

## Day 6 Reflection

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Today was our last day of serving the community of Port Loyola, and what a day it was. The church and its members truly graced us this week with their love and friendship. Let me introduce you to a few of those people:



**Deacon Joseph Jones:** He has a bigger-than-life personality. A true one-of-a-kind. Genuine, caring, loving and well, loud. He raps, “Sunday school is for everyone,” and several other original rap songs. He is Meshach’s father and one of the three founding deacons of PLBC. You cannot help but like Deacon Jones. He is one of the true pillars of PLBC.

**Sister Georgia:** Georgia is one of the 6-8 women of PLBC who cook and serve us meals – every day of every trip. (God bless them all!) Georgia is always smiling and laughing as she greets you and serves you. She has the type of smile that breaks down all barriers and makes you feel good all over. Her smile is the image I see every time I think of PLBC. It is genuine; it is uplifting; and it is freely and lovingly given every time you see her. The only time she tries not to smile is when you ask to take her picture, but she can’t help but smile anyway.



**Sister Debbie:** Debbie is the adult Sunday School class teacher. I have had the privilege of going to her class four times. She taught all four classes. Each class was about a different topic, but each class brought a strong message. She is not passive; she is not shy; she brings Jesus’s message with gusto. You know she loves God, and she wants you to as well. She has taught Sunday School every week since 1999 with only one week off per year.

The 2019 Belize trip had some new twists. One new event was the first tri-annual Pelican Cup. With a raucous crowd of over 50 on hand, more than 25 contestants

– SVPC missionaries and our Belizean hosts – battled it out in a Foursquare match for the trophy. The trophy was made of bullet wood by our very own construction team. The winner of the first Pelican Cup was SVPC’s own Rebecca McMenemy, who is bringing home the trophy to SVPC for the next 3 years until the second Pelican Cup is scheduled in 2022.

Finally, I would like to give a special shout out to all of our college students and recent college graduates who came back on another Belize mission trip. They were great ambassadors for both our church and wonderful mentors for our youth: Meredith McDowell, Justin Owen, Darby St. Onge and Zane O’Mara.

