

Day 1 Reflection

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This is a summary of my first day headed to/in Belize – a full 24 hours of which I spent a minimal part sleeping. But almost 24 hours of wakefulness leaves plenty of time for reflection!

There's nothing like the somewhat delusional yet weirdly lucid musings of a teenage mind with not much to do but stare at the clouds.

As I looked at the clouds and thought about my expectations for this trip, the people I would be serving came to mind. I tried to envision their situation – all the things we have that

they don't. I thought of how easily I could be in their place had God so willed it. It seemed almost unfair.

The topic we'll be discussing for Monday's Vacation Bible School is "When life is unfair, God is good." It seems to me that there's a misconception that we in the U.S. deserve our luxuries more than the next person and that our working in Belize is a condescension on our part – that those in Belize need God's goodness more than we do.

The absurdity of this idea was apparent today as we paraded (literally) down the streets of Belize City with Port Loyola Baptist Church to advertise for VBS this week. The open invitation to God's goodness we extended is truly meant for all.

And, in the same way that our world seems so different on the ground than it appears from an airplane, so life's seeming unfairness is worked into God's perfect and good plan – one that we are privileged to be a part of.