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Clothes are what I would ask for...

It is the day before departure & though I greatly miss my family & look so forward to seeing them, it is so hard to leave where you desire to serve. Today, I ask one of the 15 year old boys, "If Jesus was standing here in His human form & He said that you can have one thing, what would you ask for?" His response was, "Clothes." I almost cried. I wonder what one thing would I ask for? What one thing would you? My Daily Bread devotion this Wednesday (08 Oct 2014) morning was titled Where Do I Start & the scripture was Luke 11:1—10. Though the lesson was to guide us to the Lord's instructions on how & when to pray, what I derived from it is:

Jesus was an example for us all to follow. He was a teacher & provided us instructions on every aspect of our life. He gave us directions, as a teacher should. He traveled great distances to teach, as we (Cindy & I) have. I want to be more like Jesus every day and to have been called and then given the opportunity to come teach is a Blessing beyond words. So, where do we start....with a child of God who simply wants clothes.

As the picture displays, it is a group of students walking down a dirt road. This dirt road covered with loose soil that the feet of Jesus could have walked on in His human body, but on this day, He walks in the Spirit of these eager students so boldly willing to share the Love of Jesus with the community that they live in. They were bold to stand up in front of all the adults at the public market place. I use the term bold because within this culture children have a very subservient role, so it is



unusual for them to stand up & not only boldly share health information, but to share Jesus. Their courage received positive comments such as: The teaching touched my heart deeply; these students were better than the secondary students (meaning better than high school children); & if more teachings like this could be



done. Way to go students. Throughout the Health program, we taught & explained God's Word, and then to see it in action was awesome. I sat amongst the students on huge tree roots and watched as some shyly presented and others boldly stated, knowledge is no good if it isn't put into action and that nothing matters without knowing Jesus. I wanted to stand up & say, "Amen". I don't think I could have been any prouder of a group of children. If we teach children how to be an example of Jesus Christ, we can change them, their homes, their villages, nations, & whole countries. As Jesus is the future to our eternal home, children are our

future to our earthly one. So, I pray that all who are given the opportunity to read this will walk away thinking, "Wow, I need to play a part in teaching a child(ren) to know, love, & follow Jesus Christ -so that they can be a strong light in such a dark world".