

What have you felt has been the main thing or main things that God has revealed to you during your time in Korea?

He has used my time in Korea to show me the many characteristics of love, some of which I had yet to witness or experience. Firstly, I received a glimpse of insight into what to give unconditional love means. It's difficult to put into words, but there was a moment while I was spending time with the children when I felt completely maternal and merciful, a feeling I had never felt before. God also revealed to me that love has no limits. No matter what happened I was able to love a child more the next day even if they angered me. But the most invaluable revelation I had was that that is how He feels towards me. Nothing can stop Him from loving me, even at my worst.

Please share or list some of the joys of your time here.

The kids. They are irreplaceable and I know that my time would have been completely different without them in the picture. I particularly enjoyed spending late nights up with the junior high school girls I lived with because that was when they were most relaxed and open with me. One of the girls occasionally fell asleep while I explained to her God's love while holding my hand. They were all like the younger siblings I had once prayed for.

Please share or list some of the difficulties of your time here.

During an on site five-day camp, I experienced a great amount of physical and emotional stress. The camp was physically demanding of course, but the mental and emotional challenges were unpredictable. Sometimes the children acted so out of character that I became frustrated and often irritated at myself for not knowing how to resolve the situation. Other times I felt unsure about how to act around staff members, although they were all extremely nice, because gossip spread like wildfire within the facility.

How do you feel Jerusalem Ministry could better equip or prepare future summer volunteers?

Perhaps some sort of basic training or briefing might benefit future volunteers. I felt so under prepared when it came to teaching the children English and trying to introduce God to them, let alone share my testimony. And also, if Jerusalem Ministry could be more accountable for the volunteers it would help in regards to communicating with the ministry and also receiving much needed encouragements and/or direction.

Please share any extra comments, advice, or reflections you have for the ministry.

It was my pleasure serving at Namsan on behalf of Jerusalem Ministry and could not have asked for a better experience. I have certainly benefited from meeting some of the brothers and sisters at JM regardless of how short our time together was. I pray that this ministry will continue to expand outward and reach all those in need of His Grace.