



Having worked for the Diocese of West Texas for the last two summers through Camps and Conferences, I feel very blessed that God has once again opened the door for me to serve a third summer at Mustang Island Family Camp. I first spent time at the Mustang Island Conference Center several years ago when my family attended a session of family camp. I eventually returned as staff in 2008, served as Camp Director in 2009, and will return in the same position this year.



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I earned my Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Texas A&M University - Kingsville last year and plan a career in teaching and coaching. I grew up spending most of my summers at camps and involved in other youth activities and eventually felt a call to work with youth. I love sports and being outdoors so I feel right at home on Mustang Island. I wake up every morning during camp and help families enjoy each other. We set up the beach with chairs and umbrellas, take surf boards down, help families surf, and just provide a safe place for families to enjoy their time together. It is a beautiful thing to see families interact the way God intended.

I recently spent six months in Chile where I attended a mission school. Youth with a Mission has a six month program called the discipleship training school. I wanted to serve and help others, and through this service, my life has been deeply impacted. I worked, using sports as a bridge, to bring the love of Jesus to the community of Pichilemu, Chile, and I grew in my relationship with Jesus in ways that I never thought possible. During the summer months we offered soccer, volleyball, swimming, dance, English, and art. These classes were offered to anyone who wanted to participate. We had parents in our English classes and in some of our dance classes. We provided the community a place where they could enjoy sports and other activities but also experience the love of Jesus.

With a week and a half left in Chile, I experienced my first earthquake. At 3:30 a.m., I woke to my room shaking. My classmates and I ran from the building and watched and felt Chile tremble for two minutes, an unforgettable and frightening experience. I spent my remaining time in Pichilemu helping people repair their damaged and destroyed houses and businesses. God can work for good in all things and in this horrible natural disaster we had a chance to show God's mercy. I realized how little control I have over my life. God was in control and that is how it should be.

Thank God I have made it back to Texas. For the next few months I will be working to prepare for the eighth season of Mustang Island Family Camp. If you have never been to family camp and want to get away, we would love to share our summer with you. God has blessed this place with a unique environment suitable for all ages to relax and enjoy time with Him and your families. I am stoked to be a part of the ministry for another summer and I know God has a great summer planned. God Bless!!!!

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