

# Nazareth students work to ease hardships of poor in Alabama

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Over Easter vacation, six students — including myself — and two Nazareth teachers, Sister Marilyn Pray and Donna Del Santo, paid a yearly visit to Selma, Ala. Each year, students are chosen to do some volunteer work in a poor section of Alabama.

Students have to go through a long process of signing papers and getting references before they are considered for the trip, which is a great honor for the students who are picked to go. This year, all of us got a chance to do something different.

We did some gardening, learned how to do carpentry work, helped out in a nursing home and cleaned houses for people. And we each had distinctive experiences. But the one thing I liked best about the trip was helping those who couldn't clean or fix their houses themselves because they were either too old, disabled or

poor. My favorite deed was working on Jessie's house.

Jessie has six children, and they all live in a tiny little shack in a town called Pine Apple, deep in the Alabama countryside. It's a very secluded place, and there's hardly anything around for miles. But we didn't care; we had our hearts set on doing some good for the residents.

The living conditions in Pine Apple really surprised me. Seeing such conditions really made me realize that I never had it so good. Many of us take for granted that we have running water and a gas or electric stove. Jessie and her family didn't have those things. She had to cook on a wood stove, and most of the people in Pine Apple don't have running water at all.

While we were working at Jessie's, we repaired large holes in the floors by covering the holes with sheets of metal and hammering the nails in to keep them down tight. It was

hard work, but I only had to think of Jessie's house when we had done.

A few days later, we had installed four shelves in Jessie's kitchen. We could tell it was all worthwhile because, as we left, Jessie would say "Thank you" and we knew how grateful she was.

Several people in Selma are organizing to help people like Jessie. In Pine Apple, the Fathers of St. Edmund are sponsoring an outreach clinic. The clinic includes a learning center — which is conducted by Sister Nancy

Clark of Rochester — a nutrition center and dental offices. Since the center is too far away for many people to travel — especially the elderly — an outreach program provides transportation. Sister Mary Maloy from Rochester is very active in the outreach program.

I am very pleased to have been part of this wonderful program. I enjoyed spending time with people who really needed me, and I couldn't have gone with a better group of people than the ones I traveled with to Alabama. I'd do it again in a minute!

By Tom Burkat  
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For more than two centuries, America has been a land of illusion, seeming to settlers and inhabitants to be something it truly wasn't. Columbus had mistaken America for the Spice Islands and stumbled upon a New World of "Indians." Still later, fortune seekers came to America only to realize that "streets were not paved with gold" and that indebtedness was a more common way of life than was wealth.

This sense of illusion has carried into the world of today, in which the way we view our role in world economy, affairs and politics does not coincide with the reality of the situation.

As Americans, we may see ourselves as part of a completely independent and self-sustaining nation, free from economic and or any other influence from the rest of the world. Yet, in reality, the United States is part of a world economy that affects one and all. The most famous examples of the effect of a world economy were seen in the Great Depression of the 1930s, and more recently, the recessions of the '70s and '80s sparked by the oil crisis. The recession proved the world how vulnerable the Western industrial complex was as it faced millions of jobless and double-digit inflation.

A slogan for an investing firm runs: "Americans want to succeed, not just to survive." But for how long will Americans value success over coming to the aid of Third-World nations?

## Speaking Out

Ghana serves as a prime example of a nation struggling to rebuild but helpless without the initiative of Western business to invest in her future. Without such initiative, others like Ghana are helpless in the face of a materialistic and disillusioned world.

A brief final illusion faced by Americans is the belief that all other nations of the world hold the same values as we do. This perhaps is the most serious illusion since, before any agreements may be made, treaties signed or aid offered, we must understand the goals of those we are dealing with and not only our own aims. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev recently told Secretary of State George Shultz that the Soviets "are not going to re-educate the United States and do not recognize it has any right to re-educate us."

Illusion is an American weakness which, if not amended, may lead to the alienation of America from the real world of economy and world affairs. We must see ourselves as part of a world community, neither completely independent nor dependent.

## Cardinal Mooney High School As you look beyond graduation, what challenges do you anticipate?

**CHRISTINE CROOKER, senior**

My greatest challenge will be adjusting to college life. Being away from home and having only strangers around me will be an unfamiliar and uncomfortable situation, which I will have to get used to. College courses will also pose a great challenge, as they are more advanced than what is offered at high school.



**KEITH GAFFNEY, senior**

The most challenging thing for me would have to be going away to college. Leaving home, harder work, and different environment and responsibilities will all be very challenging. At college I won't have mom and dad there when I need extra help. This step in my life will show me how I deal with adversity and independence.



**MICHELE FARONE, senior**

Though I look forward to entering a new stage in my life, graduation will also bring with it many challenges. I'd have to say the most challenging aspect of graduation will be starting a new chapter in my life without the friends I've grown to know and love. It will be a challenge to live on my own at college, but hopefully it will teach me how to be an independent person.



## As Teens See It

**JOHN STABLES, senior**

The most challenging will be living on my own. Not only will I have to make time at college for homework, partying and extracurricular activities, but I will have to do my own wash, too!



**LISA RICE, senior**

As I look ahead, the most challenging is making the most of college, both academically and socially, and becoming successful in this new way of life.



**MICHAEL DOSER, senior**

As I look at graduation in a couple of months, the thing I find most challenging is keeping on the "straight and narrow" in school, because I can't help but feel overjoyed with the end of high school in sight.



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The winner was Rocco Spadaro of Marion

## SPORTS TRIVIA

**This week's question:**

Who holds the record for the most home runs in a World Series?

A: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

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The winner was Christine Sandroni of Seneca Falls

## MUSIC TRIVIA

**This week's question:**

Who backed up Sam the Sham on the 1965 hit Wolly Booly?

A: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
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