

Mexico: In need of hope

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It was a beautiful, amazing, and exhausting day. We got to play with the kids at the orphanage.



Some of the children in the orphanage Allison Banks served with in Mexico this summer.

It was great getting to spend time with them. I got to know their names, hear their voices, and see their smiles. I wiped noses, dried tears, cleaned up blood, put shoes back on, tickled, spoke broken Spanish, and gave countless hugs and kisses. Thank you, Lord, for bring me here for your glory and to teach me more of the gospel through these orphans. I pray I am blessing them as much as they are blessing and teaching me.

It is so easy to get overwhelmed here by the sheer number of the kids and by trying to control them all. But then when I think about how many of them need love, need attention, need a hug, and need a family, it is heartbreaking. I just want to get to all of them. I find myself thinking if I could just get them a family, get them a home where they would be loved,

everything would be OK. It seems like they have no hope, and they need help.

And then I realize that's how God saw us. We were hopeless, and he had to get to us so bad that he sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to make a way. We are the orphans. He is the rescuer. Thank you, God for rescuing me when I was hopeless and dying. You are my Savior.

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