

Day 4 Reflection

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The Lord spoke, and he said, “Put the hammer down. This ain’t working out for you.”

So as I think about today, I am not reflecting on my opportunity to help build a Sunday School building. I’m not focusing on the happy smiles seen at the end of the day because of

the bus ride back to our hotel, sipping on Cholis (a local frozen coffee- or strawberry-flavored treat).

Rather, I’m fascinated that while in this country, I’ve learned there are dreamers just like you and I.

Painted on a building on our route, I read a variation on Mahatma Gandhi’s famous quote: “Be the change that you think Belize can be.”

Seeing this reminded of a conversation I had with a young man while on the construction site. He wants to graduate college as a chemical engineer and help bring industry and manufacturing to Belize, to help create not just new value for his country but a better life for others.

He wants to be “the change” for his country.

You can truly feel this little community of Port Loyola in your inner soul. The love and respect that they have for one another and how they thrive to be a driving spirit for the city.

We were told that our mission is not only to be here in Belize. Our mission is to practice and learn from others how to spread the grace of God when we return home.

What I learned to today was to embrace others and their dreams. More importantly it was to believe in yourself, or better stated, “Belize in yourself.”