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Rich in history and culture, Greece is certainly a sight to behold. A place worth while with tasty food and great gelato. Despite the tourist destination that Greece is, I wanted more than just a vacation or break from life. If you would've asked me before this trip if I thought Next Steps would change my life, I probably would've given you a basic expected answer, "Yes, it will change my life!" However, I was not expecting this statement to actually be fulfilled in my time on this trip.

With missionaries like the Moreno family, I felt myself slipping into a big family with the church and my fellow Next Steppers. There's so much love felt from the Moreno family that it's contagious, spreading through everyone who encounters them. And because of this, it's built a love and genuine connection within our group.



My missionary journey started as a young teenager but didn't blossom into a reality until this Next Steps trip. The second day of training classes is when God decided I needed "surgery" and a change in my life. Ironically, I work in surgery and see several procedures a day at work. So when God decided to break me and mold me and cut me open, I already knew that change was coming.

The second day of classes when we opened up with morning prayer is when I felt the operation begin. God had started to deal with me. I felt Him telling me that being here in Athens on Next Steps was right. An exact week later, we were in a class focused on spiritual warfare. After the session, we ended it with a powerful prayer meeting.

God was dealing with me, and the incision on my heart had been made. God moved through me so strongly and a boldness burned through me, consuming and overwhelming.



After this prayer session, God had given me a region in my heart for missions. A fellow Next Stepper, while we were praying, confirmed the exact country that God had told them I was going to.

I don't know what the future holds, but I've decided to just trust God and continually die at the altar daily. Even after that specific prayer session, I've had multiple instances of God working through me and keeping me strapped to His operating table.



I say this as a testament that Next Steps has truly transformed my life, cut me open and gutted me, in a way that only God can do. And now, as I continue into my second month of this trip, I can truly say that I feel God is with me and will be my guiding hand to reach a lost and dying world.