

After a long day of working on a school foundation for the community in San Jose, Nicaragua I was sitting outside of my host mother's porch with my roommate at the dining table chatting about stuff we did earlier that day .As we were talking my little brother (host brother) was tracing the fruit pictures on the tablecloth looking very bored and unamused. I desperately wanted to communicate with him by talking to him but he does not speak English, because his like the rest of the community village in San Jose language is Spanish. My Spanish speaking skills were only basic so, I decided to point out the fruit pineapple on the tablecloth and said "pronuncia en ingles pineapple" as soon as I've said those words his face lit up as he smiled brightly at me and screamed "PINEAPPLE!".

My roommate and I were so impressed by his enthusiasm and clear tone we began to point out every fruit on the tablecloth that was there and taught him his fruits in English. As we were teaching him his brother's and sister's must of heard us talking ,because they all came out and surround us by the table and wanted to learn their fruits in English as well .So we taught them their fruits in English and next thing we know we were teaching them every object that we were surrounded by.They began pointing at their clothes tables,doors,and even their body parts such as their nose,mouth ,ear and eyes.I was very surprised by their eagerness to learn everything that they could put their hands on.

Ever since that night my roommate and I taught them new English words little by little with the amount of days we had left living with them.It was my favorite thing to do throughout the whole process .I was there and was teaching my siblings English , because it just felt natural for me.

I've always enjoyed helping others and see the pleasure upon people faces because it makes me feel at peace .Every since I was younger I always felt comfortable helping my classmates out with homework and reviewing problems that they didn't understand . It made me feel accomplished when I do those things ,but what made this experience special with my host family is I was able to show how important

education is and how much it means to me. When I discovered that I was chosen to go Nicaragua and help build a school foundation in a remote village, words cannot describe how happy I felt at that very moment. I knew this was my chance to make a difference in someone else's life and get the full insight on how crucial education is in poverty countries such as Nicaragua. That's why I'm deciding to pick a career that allows me to work with children in need of education or any type of help that involves me making a significant difference. This experience helped me establish what I want to do with my life because it certified how comfortable and content I'm with helping others and I've loved every second doing just that. I hope to continue doing more of these life-changing opportunities later on while furthering my education.



