

SUNY New Paltz and VISIONS GLOBAL EMPOWERMENT- ETHIOPIA service and Learning TRIP





Kal center - BAHIR DAR

- We worked with Deaf children
- We made Lesson Plans
- We learned some basic Ethiopian sign
- We got to know the teachers, interpreters, and students
- We engaged in a traditional coffee ceremonies
- We learned about the Kal center and how to get involved with helping out
- We ate traditional Ethiopian food



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- we presented our Lesson Plans to the children
- we ENGAGED in PLAY
- we WALKED around THE VILLAGE where THE Kal center was LOCATED
- we RODE in a BAJAJ (a small car driven in ETHIOPIA)
- we GOT TO see HOW THE COFFEE was made
- we VISITED a HOUSE where we LEARNED HOW TO make INJERA (A FLAT crepe like Bread eaten with most meals)









VISITED VARIOUS SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF IN BAHIR DAR

- we sat in on different classrooms for the deaf
- some classes were all deaf students, others were a mix of hearing and deaf students
- we interacted and played games with the students
- we worked with various age groups of kids
- the students gave us name signs



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- we saw DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT THE STUDENTS ENJOYED ENGAGING IN SUCH AS THE DEAF CIRCUS
- we GOT TO SEE HOW THE DEAF STUDENTS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES WITH BOTH HEARING AND OTHER DEAF KIDS



SHOPS

- WE VISITED MULTIPLE SHOPS THAT STARTED UP BECAUSE VISIONS DONATED A SMALL SUM OF MONEY TO A FEW DEAF PEOPLE SO THAT THEY COULD ONE DAY SUPPORT THEMSELVES
- WE VISITED A WOODWORKER, A WOMAN WHO OWNS A SEWING SHOP, A WOMAN WHO OWNS A FARM AND MORE.
- WE GOT TO SEE HOW SUCCESSFUL THESE PEOPLE HAVE BECOME WITH THE HELP OF VISIONS.



OTHER ADVENTURES

- we went to a traditional NIGHTCLUB TO LISTEN TO MUSIC and GOT TO LEARN SOME OF THE DANCES PERFORMED
- we tried an ETHIOPIAN wine called TEJ
- we went on a HIKE TO THE BLUE NILE FALLS
- TOOK A BOAT TOUR TO SEE HIPPOS IN LAKE TANA
- we went to various markets TO SHOP FOR souvenirs
- we saw rural areas when we VISITED THE BLUE NILE FALLS







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- we visited many famous churches and learned about why each one was so special
- we went to various markets and worked on our bargaining skills
- we went to a restaurant with a beautiful view of the landscapes below us

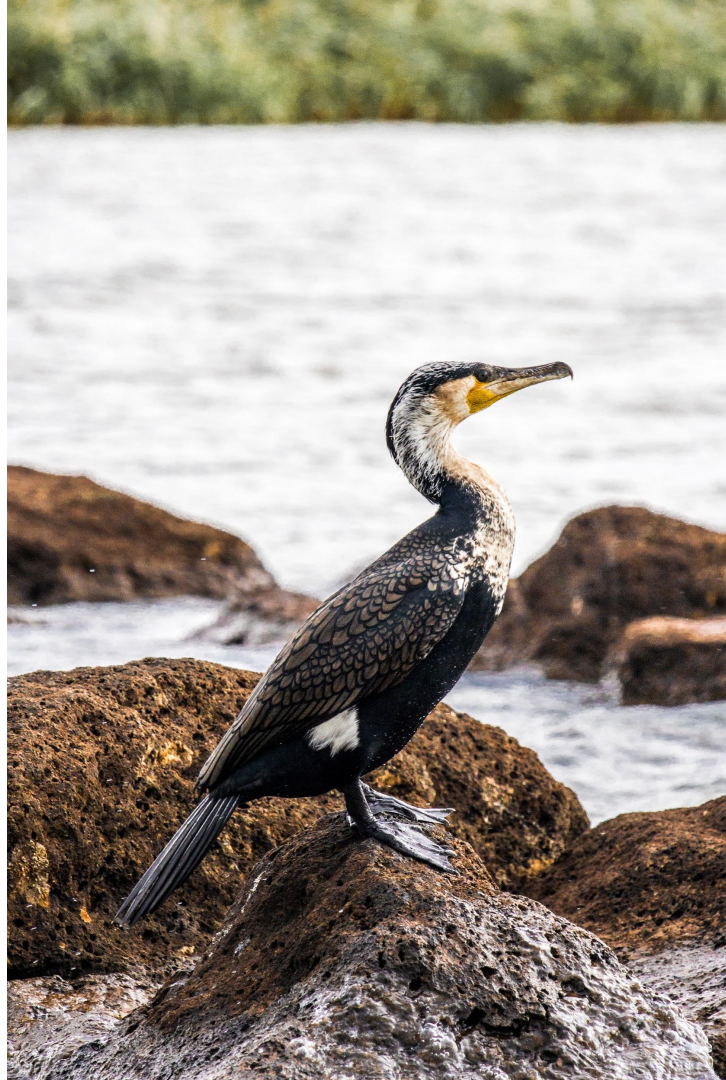






BACK IN ADDIS ABABA

- we went to a wildlife Preserve
- we Learned about different animals native to Ethiopia
- we saw wild monkeys along the road
- went to a mall in the city
- we saw the bones of Lucy in a museum
- we ate ice cream!





IN CONCLUSION...

- WE MADE UNFORGETTABLE FRIENDS BOTH FROM ETHIOPIA AND FROM NEW PALTZ
- WE MADE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME
- WE IMMERSED OURSELVES IN A NEW CULTURE
- WE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE ETHIOPIAN DEAF COMMUNITY
- WE LEARNED ABOUT WHAT VISION IS DOING FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY AND HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO HELP
- MANY OF US PLAN TO VISIT BAHIR DAR AND CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE ETHIOPIAN DEAF COMMUNITY!!!
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