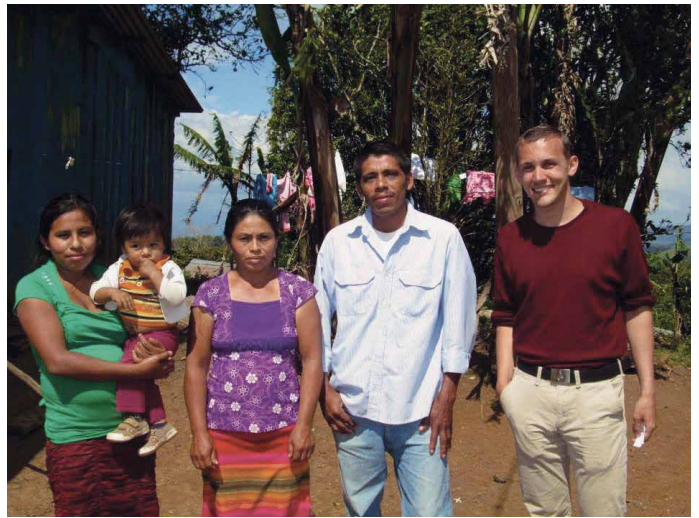


Cameron Kesinger: Focusing on International Service



As Cameron Kesinger '11 unpacked his boxes in a small apartment in South Texas this summer, he mused over the path that led him to his new role with the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) helping undocumented, unaccompanied children in immigration detention centers navigate the U.S. justice system. ProBAR is a national effort to provide pro bono legal services to asylum seekers detained in South Texas by the United States government. Kesinger will visit with the children, some as young as three or four, to hear their stories and help determine what legal services they need, and at times accompany them to court. He is both excited and nervous, but his deep commitment to helping these children is readily apparent.

This is a natural next step for Kesinger, arising out of his commitment to humanitarian needs and his international studies degree. At Macalester College in Minnesota, he found fulfillment in volunteering for organizations focused on helping immigrants and refugees. His experience with other cultures also includes service in Ecuador, Nicaragua, Cuba, and Hong Kong.

In February, Kesinger will move again, this time to Brazil, as a Fulbright Scholar, where he will teach English and work with professors at a public university. He will also spend time volunteering or working on an independent project in the

community. Kesinger states that he wants to be “approachable and personable as a teacher, just like my teachers were at Bear Creek.” He further reflects that, “the teachers I had at Bear Creek were truly committed to their students and invested in their success. I continue to maintain contact with some of my teachers, and I really value those relationships.”

“I would not be the person I am today without Bear Creek’s faculty,” Cameron continues, “and I’m very proud to be associated with the school.”