



# **REACH**

## **WORKCAMP**

**Carly Williamson-**

**I would like to thank each and every one of you for making this mission trip possible. It means the world to us and to each of our neighbors.**

**I was a bit apprehensive when I found out that I was on a double crew. The first thought in my head was, 'How am I supposed to bond and become friends with twice the number of people that I am used to?' Luckily a double crew turned out to be a great thing. As the week progressed we all became good friends. My neighbor is the funniest guy I have ever met. His name is Tamaki and he loves to joke around. Tamaki really made an effort to get to know each and every person working on his house. Surprisingly, he was able to remember who told him what about themselves. Tamaki really touched my heart throughout the week. I sure do hope that we were able to touch his heart and draw him closer to God just like he did for me. Thank you all again for this wonderful life changing opportunity!**

**Mitch DeGraaf-**

**This trip showed me how God deserves all glory and praise. From working on houses and helping the needy to worshipping with over 400 Christians. God is worthy of praise and glory. God places us in these situations to better us even when it gets hard. No matter, He is there and we can look to Him and praise his name!**

**Luke Smith-**

**This was my first year at REACH and it was a wonderful experience. It showed me that everyone needs a little help and that God loves everyone no matter their circumstances. Thank you.**

**Nick Moore-**

**To me this was about changing someone's life.**

**The first day of work my neighbor Helen was shy and distant only saying Hello or Goodbye before leaving all day, which is understandable when a bunch of random energetic kids come to your house wanting to fix it up! Our assigned tasks were simply paint the rooms inside the house. It was a fairly small house, only 1 story with 5 small rooms to be painted. It had been a long time since these rooms had seen new paint and everyday we made progress, Helen spoke a little more until she was telling stories of her travels. On the last day we were packing up equipment when she got back. She toured the house and came back to us tearing up, saying "It's so pretty!" She told us how she is going to clean it up and show it off. One of the last things she said before we left was how much of a blessing we are. With just a few coats of paint we brought her house back to life hopefully to bring much joy to her life and many more stories!**