

DBU Cheerleader Kelsey Salmon

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

*James 1:27 NIV*



The elementary school, Las Brisas CTC, was built with the help of Buckner International to educate many of the children from the underdeveloped and poverty-stricken areas of San Pedro Sula. While at the school, the DBU student-athletes entertained and interacted with over 150 children, ages 6–12, helping to organize many recreational activities and crafts and performing Bible skits.

The next two days were spent at Nueva Esperanza, an orphanage that housed over 200 children, from newborn to age 12. The DBU team held and cared for 28 babies and interacted with the older children on the playground. They played soccer with the children, taught them VBS songs, and helped them to construct crafts—taking every opportunity to communicate the love of Christ.

**T**he Dallas Baptist University Patriot Athletic Department partnered with Buckner International and sent representatives to serve in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. This trip, which began May 16, 2011, marked the sixth international mission trip of the DBU Global Sports Mission Initiative. The volunteers from the DBU Athletic Department included a team of staff and student-athletes from the Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, and Cheerleading teams.

“It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lead the trip to Honduras,” stated DBU Head Tennis Coach and trip or-

## DBU PATRIOTS Serve in Honduras with Buckner International



DBU student athletic trainer Taylor Brown

The group spent the final two days at a Buckner transitional home for teenage girls, which housed seven girls who lived and worked as a family unit. The home teaches the girls family skills and responsibilities and helps prepare them for life as an adult.

The DBU team interacted with the Honduran girls through many activities, including tie-dying t-shirts, teaching American music, and playing a competitive game of soccer in the street. All of these activities allowed the student-athletes a chance to share their faith with each of the girls.

“For me, it was very humbling to grasp that the same God we worship is the same God these orphans worship despite their circumstances,” said DBU Volleyball player Kristen Secord. “The trip helped me to change my view on putting hope in God, because for these kids this was all they had.”

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ganizer Jennifer Curran. “The student-athletes who gave their time, talents, and money were truly the hands and feet of Christ during the week. They gave everything they could without grumbling or complaining—with hearts filled with love and compassion for these children.”

The group spent the first two days in Honduras, serving at Casitas—a juvenile home for young girls—during the mornings. In the afternoons, they worked at Las Brisas CTC, a community elementary school. While at Casitas, the DBU student-athletes spent time with over 90 girls, ages 12–18, with very different backgrounds and stories, sharing Scriptures, testimonies, and life lessons.



DBU Volleyball player Kaylyn Frink