MIAMI MISSION TRIP

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On December 22, 2008, a group of 6 young adults left our Province and they began their pilgrimage to Miami (Florida) where they spent their Christmas vacation helping immigrant families.

If we take a moment to think of where and how we celebrated Christmas, believe me, the majority of us were in very comfortable surroundings.

This was not the fate of one immigrant family in Miami. The house looked like a hurricane went thought it. This family consisted of an alcoholic father, mother and 4 children, ranging in age from a few months, to a 2 year old, a 3 year old and a 4 year old.

The 6 young people arrived bright and early on Christmas Day, and after greeting the family, they started to work with the hope of transforming the place into a home where the family could live and feel comfortable in their own home. It was no easy task!

After about 10 hours of hard work, the young people and the family commented and contemplated on the good work they had already done. Together they said a prayer to thank God for the gifts received and enjoy a nice time together. This is an example of an action that beautifully expresses and brings to life the Gospel verse “I have not come to be served, but to serve” and "let him that wants to be served... be the servant of all”.

Thanks to everybody who supported this mission with prayers. 6 young adults, (they were all 18) were able to realize a dream of a missionary experience, let’s keep praying for vocations!