

# Emmanuel Ministries

**Dear Friends -**

**I have asked Whitney Anderson, our office assistant, to share this week. Enjoy!**

My summer experience:

I don't even know where to begin, this summer was amazing. I have had the privilege of being here every summer for the past 8 years and every summer it gets better. Getting to see the love others have for the children, the children they don't get to see everyday, is beautiful. This summer for me was a true blessing and unforgettable, because I got to see a group come to the Home to work with the youth.



The youth were involved in a summer camp called UCAN. I was asked to be a counselor and I am thankful I had the opportunity. Besides getting to see how the camp helped the youth, it was also of great benefit to me personally. It really opened up all of the minds of those who were involved. I have known a lot of the youth since they were little and it was precious for me to see them grow and learn things they never imagined. The camp helped the youth believe in themselves and understand that they can be whatever they want to be in life. That, I think, is one of the most important things to know and

understand in life.

I have had the opportunity to see Esmeralda grow from and little girl to a young adult. I have a special place for her, and all of the girls, in my heart. Our relationship has evolved from an older girl(me) doing her hair, making her bed, picking out her clothes, sharing a room, to a true friendship and respect for each other. She is very shy but once you get to know her you see how sweet and funny she really is. The last day of the UCAN camp each kid was able to stand in front of the others and say what and how they wanted to be in life. I was proud of Esmeralda, and it made me cry, because she wasn't afraid to stand in front of people and express her feelings. Thank you



Daive and C.J for helping the youth discover who they are and want to be.



I want to thank everyone who supports the Children's Home and contributes to the dream of every child. It is because of people like you that we can see the children,