

Tina Lee's Reflections

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

While serving at Sangrok, God has revealed to me how to love with no conditions. My prayer before going to the home was to love the children with not my love, but with Christ's love. The love that Christ has poured into my life so abundantly was not to keep for myself, but it was to be shared. Serving at the home has opened my eyes to see these children through the eyes of Christ.

Another prayer of mine was for me to totally be dependent on him. There were many times where I felt drained, but I held on to his words and went into prayer for the home and for myself. I also had my accountability partner, Erica, who kept me accountable in her prayers and encouragement. My desires before entering the house was to dive into the words, my daily bread, daily and also to be a woman firmly rooted in prayer. God has definitely listened to my prayers for I was able to gain a more intimate relationship with my daddy.

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

The soccer camp was one of my most memorable experiences. It was so awesome to play soccer with the little boys and to just pour God's love on them. I was so blessed to see the boys open up as days went by. In the beginning the boys were shy and were emotionless. They seemed like they did not want to be there. However as time progressed, we were able to see God's hand move as he touched the boys through his love that he poured out through our volunteers. I was blessed as the little boys opened up to me more and more.

Living at Sangrok was not what I had expected. The majority of the children were always busy with academies, camps and other events that Erica and I were not able to spend as much time, apart from English class, as we desired with the children. However when time was available, I loved going out to get ice-cream and eat with the kids. Those times were essential because the kids opened up a lot more and we were able to see a different side of them. Eating ice-cream, going Karaoke, or just playing at the park with the little kindergarten girls was so memorable. Even though we were not able to spend a lot of time with the children, those times that we had were essential and beautiful.

The times I had to minister to the house-aunts were amazing. I was able to tell a bit of my testimony with one of the aunts, and she did the same. I was able to grow closer with the aunts which were another blessing.

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

I think the most difficult thing living at the home was the fact that the children were always so busy. We were not able to spend a lot of time with the kids as much as we wanted to. They were

so busy with academies, sports, camps and more that we were not able to spend more one on one time with the kids.

Also, since all the children had different schedules, there was no order in the house. Teaching English was not the easiest thing because many days the kids would not be there.

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

For future summer volunteers, an overview about what the houses will be like would be helpful so that the volunteers will know what to expect when they live at the homes. Also, before coming to the homes, it would be nice if the volunteers can meet the director and other higher figures in the homes, so that a relationship can be made before entering the house. There was a lot of awkwardness because the director is not always at the house, and since we did not know him from the beginning at a more familiar level, interactions tended to be a bit awkward.

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

For me, living at the home was a true blessing from God. This experience has taught me a lot about his love and also about me. Whoever is the next summer volunteer, I would like to tell them that they had made an amazing decision that will change their life forever. This opportunity gives us a chance to serve, to love, to learn and to love more. I was able to bless the children, but more than me blessing, I was blessed by them a lot more.