



**Collecting sap from maple trees**, senior Aaron Burns helps the community of Natick, Mass. during the week of March 8. The campaigners helped encourage the church by spending time with the people and helping at an organic farm where they collected sap to be made into maple syrup. *Courtesy of Nate Copeland*

**Performing a skit from 2 Kings 6:8-23** was one of the things that junior Elijah Pleasant and senior Boe Surbeck did for a Vacation Bible School at the Alma School Road Church of Christ in Chandler, Ariz. the week of March 8. The mission team participated in the VBS, which had a boot camp theme. *Courtesy of Nate Copeland*

**Juniors Kristin McEuen and Bonnie Enix**, sophomore Clare Brown and junior Tiqua Lovett visit a historical graveyard in Boston. A group of students traveled with OutReach America to visit places that needed church planting teams, participate in youth rallies and take in the sights. *Courtesy of Marvin Crowson*

**In order to clean** the windows of an AIDS Shelter, senior Ben Skinness and junior Matt Voss had to hang out the upstairs window the week of March 8 during their trip to Federal Way, Wash. The group made lunch and cookies for the people living in the house; the shelter helped people find jobs and learn to provide for themselves. *Courtesy of Nate Copeland*

**Senior Julianne Pettey** sits on the edge of the Grand Canyon on March 30, 2009 during a spring break campaign. Although the focus of the trip is serving God and helping others, students still had time to tour the area and have fun. *Courtesy of Nate Copeland*



# Spring Break Campaigns

For some of the students who took part in spring break mission trips, the good work being done ended along with the week. They came back to school and possibly never again saw those they helped. But for others, a spring break mission was just the beginning of relationships formed and services rendered between students and the people targeted on those missions.

Sophomore Emily Sansom, and seniors Lindsay Bolton, Tori Dobbs and InaBeth Donaldson committed to spending their spring break in Catamas, Honduras, helping kids and their families in need. The work included digging latrines for families, helping care for children at a disabled orphanage and painting.

"The orphanage had just built a wall that divided their large front room into a toy room and a new dining room," Sansom said. "Previously, the children had been eating outside where the flies and insects would get into their

meals. So we got to turn the new dining room into a work of art."

In addition to accomplishing these projects for the people in Catamas, the group got to witness the physical and emotional improvement of the kids even from just one week of being there.

"It was God's hand at work that week, there is no doubt," Donaldson said. "A little girl named Pattie was ditching the wheelchair for a sturdy hand to hold while she walked. A boy named Antonio, who was chained up to keep him from hurting himself was free of his chains when we left!"

Sansom said she started using her spring break as a time to do missions when she was a senior in high school.

"There is no better way to spend your spring break than showing God's love to orphans," she said.

For Bolton, Dobbs and Donaldson, this was their first time on a mission trip. All of the

women agreed that the best thing they did was just spending time with the children and showing them the love of God.

"For me it was a wonderful reality check that the Lord has blessed me with so much," Dobbs said.

The girls were involved in supporting the people they met in Honduras even after they returned from the trip.

"Since last spring we have raised money for the orphanage as well as collected diapers and supplies to be shipped," Donaldson said.

The experience had such an impact on Donaldson that she and her family also decided to spend Christmas in Honduras. The work done on this campaign continued to have lasting effects on both those that went and those who were served.

"This trip was not a single campaign for any of us involved but a call to a ministry in need," Donaldson said.

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