

Mielan Barnes

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My name is Mielan Barnes, I am from Jefferson, Georgia, and I am 20 years old. I am currently studying theater performance and dance at Columbus State University. God has blessed me with the ability to “feel” very easily. It’s almost as if I can feel another’s

pain and suffering. At times feeling this connection with others can be a burden but, as I’ve grown spiritually, I began to realize that this gift of connecting with others is simply God’s gift to me: a heart of compassion. Having a heart of compassion allows me to serve open heartedly and freely because I feel called to do so. This upcoming year I will be residing in Peru as a Young Adult Volunteer. Through this year of service, I know that my faith will grow and become stronger.