



The Common Venture team in Macy, NE assisted with a summer camp for Native American children, ages 5 through 18.

### **"TO BE" WITH...**

"When we first prayed together for the orientation day, we had no idea what the Common Venture would be. The thought of venturing into an unknown place even scared me a little. The barriers of the language (I'm just an ESL student) made me hesitate for a while... The only thing I could know for sure at that moment was the support I could have from my team and the Holy Spirit who always leads me through my days."

"Time passed by so quickly, during the next few days, the idea of serving rather than fixing or helping that we shared in the orientation day came true. Every day, I played with the kids and enjoyed their questions. One small girl asked me: "Did you fall down when you go across the Pacific Ocean?" Those kinds of questions helped me understand, and the story between us went on... That girl likes to hear about a small country in South East Asia where I come from.

For me, the best part of this Common Venture was the time that my team spent together. We had time for prayer, sharing and reflection on what had happened each day. I learned also from the experiences of the sisters who live in the Clare Guest House. Gradually, I came to understand that the important thing is to respect the differences. This experience helps me to open my eyes so that I know what I might do with my mission in the future.

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