

Hello my name is Garrett Snyder, I am a senior at Carlsbad High School and my family has been members of St. Andrews for two years now. Stewardship can be accomplished in a multitude of ways. Its definition in it of itself is broad and all encompassing. An acceptance or assignment of responsibility to act as a shepherd to others.

This past summer, the youth group took its mission trip to Crowne Point, New Mexico. There we hope to, in our own way act as shepherds to others. The family my group worked for included a man named Rueben who had given everything up in his pursuit and love for Christ.

He left his home on the Navajo reservation when he was just 17 because his family insisted on him following traditional Navajo religion. The good work he performed throughout his life far surpassed anything I had heard before and yet he was so grateful for the work we were doing.

Feeding us every day, working alongside us, and taking every opportunity to pray with and over us were what he enjoyed. The pleasure I received from helping people who care for the lord and appreciate stewardship so greatly made the entire trip worthwhile. My attempt at being a shepherd to others brought me closer to the lord and enriched my life.