

FIRST PERSON: Why go?

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It wasn't until I found out what Jesus really did for me and how much He loved me that I finally knew that I actually do have someone who is always there for me! Even when I felt I was alone, God was there guiding my steps and shaping this life that has been surrendered to Him. He brought me out of the darkness and gave my life new meaning.

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NEW GRADUATE – Moniy Spires (center), a recent graduate of Delta State University (DSU) in Cleveland, is congratulated by Amber (left) and Josh Warren, Baptist Student Union director at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. Spires will begin study at New Orleans Seminary in the fall after serving as a summer missionary in New Mexico.

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I know there are a lot of people who are going through a tough

time and feeling neglected. I want to be able to share the treasures that I've found with them and bring light and hope into their lives.

His love compels me to go! Knowing that He is there always gives me reasons to not be afraid, and makes serving much greater!

State Baptist Student Union Missions Team Member Moniy Spires is a recent graduate of Delta State University in Cleveland, with a degree in exercise science. He will be serving this summer with Eagles' Wings Youth Ranch in New Mexico. In the fall, he will begin study at New Orleans Seminary and serve as a campus missionary in the Delta.