





After a hard week of VBS and work at the Way of the Cross an afternoon at the beach was appreciated.



Monday through Friday, each evening we welcomed 35-45 children for VBS





The VBS was pretty traditional with music, crafts, games and Bible lessons.



Right: Heather Clark & Connie Bard were key workers at Port Isabel.



Above & below: Pastor & his usual great job/openings.



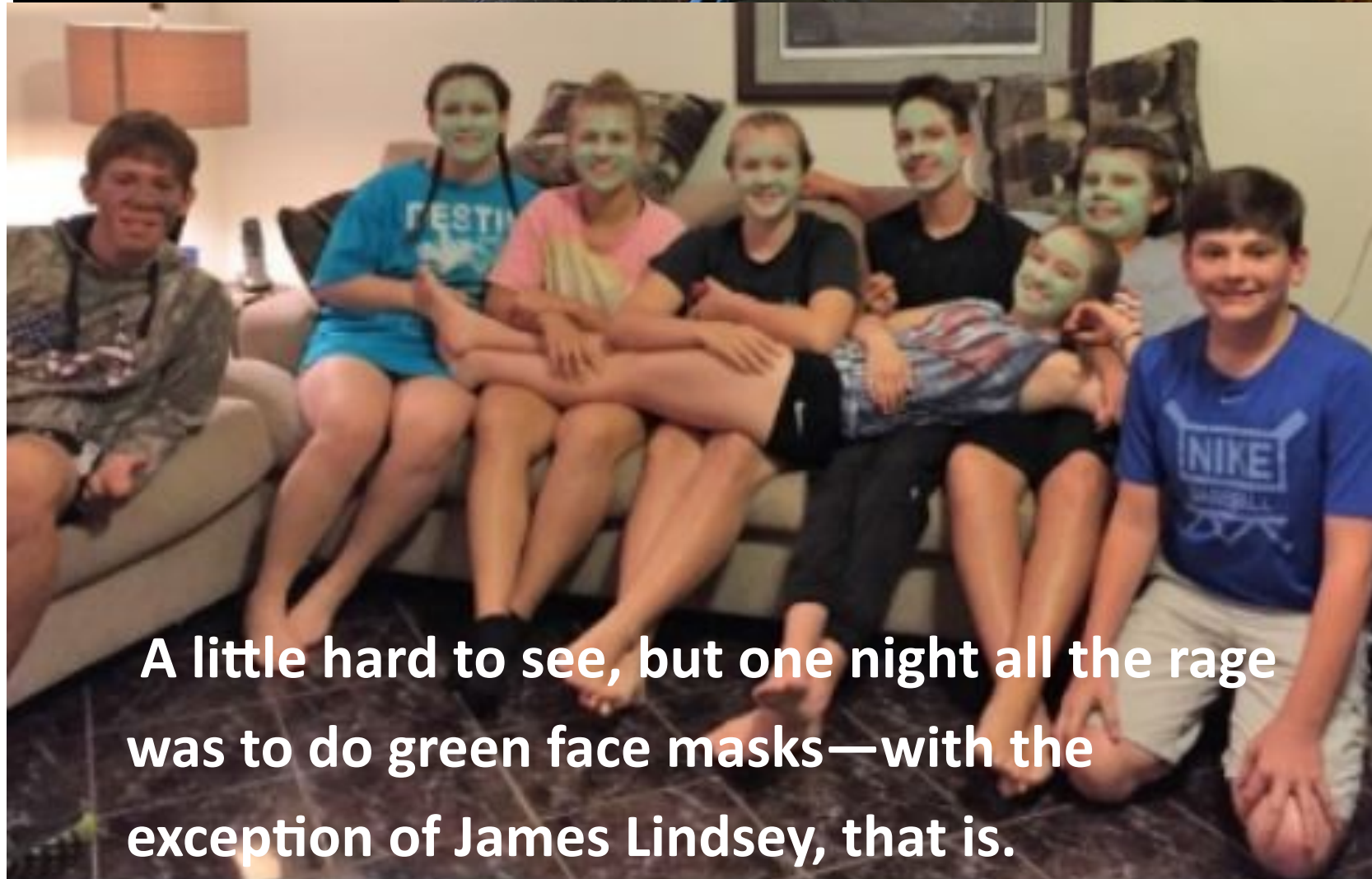


The group had a great time traveling together and seeing the sights of Port Isabel.





We stayed at the church's Parsonage. Below is the girls sleeping area. Left is one of our evening sessions.



A little hard to see, but one night all the rage was to do green face masks—with the exception of James Lindsey, that is.



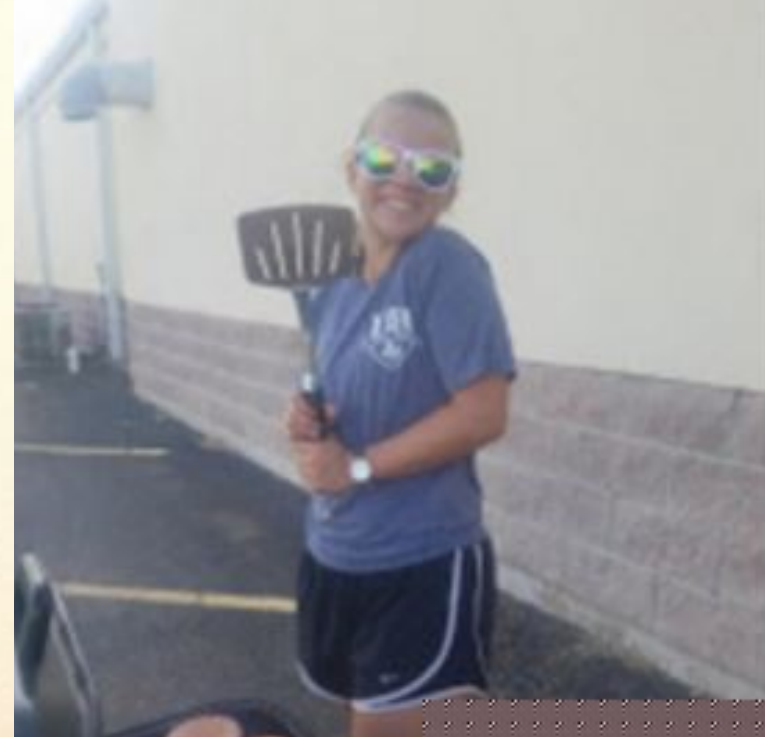
Parts of the group getting some rest for the evening's events.



We went to two local restaurants that you might have just passed by—but with *great food*.



Diana and Bryan Tomlin even took vacation time to help out.



Kamryn Frenzel (AKA Spatula Girl) was our food flippin' specialist



Right—an evening at the Parsonage, then a visit to a huge open air flea market.



Above/below—a 2000 lb bag 'o beans







Work at The Way of the Cross—sorting cans/repackaging beans.



2017 Port Isabel Mission Trip

June 25th to July 2nd ten of our youth and six adults went down to Fisher's of Men Lutheran Church in Port Isabel to run their five-day evening VBS, spend some sessions at The Way of the Cross Ministries helping sort and repack food for needy in the Rio Grande Valley, Mexico as well as Haiti and other central American areas. We stayed at the Parsonage while there. Many thanks to the adults who accompanied us—Pastor and Connie, Diane and Bryan Tomlin and Heather Clark. Bethel's youth were *amazing* in how they pitched in and worked in hot conditions, stepped up to lead the VBS in all areas (including food prep!) and generally were great to be around. At this time we are hoping to make this an annual event. (We did also manage to find the beach a couple of times and ate at some tasty local restaurants).