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Teens in Jeans

Most teenagers love a challenge! The Youth Team from Yomitan International Church in Okinawa fulfilled a years-old dream by doing their first “NIKO Extreme” in the Philippines this summer.

What does NIKO mean? According to missionary Todd Caplinger, “No one really knows what NIKO means, but we are told it stands for *wilderness*.”



Here are some hard working, Jesus-loving teens in jeans: the NIKO group plus Todd’s teenage kids and two youth from the Philippine church. Also pictured are Todd Caplinger (upper left) and Pastor Ike (upper right.)

The NIKO Youth Team spent four days in Pastor Ike’s mountain church serving the local community.

The team installed a toilet in a one-room school house; expanded a dirt stairway in another; conducted an evangelistic meeting; and fed a total of 200 hungry people during these outreaches.



The teens were digging a stairway in the dirt hill for the local school

The rest of the week they ministered to and fed the children in a prison, the homeless in a park, to the children in a provincial hospital and conducted an outreach in Puntatay.



After a few days of ministry, you get sweaty and dirty, but the joy of serving Jesus shines through.