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Daylight . . . In Their Words

MLC's Daylight program offers opportunities for students to gain practical ministry experiences while benefiting churches and schools all over the country—and beyond. I asked **Alaina Wiedoff** (*KML / Peace-Hartford WI*) and **Anna Borgwardt** (*WLA / Redeemer-Fond du Lac WI*) about the ministry they did and the people they served.

Alaina, you recently took a Daylight trip to a church in Puerto Rico? That's incredible! What were some of the highlights?

"This Daylight trip was filled with so many highlights and beautiful moments. **Emily Raymond** (*Lakeside / Peace-Sun Prairie WI*), **Hannah Westra** (*LPS / Bethlehem-Hortonville WI*), and I were blessed to stay with the pastor of Iglesia Luterana Cristiana, the church we were working at for the week. We spent time repainting a mural in the church as well as visiting those who are not able to attend the services. We also handed out Christian flyers most nights in the plaza of Guayama and got to talk with some families about our faith in Jesus and about MLC's Daylight program. Pastor showed us some of his favorite places around the island and told us many stories about Puerto Rico, his life, and his love for Christ and the ministry. I enjoyed seeing the beauty of Puerto Rico, but what I hold even closer to my heart are the moments spent with Pastor and the members of the church. There weren't many members, but their love for God shone so brightly."

Anna, you and some friends went to Amarillo, Texas. What was it like serving in a congregation that's in its first year?

"The church is a brand new startup, so we got to canvass and help out with various things in the community. We helped pack boxes of food for families at a food bank, cleaned parks, and read to grade schoolers at the local public school. We even helped clean and set up what will hopefully be the church's new rental building."

Anna, how has your trip changed the way you think about training for ministry at MLC?

"When we receive our calls from God, we'll need to take the training from MLC and mold it to fit the position and community in which we're placed. This new church in Amarillo was a great model for us for how to keep God's love and grace at the center of everything we do while still finding creative ways to reach people."

Alaina, in what ways do you think Daylight helps prepare MLC students for ministry?

"Daylight encourages you to go out into the world to share God's Word and his love, which is ultimately what Christ commands us—what we're all here to do. It's so good for us to step out of our comfort zones and see the ways God is willing to work in and through us. I'm so thankful for Daylight, and I pray many others have the opportunity to experience the beauty of ministry through this program."

Where will you go? New Daylight opportunities are always popping up. We can't wait to send you out to shine your light in the world!



Hannah, Emily, and Alaina enjoyed some beautiful ministry opportunities in Puerto Rico and had plenty of time to enjoy God's creation too.



Alaina and Hannah used their artistic abilities to help create art that will point to Christ for years to come.



Anna's crew and members of Pastor Hans Thomford's church served at the community food bank. Pastor Thomford previously served as a tutor at MLC.