

Education in Rural Jamaica

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Project Summary

I traveled to Jamaica in March 2012 and observed at a rural all age school. I gathered information about the educational system in Jamaica, specifically in the more rural areas. I learned about issues they face and obstacles that prevent them from accomplishing all that they would like to. I interviewed administration, teachers, parents, and community members to collect this information. I also observed and interacted with the youth first-hand and learned what they desire and what opportunities they wish they had. By talking to so many people, I was able to find out several pros and cons of being educated in the rural areas of Jamaica.



Waterloo All Age School in Rural Jamaica.

Project Highlights

Being in Jamaica, getting to know the people, and experiencing the culture first hand gave me knowledge and insights that I will never forget.

- I am humbled and grateful, and will never forget the Jamaican people.
- I am amazed at the challenges the people in rural Jamaica face and how hard they are fighting to improve their society through education.

I am now motivated to take initiative and act in ways that will help on a global level.

From My Journal

Today every student reported that they like school. Despite corruption, poverty and other obstacles, the teachers continue to fight for their students' futures. I am impressed.



Teachers at the Waterloo All Age School.

Left to Right: Mrs. Shakes (3rd & 5th grade teacher), Mrs. Montaque (4th & 6th grade teacher and Principal), and Mrs. Blake (1st & 2nd grade teacher).