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The last day.....! :(

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It has been an amazing week! Apart from the work we have done on our various houses, we have renewed and strengthened old friendships, formed new relationships, and laughed! How we have laughed. Whether it was over Papa John's depends, Amanda's bumble bee outfit, Colin's Jump frog game, Matt Perry's numerous marriages, or any of the other funny things we have experienced here, it has been a fantastic time.

Friday

Our last day of work. Time to finish our assigned tasks. Time to say goodbye to our homeowners, with promises to stay in touch, to come visit when we are back next year. Time for water balloon ambushes, red clay fights, gold lame tights. Dinner at Ryan's, another Slidell tradition. Thanksgiving Circle-tears, laughs, so very much to be thankful for. Another late night.

So what have we learned this week?

That friendships don't depend upon the distance between them but rather by the time and energy spent in maintaining them. That we have so very much to be thankful for in our lives. That God loves us and calls us to love and to serve others.

And so we leave this place and head for home today. But we will be back next year!