

Last August, I participated in my first work camp. It took place in Deutzen eco-church from 3rd to 17th August. My name is Abigail and I'm from Argentina, and I hadn't been abroad before this experience. I think this was one of the best ways to travel for the first time.

Because of this trip I met people from six different countries, Ukraine, Brazil, Serbia, Egypt, Hungary and Germany. We all stayed in the same house, the owners were a sweet couple from the church.

Talking about the work that we did, it was very varied. We painted, and we did some gardening. I also learnt new things like how a compost toilet works as we built one and set it up in the garden. Some of us also helped re-pave the rectory in Frohburg, it was hard and heavy work but it also was fun because we made it with friends. We work side by side with church members, it was incredible because I learn from them and I think they learn something from us too. I really enjoy working with all of them.

Besides, I had the opportunity to be with the little kids who go every Thursday to church. I could play with them and dance to an Argentinian song that is about God's love. I had so much fun with them, and they loved singing and dancing together.

Another job that we had was to be in the team kitchen twice, each day there were two people and a teamer who were responsible for the breakfast, going to the supermarket, cleaning the house and making the lunch. It seems to be easier than working in the church but it's not that easy cooking for thirteen people, it also was a new thing to learn for me.

About work I can say: "We work hard, but we laugh harder".

After work we spend time together as a group, we get to meet each other and find how different and also how similar we are. We do different activities and games, go for a walk, try German ice cream, and play uno. In the night we had "Country Night" where we tried traditional dishes for each of the countries, we danced together with national music, and shared our traditions.

On the weekends we spend time with people from the town and the church, we go to have coffee and cake, also we dance traditional dances with them. As well, we traveled to Leipzig and Dresden, there we saw beautiful buildings, we learnt some history about them, also we tried German local dishes like döner kebab, and some German sausages and schnitzel.

Saying goodbye was too difficult because we became a family. It was one of the best experiences in my life. I really recommend it and I would love to go back some day. I'm so thankful for the opportunity.



