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I smiled from ear to ear as I heard it. I could barely contain myself. I needed to go home and sleep for about a week, but that one comment made it all worth it. She didn't know I was listening, but I heard her say it. "I could totally handle sleeping on the floor and not showering if that's what it took to be a missionary. I think God is calling me to missions." There's the payoff. We do short-term missions so that students will catch a vision of what God is doing in the world and respond to God's call on their lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend an incredible missions experience to you. The comment I noted above was made following our Senior High Summer Missions Trip to Canada with Youth With A Mission Victoria. It was our second trip with YWAM Victoria and each time students responded with an amazing heart for missions. If you are looking for a short-term missions opportunity, I recommend you look into Youth With A Mission Victoria, British Columbia. The program we joined was a 10 day experience that began with 3 days of missions training and spiritual preparation. This alone was a great time of growth and team-building. It really set the tone for the entire time. Following the 3 days of training, we went to Vancouver Island and ministered to First Nation people in Port Renfrew. God moved in amazing ways as students caught a glimpse of poverty and need. God captured our entire team with a vision for these people as well as a vision for missions wherever we may be. Of course, there are other opportunities for ministry with YWAM, but regardless of the ministry venue, there is always a picture of God's big plan for missions and how students can be a part of that incredible plan.

YWAM is not the only missions opportunity out there and you certainly need to pursue what works with your particular ministry, but YWAM has been a great fit for our ministry in so many ways. I encourage you to consider YWAM if you are looking for a well-done, positive short-term missions experience for youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Bendorf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kyle Bendorf
Pastor of Student Ministries