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When they graduate, Assumption students have a number of possibilities open to them. Frank Bruno ’17, an English and mass communications major from Wethersfield, CT, has spent much of his time since graduation engaged in a year of service helping those in need in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

“I remember that week, I couldn’t help but admire the volunteers for their bravery in addition to the way in which they live, valuing simplicity, community, relationship, and faith,” reflected Bruno. “I will always give thanks to God for putting me on that trip to Ecuador junior year.”

There is no typical day for Bruno; each one is challenging and fulfilling in a different way. Bruno spends much of his time in the poverty-stricken neighborhood of Monte Sinai. As a volunteer at an afterschool program, he tutors neighborhood children in English and helps them with their

homework. Bruno also spends time in the homes of the families of Monte Sinai, listening to their life challenges but also learning from them.

“A hug or a smile from a child, seeing a kid’s face light up when they understand their homework, or someone telling me how much my presence here means to them are the small moments that I enjoy the most,” explained Bruno. “The people here continue to amaze me each day with their knowledge, wisdom, and advice, but also their faith and dependence on God in the midst of struggles. My day is filled with great experiences, like when I am sitting in someone’s home, and they have enough trust in me to become vulnerable and share their life story with me.”