

Going to El Salvador was truly an enlightening experience. In El Salvador I learned how loving and caring people can be even when they have so little. It was incredible to see how thankful people were for the smallest things. I also realized how extremely fortunate I am to have all the opportunities I do, to have a roof over my head, and to get an education. Going to El Salvador further convinced me to want to use the skills I learn in college to help people and the planet. I am incredibly thankful for this life I have, and want to use it to help others who were not born with the same opportunities as me. The work that Father John and Father Paul, as well as COAR are doing is quite incredible, they are really helping the future of El Salvador by educating the young. These students are the future of the country, and giving them the tools and skills they need to learn and grow can help them, to not only help themselves, but they can then, help others as well. Towards the end of our trip to COAR, a simple thing happened that I will never forget; I saw Rambutan shells on the ground, and picked up a shell, and two girls living at the school came over and gave me a handful of fresh rambutans. I felt so touched by this action, they had so little, but were so incredibly kind and willing to share. I couldn't speak Spanish, but I could feel the universal love that all humanity shares.