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I have been on many work and witness trips for my church around my community and in other countries. Since 2002 I have participated in what we call encounter annually. We go to a community that has a Church of the Nazarene that needs cleaned up or extra work. Some of the places I have gone to are Miami, Arcadia, Pahokee, and Punta Gorda. I painted pavilions, picked up yards and cleared a house after a hurricane, and feed homeless.

I have also been on two trips that took me to Brazil and Barbados. In both places I helped build a church and parts of a camp ground. We painted 120 bunk beds, paved a walk way, layed sod and worked with children in Brazil. In Barbados we painted a historical building, put windows and doors on a church building, and cleared the land around it.

I volunteered the summer 2004 at Charlotte Regional Hospital. I worked in the education center, filling papers and making orientation packets for new workers. Right now I am working with my nursing class to put together a HIV/AIDS awareness week at three high schools. We will be speaking to the schools in the first three weeks of April. My class is also working with the Charlotte County Department of Health to put together a web site for students and parents to find out answers about STD's. We are hoping to have the web site finished by the end of April, early May.

I help out at my church all the time. I work in the nursery, teach children's church, and work the computer to project the music on the wall. When we have any special days I am always there early and late, to set up and clean up. We just had a work day and I painted a wall, paved a part of our court yard, and moved supplies from different rooms.

I plan on continuing to go on work and witness trips and working in my community when I go to college. I love helping people that are in need and giving back to the community. I hope that I have touched at least one persons life, or will in the future.

