

Another Round of Programs

I am almost two weeks out of another round of back to back programs. This time I started with a one week DAR, that went Monday to Saturday, then went straight into a four week Compass. The transition this time felt like major whiplash! For DAR I had five 11- 13 year olds. Not going to lie, this older, preteen age is my favorite. This group in particular though was extra sweet, kind, and quiet. They were honestly almost too quiet. A big part of debriefing for kids is the side conversations they have while working on projects or having free time. These five though would just quietly work. Now, it wasn't that they didn't get along or have fun together, I think I just had a group of major introverts and quieter kids. So imagine going from that for a week to then Monday walking into a group of six 7- 11 year olds who liked to talk A LOT!! That first week of Compass felt like major whiplash! This was probably one of my more challenging programs to teach yet. Lots of different things came up with almost every child. On the last day though, when you can see the bound they all formed and the giant hugs goodbye they give, you remember that it is all worth it.

✦ NEW TERMS

MTI: Mission Training International

Compass: Pre Field Training Program

Chips: CHildren Intercultural ProgramS

(aka the kid's portion)

In the middle of these last five week I realized how much the toll of doing double programs, some team dynamics, and outside life of planning a wedding and buying a home was taking. I'm feeling pretty tired and worn out. Thankfully we finally have a break in programs for a bit! I have three weeks now of no programs, then a one week DAR, then another three weeks of no program before the next Compass. While the task list is still long, I am grateful to have some down time and rest from programs.



During this five week stretch Ben closed on a townhome for us! He has moved into it and is living with it partially furnished until the wedding when I will move in. We are so grateful for this blessing and it already feels so much like home!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For rest and renewal during this program break.
- For wisdom on some team dynamics that are a little challenging.
- MTI is thankfully hiring more people for our CHIPs team! Unfortunately though not for the position I am doing double duty in. Pray for the right person for that position to come along.