

Day 5 Reflection

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Working with the construction crew in the blazin' Belizin' sun has given a new meaning to the phrase, "hot and sweaty." We begin the day clean and fresh, but in less than 5 minutes our clothes absorb several pounds of humidity and sweat and stick to our bodies. Feeling hot and sticky is the new normal.

The construction crew is comprised of 6 professional construction workers from Belize who have ties to Port Loyola Baptist Church and some of our missionaries from SVPC. None of us from SVPC are professional builders – and we do not have any delusions that we might be.

We jumped right in from the beginning and are becoming quite skilled in many areas of construction. On Wednesday, the crew helped dig a ginormous hole and lined it with hand-mixed concrete and concrete blocks. This 9-by-4-foot "hole" will encase Port Loyola Baptist Church's new Sunday School building's septic tank. Additionally, we continued our work cutting and placing joists for the eventual floor.

After a long, sweaty day, a delicious dinner was served to us at Port Loyola Baptist Church, followed by their Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer meeting. Everyone at PLBC has been kind and patient and has treated us like family.

My reflections of the day can best be summarized with the words of a familiar song.

*We will work with each other, we will work hand in hand,
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our LOVE!*

It has been a blessing to SWEAT and SERVE!