



Two days before going to Summer Missionary Training School (SMTS), I didn't feel as if I was needed or useful. But, what I didn't realize was, that while I was feeling unimportant, God was working out a schedule for me that was far more than I anticipated.

First Week

I was available to be Ms. Shannin's roommate.

I was available to be the table dismissal person for meals.

I was available to listen to a summer missionary's verse and song for my first signature and after that was available to students who needed verses, songs, invitations and counselling cards signed off.

I was a summer missionary's Wordless Book and counselling cards coach. When we went out on Thursday to share the Wordless Book with the inner-city children, I thought to myself that I didn't need to carry the Wordless Book because only the summer missionaries are allowed to share it with the children. However, the Lord used me to help the summer missionary, share the Wordless Book with a child who made a salvation decision.

I was also available to help with Mrs. Jen's Adaptations for Younger Children demonstration asking the question—Why?

Second Week

I was able to listen to someone's Bible lesson when they needed someone. I was Brianna McLeod's Bible lesson coach and gave her some tips. I helped Ms. Shannin fold Wordless Book memory verse tokens. I drove summer missionary teams to the different 5-Day clubs and saw my favorite 5-Day Club hostess, Mrs. Esther Straight, on Thursday. I partnered with Mr. Harry and evaluated our practice club from Sunday thru Thursday. I gave a hug to a summer missionary when she needed it most and helped Ms. Sara A. with graduation decorations. I helped serve at the graduation banquet and helped take up the offering at the graduation.

Not only was I able to do all these things, but I was also encouraged by my mom, Mrs. Lisa, Mrs. Teri, Ms. Sara A., Ms. Caitlyn, Mr. Harry, Ms. Missy, Mr. Ralph, just to name a few. The kind comments about me coming out of my shell and helping me pick out earrings for my outfit—all these fit into God's plan and purpose to use and encourage me along the way. He showed me that throughout the two weeks, He had a plan in all those little ways, not to make myself big and mighty, but to show God's providence in everything. It's not about me and what I can do, it's about the Lord and what he can do through me.

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