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Your support is enabling students like Will to experience God in new ways.

"Let me tell you about my journey (really God's) halfway across the world. He brought together a group of basketball players from around the country and took us to the Philippines. We knew we would be playing against university and professional teams and doing mission work, but we all discovered our plans pale in comparison to the plans God has for us.

"From the start, we discovered a brotherhood no one could have anticipated, clicking as if we had known each other for years. We were able to go so much further than surface level conversation and shared life together as men. We discovered what it means to be a man of God's kingdom through His Word and the experiences He took us on. God grew each of us closer to Him and to the life He has for us.



"Sharing the love of Jesus in Manila in a prison, an orphanage, a school and a hospital opened our eyes to what life is really about. Many of us discovered our "why"-our foundational rock on which we will build for the rest of our lives. **We discovered we can use our gifts and passions to bring glory to God.** Using our play as our worship and our worship as our play, we can use basketball or whatever we do to be a spotlight for Jesus.



"Although our team found success in our games, we were playing for something bigger than the scoreboard. It was so cool to fellowship with the teams after our games and share laughs, God's love and the gospel story. It was counter-cultural in the realm of sport. It's amazing that each one of us went on the same trip, did the same activities, and yet God worked in different ways in everyone. He marked us in ways that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

"Personally, I came back with a renewed sense of purpose. God spoke to me and opened up my eyes to see where He is leading. I'm sure all my brothers have stories and experiences that would never have happened if they hadn't taken this flight of faith to the Philippines.



"I'm so thankful for all the amazing things God did in us and through us on this trip. I encourage you to say "yes" to any sort of mission journey that God presents you with-there is truly nothing like it! But I also want to encourage you that you don't have to travel across the world to make a difference. Wherever you are and whatever you do, you can bring honor and glory to the Lord and together, He will use us to change the world!" ~Will