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Daylight: Sent to Serve with the Gospel

When MLC students go on a Daylight ministry trip, it often takes them to the farthest corner of the country—and beyond our borders too. There they might lead a VBS, coach at a sports Bible camp, teach music lessons, assist at worship, lend humanitarian aid, and much more. Here's a glimpse at two recent trips:



Maryland: Daylight mission trips often include canvassing, but a December trip to Atonement-Parkville MD put a festive twist on an outreach staple: Christmas caroling!

"I'd never heard of a caroling Daylight trip," said **Carson Mattek**. It was a unique approach—and it taught Carson's team a valuable ministry skill: perseverance.

"While caroling, we knocked at 34 houses. Not a single one of the first 13 answered the door," he said. "We were pretty discouraged, but then we got to the 14th house. A very nice lady answered, we sang and invited her to church, and it was awesome. We kept going, and people kept answering. If we had stopped after those first 13 houses, dozens of people wouldn't have heard the gospel that night."

*Pictured: **Carson Mattek** (FVL / The Mission-Willis TX), **Silas Hillmer** (LPS / St. Matthew-Oconomowoc WI), **Abraham Schlomer** (LPS / St. Matthew-Oconomowoc WI), and **Isaiah Scharf** (LPS / St. Paul-New Ulm MN) take in the skyline at night.*

Mexico: Daylight trips take students to other countries and cultures too. Three guys spent a week in a sugarcane workers' camp outside Cuernavaca, Mexico, over J-Term.

Jordan Otto (Southern Nevada Voc-Tech / St. John-St. Paul MN), **Evan Otto** (SCLA / St. John-St. Paul MN), and **Temo Ramirez** (WISCO / Zion-South Milwaukee WI) led VBS lessons and activities for the children who live with their families in small makeshift shelters. They also brought clothing donations and helped lead a worship service.

What made this trip unique was that while serving these impoverished people, the team was able to share the gospel using their Spanish language skills.

"I loved working with the other people involved in the VBS," said Jordan. "It was a blessing to see a group of Christians who have a passion for sharing the gospel. Even though we live in different countries, we have a Savior who unites us. It was also heartwarming to see how excited the kids were to see us and hear God's Word from us."



Daylight trips really make a difference—to congregations, to missions, and to MLC students! That's why we encourage all students to take a Daylight trip at least once while at MLC. How and where might you serve?