

# DBU tennis team ministers in Chile

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DALLAS—For members of the [Dallas Baptist University](#) tennis team, “love” means more than a way of keeping score. It’s what motivated them to spend their fall break ministering to children in Chile.



A Dallas Baptist University student teaches tennis techniques to students from the Amazing Grace School in La Serena, Chile. (PHOTO / Brittany Harley / DBU) Team members saw God’s “amazing love in action” as they shared their faith with children at Amazing Grace School in La Serena, Chile, participants noted. Meredith Robinson, a sophomore from Rowlett, and Brandon Elliott, a freshman from Midland, both called the experience “life-changing.”

“God surpassed each and every expectation I had, grew me closer to my teammates, let me witness his amazing love in action, and blessed me with memories and lessons that will last the rest of my life,” Robinson said.

Elliott never participated in a mission trip before, and he acknowledged he didn't know what to expect.

"Jesus took over in that school," he said. "I am so thankful I got to go and be a part of what Jesus did in Chile."

The trip to Chile marked the 13th mission trip sponsored by the DBU athletic department as part of its Global Sports Mission Initiative, which provides student-athletes opportunities to share the love of Christ overseas.

### **Tennis clinics**

The DBU team led morning devotions, taught English, presented their Christian testimonies and conducted tennis clinics. Jay Harley, dean of student affairs and spiritual life at DBU, and his wife, Brittany, trained local parents and Bible teachers on how to share their faith in Jesus with non-Christian friends, and they led two chapel services for the students of Amazing Grace School.

"Six students at Amazing Grace School accepted Christ after members of the tennis team presented the gospel," Harley said. "The leadership at Amazing Grace School told us they had been praying that this would be the year of spiritual harvest at their school and that God had brought the harvest with us. They also said they thought our group would do well with English teaching, but were so surprised and blessed by the spiritual component."

### **Growing spiritually**

Cannon Jones, a freshman from Colleyville, rejoiced not only at the number of Chilean students who professed faith in Christ, but also at the way he grew spiritually through the experience.

“Even though there was a language barrier that was frustrating at times, the kindness of the Chileans showed through,” Jones said. “I have never been so close to Christ.”