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Help After the Hurricane

Hurricane Michael hit Panama City, Florida, on October 10, devastating buildings in its path. Amazing Grace Lutheran Church was one of the storm's victims. Ten MLC students cut short their midterm breaks, took a week off classes, and joined WELS members from other congregations to help our brothers and sisters there clean up the wreckage.

They were a great blessing to Amazing Grace, but the experience was also a huge blessing in the volunteers' lives. "One of my favorite parts was seeing how this Christian congregation pulled together," **Ben Kieta** says. "They demonstrated how Christian fellowship is supposed to work."

"It was eye-opening to see how upbeat and positive they were even when their homes had been destroyed," says **Brooke Rhoden**. "Daily the pastor reminded us, 'This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!'"

"We were there when they had a church service in this tiny room—their first indoor service since the church had been almost destroyed," says **Izak Jirik**. "It was amazing to be there as we all sang the hymn, 'What Is the World to Me.'"



Meet Brianna Asik-Quezada

"The most important part about being a teacher is sharing God's Word with my students," says **Brianna Asik-Quezada** (WISCO / St. Lucas-Milwaukee). Since seventh grade, Brianna has wanted to be a teacher, but for a long time, she wasn't sure what kind. Eventually, she decided to double major in elementary ed and secondary Spanish.

One thing Brianna didn't anticipate when she decided on MLC was the chance to travel. "I never knew I would have the opportunity to go to Italy and Argentina in my first year at MLC! In Italy, I got to walk along the Appian Way—seeing and feeling history! In Argentina, I stayed with a wonderful host family, and the experience started a fire in me to learn more about Latin America."

Traveling is one of Brianna's passions, but she also loves her MLC life. "I love the family feel at MLC," Brianna says. "I know I could knock on any dorm room door and ask for help and someone would be there for me." And if you knocked on Brianna's door, she would be there for you. "Brianna is the biggest giver I have ever met," says **Cassie Rose** (KML / Good Shepherd-West Bend WI). "She cares so deeply about everyone she interacts with and tries to provide them with anything they might need or want. She does all of this even without being asked and with unselfish motives—not looking for recognition."

Brianna's advice for you as you make your college choice: "Keep an open mind. It's okay to feel confused right now. Look to Jesus for assurance that it'll be okay. Just breathe."

Brianna holds grapes bought on the streets of Venice while wearing a jacket, hat, and scarf she bought at a thrift store along the way—just one adventure on her trip to Italy. MLC facilitated the trip and granted a credit in history.