

Kids of Giving & Charity:

It was the day we performed our church camp for the congregation and community in Belize. I would say it was quite a success as we averaged about 5 participants per group; this is a pretty strong showing for such a small congregation. The kid's energy and enthusiasm to learn and attend was what gave me great joy. The smiles on their faces were easily contagious. There was a little guy named Kevin who showed up late to our class was very timid and Mandee had spoke up and asked if the kids would kindly give up some of their colors that we had passed out earlier. They all eagerly wanted to give Kevin the crayons they had received, offering him handfuls. It didn't end there though as we concluded the service we handed out goody bags filled with candy and small toys. Netti, a younger boy was playing with me and I showed him how to use a toy popper, (the rubber toy you push inside out and it pops up off the floor). He was fascinated for a bit then he quickly asked, "where is your bag?" I replied, "Oh no, I don't get one" and it was so amazing what he did next, he reached in his bag and grabbed a few toys and handed them to me. I was so amazed the love these kids displayed. **Matthew 22:38 "And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"**, and these kids were witnessing that to me. It went further after we finished playing soccer Alex asked about my bandana and I said, "Here you can have it" and gave him my sweat drenched bandana and his face lit up, I've never seen it. A kid in complete joy from something so small we take for granted things in almost every aspect of our lives. **2 Corinthians 9:11 "Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."** The kids struck my heart with love and humility, and I am thankful God softened my heart through the charity of my brothers and sisters.