

## **Christian Ministry**



Danielle Flossinger spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on May 19. Daniel is majoring in Christian Ministry at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, with a Mission minor. She also plays volleyball there. Her sister is also on the team.

Daniel has a discipleship ministry and helps with a youth group as a summer intern. She has made three mission trips.

Daniel's first trip was with the volleyball team to the Dominican Republic, a Spanish speaking country. There she helped with a volleyball clinic on the ten day mission. The people where she was are very poor and most children only have one parent because the father will leave for a younger wife.

As a Sophomore Daniel went to Jonesboro, Arkansas. She was a co-leader of the ten day trip, so she learned a lot about planning. The children there are much like inner-city Omaha children. CityYouth Ministries, a non-profit organization (<http://www.cityyouthmin.com/>) has an after-school program that Daniele helped with. She did a lot of cleaning there.

In March this year, Danielle helped lead an international trip to Guatemala. There were six leaders, so she didn't learn as much about planning as she would have liked to.

The group of 18 people flew to Guatemala City, then drove for two hours to the mission home, which was in a very remote area. The mission home where they stayed is a gated area with an armed guard 24 hours a day.

In the area of Guatemala where she was, there is no middle class. There are only the poor and very rich. The rich are mainly wealthy farmers and the main crop is corn. The area has community cooking areas and the wealthier families cook for everyone. Most people are Catholic. The wealthy go to church and the poor don't go to church.

Here the mission group built four houses for people. Danielle was disappointed that they didn't teach the people how to build the houses, but instead built them with the people watching. The houses are 12 by 15 feet. The new owners were provided with a bed and a water filtration system.

Daniel met a girl, named Rena, who helped her and stayed with her when she was working. Since there is no mail system or delivery system, Danielle cannot send you letters or gifts. Children go to school until 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The last two days there Daniele helped with a medicine clinic. She helped package the medicine.

Danielle has enjoyed her missions, but would like to do more to help people. She may decide to go to Seminary for her Master's degree.