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## Grace—More Than a Message on the Mission Field

Perhaps the pinnacle of the Charis Bible College experience is the second-year mission trip. It's where faith gets put into practice and the grace message comes alive through the students.

For a little more than a week, class is not in session - at least, not in the traditional sense for these students. No, it's time to go to school on the field. That may not seem like a lot of time to learn very much, but God doesn't need much time to turn head knowledge into experiential heart knowledge in these students' lives.

"It's all about the students

and preparing the students," says World Outreach missions manager Michelle Patterson. However, not every student is excited about the opportunity of going. That is, not until they've gone and God has touched their hearts!

Michelle recalls a student named Tatum:

"There was a student several years ago, when she was getting ready to go on her mission trip - her name was Tatum - she did not want to go. She was a single mom with two kids - she didn't want to leave her kids. And she was just really freaking out

about going on a mission trip. She ended up going. Even the first few days of the trip, she wanted to come back home. She did not want to be there. Well, finally, on the third day, the Lord just really changed her heart. She fell in love with it . . . She ended up completing the third-year Mission School [now called Global Training School] and went to India for six weeks . . . Then she went to the Dominican Republic. So, the mission trip just totally changed her heart for missions. She was actually the Mission School speaker at her graduation . . . We have a lot of testimonies like that, of just seeing transformations, and what

the students go back and do.”

It's trips like these that turn students, who may have been hesitant to go to a foreign land, into powerful advocates who can't wait to go back! Michelle explains, “There's a lot of awesome things happening . . . the things that happen on the trips with the ministry that takes place, the lives that are touched there, how it changes the lives of the students, and then the giftings that come out of them. Maybe they go and are afraid to teach and they come back and they're like, ‘Wow, now I want to teach everywhere!’ Or they want to *pray* for everybody. Things that they had never

done before, they step out and do it on the trip, and it just really opens them up to want to do more.”

You can see why mission trips are required in order to graduate from Charis: Grace becomes more than a message; it becomes life-transforming! Lives are transformed by going and doing. Students must physically set their hands to the things that they have heard and learned.

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life . . . That which*

*we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us.*

1 John 1:1 and 3a

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## TESTIMONY:

**If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.**

**1 Corinthians 13:1, New International Version**

The true power that was manifested on our mission trip was the power of God's wonderful love in the pearl of Africa: Uganda. During the trip, our team loved well! There is one out of many captured moments I will remember the rest of my life. We had just preached the Gospel to over 400 pastors and leaders, and many were coming forward to receive prayer. Blind eyes were opened, many were healed of pain, and many were released from demonic spirits.

This is what it looks like when love is in action! The tenacious character of God is always pursuing and never gives up on His children!

— David DeGiacomo, Charis Sherman (Texas)



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