

Greetings from Santo Domingo!

Today we joined Martires and his family at his church for their Sunday service. It just so happened to be Father's Day here! The worship was lively, and the honor to the dads was very apparent. Children danced and sang, young adults gave speeches, the sermon was centered on families and fathers, and the fathers and mothers were prayed over by the church. As we settled back into the vans,



the teens marveled at how much honor was given on Father's Day at church in comparison to the honor given at our own churches. Perhaps the teens will be inspired to contribute to greater honor given to their



fathers and mothers at their own church services!

After church, we went to the community of El Almirante to say our goodbyes. Several members of the community gave their thanks, and several students stood up to give speeches of thanks to the community. The students agreed that the close knit community they found in El Almirante was something they didn't find in their own neighborhoods in America. The students were amazed at the kindness and hospitality that was shown to them.



It's hard to believe that we are almost ready to head back to Wisconsin! It is amazing to see what God is doing in the community of El Almirante and around the



city. We are praying that the work we were privileged to be a part of will continue to flourish through the capable hands of Martires and his team.

See you soon,

Bethany Valencik