

## Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project Reaches The Shores Of Callville Bay

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On March 13, 2021, Shine City Project reached the shores of Callville Bay where we volunteered with the Lake Mead National Recreation Area! Located on the border between Southern Nevada and Arizona, Lake Mead is a man-made reservoir on the Colorado River that formed after the completion of the Hoover Dam in 1935. Lake Mead has a vital role in supplying water to the southwestern region of the United States to Arizona, California, and Nevada, as well as parts of Mexico. Because of drought and increased demand, water has become an increasingly precious resource in this area.

A one hour-drive away from Las Vegas, our Shine City Project volunteers travelled to Callville Bay, a waterway located on the northwestern side of Lake Mead. Callville Bay is a popular area for those who enjoy Lake Mead by camping or boating. Working with Lake Mead NRA staff and other volunteers, we helped to pick up litter in the area. Much of the trash that our volunteers found was located along the path towards the marina. A lot of these items that we picked up were food packaging, as well as glass bottles. With our five Shine City Project volunteers, we were able to fill six bags of trash!

After the service project, our volunteers had time to have lunch and relax. On a patch of grass that overlooked the water from Callville Bay, we enjoyed some food and snacks that had been brought by our volunteers. Although it was a little cold, breezy, and cloudy, we could feel love from all around us as we were surrounded by God's creation. Even before the service project started, before arriving, we could feel the warmth that came from the brown, red, and green tones of the rocky, desert landscape as we drove on the way to Callville Bay. Overall, although we came to clean up the things that were outside of us, it had felt that we were also cleaning up the things that were inside of us as well. Any worries or negativity that we may have had had been taken away. The service project was a therapeutic experience for everyone, and we hope to return again someday!

