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# THE SERVICE LEARNING LETTER

BUENOS AIRES - INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



## *So. Many. Opportunities.*

### SERVICE-LEARNING IN BUENOS AIRES

Hello and Happy January mis amig@s! This month our focus is, as you've guessed by now, our programs service opportunities! Woohoo! This is one thing that makes our program so unique from the rest. Service is woven into the nature of BA, as you not only grow close with communities outside of the city, but with each other. The program has 2 primary service opportunities throughout the week:

1. Making sandwiches for the homeless in the city (once/week). This activity takes anywhere from 20 minutes to an hour, depending on how many students stick around after class to help. We make sandwiches, pack them, and deliver them to a local church that then distributes to those in need.
2. ADULAM (Saturdays). Meaning "a place of refuge" in Hebrew, Adulam is a collective mission that provides housing and community to families in need. There are two different locations for students to serve at each Saturday: one being the "main" Adulam housing families, and the other is a specialized location for foster children (where I spent my Saturdays).

Service makes our program unique.

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.



SORRY THE ONLY PHOTOS I HAVE ARE FROM ADULAM...BUT  
COME ON, LOOK AT THOSE FACES.

## But Wait, There's More...

In addition to sandwiches and ADULAM, each week a handful of students would go to a low-income elementary school in the city to read with the kids for a few hours (La Casita). Finally, in the past the program has held service trips during one of the breaks during each semester. Last year the fall trip was led by visiting faculty (The Davises!) and centered around environmental service. The spring trip typically consists of humanitarian service in a small community called El Negrito.

Due to COVID, we are unsure how these opportunities will look, but still want you all to remain encouraged and excited. Where there's a will, there's a way. And I can assure you the will of this program is very strong.

**Remember:** If you have any questions, any concerns, want to set up a call, etc. email me, Travis, or anyone from IP! ALSO, we are planning to organize a group Zoom on February 18th to catch up, play some games, and start off this semester in community. Let me know if there's anything specific y'all would like to do or discuss! CAN'T WAIT.

Besos desde Malibu,

Your Ambassador  
Callie M.