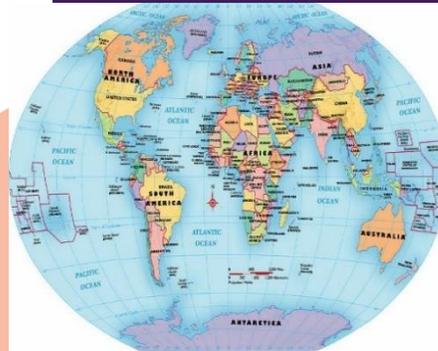


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This past August, Calvary Chapel Missions Team partnered with Tent NYC, a faith-based ministry located in Bushwick, Brooklyn and took some teens and young adults alongside more seasoned missionaries on a trip to Puerto Rico. We stayed at Tent NYC's

campground in Rio Grande, a mountainous area near El Yunque National Rain Forest. From there, we travelled daily to different areas in Puerto Rico including Loiza, Humacao and Fajardo where we ministered to schoolchildren and



Acts 1:8 "and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

helped with cleanup of a school for orphaned and abused young women. The trip was a great balance of missionary outreaches coupled with team building activities. Attached are some pictures from that mission trip. It was encouraging to see how the youth were fully engaged in all the activities and how

they opened up during our debriefing sessions to share about their daily experiences and how God was using them and touching lives through them. We are looking forward to future missionary trips that involve our teens and young adults.



A NEW BEGINING

The grand opening of the new church house in Mulgoba.



"Beloved Brothers and sisters of Calvary Chapel SI, Last night we did a social activity in our church it was something we had been striving for a long time and yesterday we were able to do it. While the brothers laughed and had fun I meditated and thanked God for you our church has seen

and felt God's love and care through your hands. A dream come true to have such a great place, where to praise God freely and feel at home. To see today here the young people who have stayed since yesterday at camp and today they are making food

and sharing quality time my heart as a shepherd is full of GRATITUDE for God and with you. My God will abundantly fill all that you lack in Christ Jesus Blessed You A hug from Mulgoba, Havana Cuba Territory declared for Christ and blessed from New York"

Pastor Ariel Benitez

Reflections of a missionary...by Giselle Dominicci

I really did not know. I really did not understand. I used to sit and listen to people who went on a mission trip with half an ear and a distracted attitude. I did not get the change, the passion that they experienced. Maybe I was not really listening because I always thought missionaries were special people that had a special calling. I was not one of those people, or so I thought. When I traveled to Cuba, I did not really know what to expect. Poverty, yes. A civilization that had not progressed like the U.S, yes. However, what I did not expect was the sacrificial love and unity the Cuban people had for one another. Neighbors all knew one another and when one had a need, the others pitched in. When one was hungry, the others shared what little they had. They treated us like part of the family, long lost and returned. They also had a thirst and reverence for God. Their worship was full of unbridled passion and honor. One could feel the emotion and sense the Holy Spirit descend when praises were raised to a Holy God. I realized that since we have so much, it distracts us from the ultimate bond with God. The Cubans had church every night. There were no televisions, no concerts, and no movies. In that instance, they were free to worship. Free to call on a Holy God that lends an attentive ear to his children. I loved it. Even though I did not share too much of the word due to a language barrier, I pitched in and helped every instance I could, sharing my testimony, painting, cleaning and helping with the clinic. I learned how material things have a place for comfort, but I will never complain about what I do not have, and this trip just reinforced the many blessings that we all have. Missions is an operation by a church offering assistance to needy people. I left Cuba feeling I was the needy person that changed by the love and graciousness of the people I met. We are all called to be a part of the mission field, no matter where it is, in another country or right outside our doors.

TRAVEL TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Where were the first Winter Olympics held?

- France
- Greece
- United States

Longest Bridges in the U.S.?

- Lake Pontchartrain Causeway
- Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel
- Bonnet Carré Spillway Bridge

Country Names You've Been Mispronouncing

- **Iraq** - How it's pronounced: ee-rock
- **Antigua** - How it's pronounced by many locals: an-tee-guh
- **Qatar** - How it's pronounced: kut-ahr