Our Guatemala Missionaries canoe in El Salvador

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A lake in El Salvador

It cost 80 cents to rent a canoe at a lake we went to in El Salvador. As we viewed the wonders of El Salvador, we started paddling toward an island, which doesn't look so far from the shore. But it is actually three or four kilometers; it was fine going to the island but we couldn't get back because of the wind and the waves which kept coming in over the side of the boat.

The boat finally filled up with water and tipped over. We made an air pocket underneath and tried to push it toward the shore. About 1½ hours later some fishermen came in a dugout log canoe and told us that you can't go from the island straight to where we rented the canoe. They bailed out our canoe with a coconut shell and one took Gabbie and I in the canoe and the other took Hugo in the log, a long way around the shore of the lake.