

SPRING BREAK



WEST, TEXAS



TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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BEACH REACH, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

MISSION TRIPS

Dallas Baptist University's Global Missions Office had the privilege of coordinating three unique opportunities for students to serve during their 2014 Spring Break. These students served in various communities in various ways, but all for the central purpose of bringing glory to God.

Fifty-one DBU students traveled to South Padre Island for the third consecutive year to share the Gospel with college students during their spring breaks. The DBU student team partnered with over 800 other evangelical college students from around the state for this week long mission. These students served pancakes on the island, gave free shuttle rides around the community, and cleaned up the beach, which allowed numerous opportunities for conversations about the Gospel to occur. Through serving and sharing the Gospel, 104 people committed their lives to Christ, and 21 people were baptized.

Meanwhile, twelve DBU students traveled to Tallahassee, Florida, to partake in the 2014 Habitat for Humanity mission trip. DBU has a special 26-year history of involvement with Habitat for Humanity,

and this year proved to be another great experience for the DBU students. Teaming with students from the University of Notre Dame, the DBU team worked diligently all week clearing a property for a new home to be built, as well as working on the installation of siding and a roof on another home.

Josh Hemby, Director of the Baptist Student Ministry at DBU, stated, "All of our DBU students worked together very well, and they all worked very hard, with hearts working unto the Lord." Hemby continued, "This was so appreciated by the Habitat employees and other volunteers."

In continuing to minister to the town of West, Texas, which suffered a devastating chemical explosion in the spring of 2013, DBU provided a group of five students to serve various needs throughout the town for the week. During their stay, the DBU team partnered with Texas Baptist Disaster Relief to clean a property for a woman who had lost her home, cleaned out a nursing home that was heavily devastated by the blast, and assisted with the continued cleaning and reordering of several other locations as needed that were directly impacted.

Matt Robison, Director of Student Services at DBU said, "This trip encouraged and reminded our students that God can use simple acts of service to show how much He loves those who are in need." Robison continued, "The team was inspired and learned the value of service and how service is used by God to love others."

Andrew Briscoe, Director of the Center for Service Learning at DBU, stated, "Providing our students ministry and service practice during their college experience has proved to be invaluable to their spiritual development." Briscoe added, "The students are falling in love with the idea of serving others for God's glory. Through the vision of our president, Dr. Gary Cook, we are seeking to cultivate a spirit of service, leadership, and unapologetic devotion to Christ during our students' experience here at DBU."

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