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BY ALEXI DECKER

Megan Reed found herself clinging to a broken bridge, suspended 30 feet above clear water below. "Next thing we know, one of the cables holding up the bridge snaps, and three people fall into the water. ... All of us were in shock."



Megan Reed

Megan didn't intend for her fun excursion into Belize's picturesque natural world to take a terrifying turn. The Andrews University senior went on the University's spring mission trip because she wanted to do something that would "be centered in Christ" and deepen her "understanding of him in the world."

She and the rest of the group from Andrews finished building an Adventist high school in a Mayan village near San Antonio during the day. In the evening, they held an evangelistic series as well as a vacation Bible school. Megan got to know several of the kids. "Their hearts are so open and full of love. ... Spending time with the children and understanding life from their eyes was really powerful."

The culture also impacted her takeaway from the trip. Due to Belize's cultural emphasis on family and relationships, "I am trying to be more aware of others as I gain a deeper understanding of what it means to truly love my neighbor," Megan says.

Fortunately, her broken-bridge experience didn't end in tragedy for anyone. "The water below was deep enough and there were no rocks, so those who fell in were safe. And everyone still on the bridge got off safely. Looking back on that experience," Megan says, "I like to think that our guardian angels were really working to make sure we were safe."

After graduating as a marketing major this spring, Megan plans to continue trusting God for the future. Her experience in Belize helped her realize the "gravity of God's word and his message, and how he really works when you make yourself available."

Megan remains sure that God will use her in the future just as he has in the past. In her words, "I am fully trusting God in wherever he would have me go, and I'm excited for whatever he has in store."

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