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Cebu 2008 was definitely a life changing mission trip for me. Despite it being the third mission trip that I've been to, this was definitely the most challenging and practical mission trip which was different from others.

There are many things to give thanks to God for this mission trip. Right from the first day when we arrived there, I thank God for preserving our lives. The tyre on the vehicle which we were traveling in burst, but it only burst when we reached Philippines Teen Challenge. The result could be disastrous had the tyre burst while we were on the way up the steep slopes.

Throughout this trip, I had to totally rely on God for the many things which I never thought I would have done and this trip was one which was practical in which we are required to live out what we talked about. I am not an adventurous person, thus when it comes to things like going down steep slopes, traveling on transportations which are different from what I know, I would have avoided them. Thanks be unto God, I

managed to overcome them all. One lasting memory from the trip was the night at the dumpsite, where we spent hours setting up the equipments in the hope to screen the movie. Though everything that can possibly fail did fail that night, I thank God that through it all, He was with us. I thank God too that throughout the whole incident, we kept going as we were told. None of us grumbled or reacted negatively.

Pastor Jacob was right when he declared that this trip would change my life and it did. Shortly after I came back from the trip, I had a company anniversary dinner to attend. That night, my friends got drunk and they threw up quite badly and I had to send them home. Normally, I would have avoided such scenarios as I can't stand the disgusting sight of vomit, not to mention having to have contact with the vomit. Yet, I am reminded of what I did in Philippines, having to embrace, to carry, to play with the street kids, though they might have been really dirty. In the end, I sent my friends home.

To conclude, doing things like cutting finger nails for the street kids and bathing them were certainly a humbling experience for me. I would probably not be given the chance to do so in Singapore. This mission trip is one that I would really encourage people to go, to experience the other side of life, to follow Christ's example in living out the gospel and not to take life for granted.

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