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BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

“God works in a lot of different ways!” says Aljandro “Alex” Gaytan, a college freshman. Alex participated in his first mission trip in 2010 when he was a senior at Andrews Academy. Forty students and staff built a church in Tuxtla, Mexico. Alex prayed for an incredible experience, and God answered, “Yes.”



Alex Gaytan

The group flew from Chicago to Mexico City the morning of their trip. While waiting for their flight to Tuxtla, one student realized the bag with both her passport and visa was lost. Alex and his mother were quickly put in charge of the situation because of their fluency in Spanish. With no time to spare, the three searched the airport for help.

“We searched all over the place. It was a big mess,” says Alex. “Fifteen minutes after our flight was supposed to leave, my mom told me to run to the gate and stop the plane. I didn’t want to leave her, but she kept pushing me to go. I finally went.”

Alex ran as fast as he could, praying out loud for a miracle. When he reached the gate, however, the official took his ticket and hurried him through. Wondering why God wasn’t helping, he slowly walked towards the plane and prayed the others would make it on time.

“Where have you been?” someone asked. Alex looked up, realizing he’d bumped into a man on the ramp.

“Alejandro, just calm down. It’s okay,” he said.

Confused and upset, Alex replied, “No, it’s not okay! My mom...”

The man smiled, seeming to understand. “Alejandro, I am the pilot of this plane. I promise I won’t leave until they get on. Go.”

Confused, Alex walked to his seat. He wondered what had just happened and how the man knew his name and situation. To his relief, his mom and friend got on the plane minutes later. Alex thanked God for the man’s understanding and help.

When they landed in Tuxtla, Alex searched for the pilot to thank him. He asked some attendants if they knew where he was. Confused, they claimed to know no one of his description, and said the man simply didn’t exist.

Alex believes God sent an angel that day. The experience strengthened his faith and ignited his passion for mission work. He currently serves on his church’s Social Events Committee, and is excited to go wherever God leads him next.

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