



## **Student Spotlight: Josiah Nelson**

After hearing about the *MissionShift* from several friends while attending AFLBS (Association Free Lutheran Bible School) and listening to Pastor Wells during a chapel service, Josiah was eager to sign up for the *MissionShift* class. Though he was looking forward to the class, he thought his experience as a missionary kid in Brazil and Portugal would be enough to make the class a mere review of what he already knew. Shortly after the class started Josiah realized that he was wrong. The speakers left him amazed at the deep knowledge and wisdom they had in their fields of study and experience. The classes left him literally sitting on the edge of his seat wanting to learn more. Josiah stated that, "Each speaker left a lasting impact on me to the point that my every experience in a grocery store, coffee shop, restaurant, park, and church has been affected." As Pastor Wells taught about holistic ministry, as well as using a distinction between Law and Gospel in ministering to others, Josiah felt greatly blessed to receive practical training that not only focused on meeting physical needs and building relationships, but proclaiming the Gospel as its core. Josiah feels God has used these last two semesters to open his eyes to see people as God sees them. He is planning on continuing his education by attending the U4C program beginning the Fall of 2015, and is trusting God to lead him from there!