

Hi, my name is Benjamin Ho and I am a member of the Gilead Bible Church in San Ramon, California. On April 3-9, 2010, I attended a mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico. The purpose was to run a 4 day VBS at about 6 different churches. We were also there to provide assistance at the Refuge of the Elders, a home for the abandoned elderly of Tijuana and repair things that needed to be repaired at the place we were staying and a few churches. We were also there to run a sports camp at a local high school and distribute food to the area around a certain church.



During our training, the whole group of about 120 students was divided into groups according to what church they were assigned to. Within the groups, we decided who would be doing what at the churches. I chose to be one of the people that would do the puppet shows for the VBS. This meant that during the VBS, I would be one of the 5 people acting out the Bible lesson with the puppets for the kids.



First of all, I learned that the kids really respond to what the puppets are “saying.” After one of the shows/lessons, one of the kids came up and named basically all of the puppets and what those puppets had done in the show. I also learned while walking through the neighborhood that most if not all of these kids don’t have much more than the clothes that they are wearing and a ball or two. This really taught me to be thankful for what I have and be thankful that I live in a country where I can go out to any store and buy whatever I want. I also learned to be a lot more humble because during recreation time at the VBS, if there weren’t any more balls or anything like that to play with, they would just play with a stick or they would just start laughing about seemingly nothing at all. They make the most out of everything that they have.

Luke 12:15 “a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”