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Spot Story: The Missions Fair

On Tuesday evening Baylor students gathered on Fountain Mall to learn about different opportunities for service, as well as connect with missions-focused organizations during the Missions Fair.

Students enjoyed gathering together for a night of community with 30 different missions organizations at the event presented by the Office of Spiritual Life. Students had the opportunity to experience food from different cultures represented at the Missions Fair, connect and build relationships with service organizations, become educated on local and international service opportunities, and learn about the long term and short term missions focused trips.

The Missions Fair was full of students eager to go out in the world and serve others, and who are seeking out opportunities to share Christ's love both locally and beyond the walls of Baylor University.

"I am interested in missions as a career, like as a lifelong thing. And so I just saw 'missions' and I decided to come," Jessica Potts, Baylor freshman from Washington said.

Potts said she was excited to have the chance to learn about the many different cultures that were represented at the Missions Fair, and to get a glimpse into what a life in missions might entail.

For recent Baylor graduate Rylee Ewert, the Missions Fair served as a reminder of what missions have meant to her in her own life.

“I’ve been able to go on mission trips before, one to India and one to North Africa. It has definitely expanded my view of the world and what people are like, and the needs that there are in the world,” Ewert said.

The Missions Fair is a major event during [Baylor’s Missions Week](#), presented by the Spiritual Life department. It serves its purpose of connecting students with missions focused organizations through a week of paneling events, dinners, and tabling, so that students can have the opportunity to go serve in the near future.

“There are so many different countries represented,” Frances Hatley, an intern for the Baylor Missions department, said. “We are trying to get lots of international organizations that students can go to if they want summer internships or just things they can do either short or long term, so both of these things.”

Hatley touched on the importance of missions and the ways that going out and doing mission work can change lives.

“I think it’s important to just realize that there are other people out there in the world,” Hatley said. There are lots of different countries and cultures and different things that we can experience and visit, and so coming here can help you see that and then hopefully lead you to go on a trip and change your life.”