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Good Evening. I can barely keep my eyes open I'm so tired. We left at 6:30am this morning, so by my calculations we got up sometime close to 2am your time; uggghhh!! We arrived at The Jam House for church this morning at 10am. That was a long bus ride! The kids got pretty antsy, but do a good job of entertaining themselves. We did a little bit of singing when we got pretty close, lots of kids songs.

Today was the warmest day we've had so far. Church was in a tent set up outside and despite being in the shade and sitting down, most of us were quite toasty and sweaty! The kids at the service were mostly older, 15 and up. Some of them had also graduated from there, but still returned for church. Wendell and Jared led us in worship for about 30 minutes. Then Wendell began by talking to us about Job; how he was the greatest man in all the land and lost everything he had, but still praised God and God blessed him by giving him even more than he had before. Then Jared told the story of Namun. How he was a great leader of the army, but had leprosy and was eventually healed because he obeyed and did what he was asked to do.

After church we went to the house of one of the missionary families there. They served us fried rice and chicken or regular rice with beef stew, coleslaw, dessert bars, and pineapple. It was very good! There were 2 missionary families there and one couple. It was good to fellowship with them and get to know them a little bit. They also had a little monkey there which was a big attraction!! We got worried when we got back on the bus to leave because our air conditioning gave out just as we were pulling up to the house. Once we started moving though the breeze was absolutely wonderful. Some of us wished it had gone out long before!

We then headed to The Canopy Tour in a rain forest. Most of us participated, but a few stayed behind. We hiked uphill about 20 minutes and then came to narrow little walkways suspended high above the trees! There were 7 different little bridges with small platforms in between them. We had to walk on them one at a time and the more people on at a time, the wobblier it became. Despite bouncing all around though, the view was beautiful!

We then started our long trek back home. We stopped at a restaurant at a hotel on the way home for dinner. Ron had called ahead earlier in the day so our food was ready to go! We enjoyed rice, chicken, fries, and fanta! The servings of rice were huge; I'm not sure if anyone could finish it, it sure was good though.

We piled back on the bus and headed to TJ's house so we could drop off all the guys since it was on the way home. The rest of the trip home seemed pretty quick after that. It was still pretty damp from just finishing up raining so there wasn't as much dust flying around everywhere! A lot of us took naps or were at least resting our eyes for much of the last part home. Riding in a bus for the majority of the day on bumpy roads is exhausting! We're looking forward to sleeping in a little in the morning and preparing to get back to the weekday schedule!

We hope you all had a great Sunday and have a wonderful evening! We love you and we miss you.

Good Night,

Nadine the Scribe