

BMA: The Serie

Episode 3: To Become Leaders through Service

INT. BASEMENT - DAY

The room is kind of old and dirty with a lot of furniture and antique stuff. The five ambassadors are moving some things kind of disgusted.

EDDY

Man, who even comes to this place anyway?

JENNIFER

This wouldn't even be a problem if we all had done something.

JAKE

Doesn't seem like you did a lot either.

Dylan is on the back looking at the stuff curious.

DYLAN

Oh nice! A marble. I wonder if it shines in the dark.

Dylan hides it in his hands and tries to look through a whole. Melissa keeps working while the others discuss.

JENNIFER

Well, I don't know about you, but I'm not enjoying this at all.

EDDY

This is just none sense. The principal just takes advange of this ambassador's situation and make us clean this old place for him. I bet he won't even use it.

JAKE

Isn't that what voed actually is?

JENNIFER

No precisely, we wouldn't even be doing this if we would've done something before. Tecnically we're here because of us. And we'll be back here if we don't do anything about it.

DYLAN

(in the background)  
No, the marble doesn't shines in the

dark.

Melissa doesn't says anything. She's just working by herself.

EDDY

I'm gonna have to bring my bed next time.

JENNIFER

That's the thing, I'm not counting on a next time. We are gonna have to work on this. And we're gonna have to make sure that everybody is doing his job, otherwise we all will be losing points in our grades. And sure none of us wants to be back doing this... whatever.

Jennifer look at his coworkers, they aren't doing much to help, nor are paying real attention, but Dylan.

JENNIFER

Do you all think you can manage to find something to do during classes? I mean in the name of the Ambassadors's Project.

DYLAN

I think I can give free hugs if people feel like it.

JENNIFER

All right, this shows the level of people I'm stuck with. I'll make a list for all of you, so you can start working on it. I'm not going to deal trusting with you.

DYLAN

That was just one idea, I have some others.

JENNIFER

Okay. We have to take this more seriously. I'll take the helm of the boat for our sake and you'll just try to do the things I give you, unless you have a better idea.

EDDY

I suppose we can follow you.

JENNIFER

You heard the principal, we'll be having monthly reunions and I don't want any of you coming to the meeting with no work done, okay?

JAKE

Worry for yourself, later on you can worry about us.

EDDY

Yeah, I think we can control this situation. It's not gonna be that fun at all, but what can we do?

DYLAN

I think it might be fun, I mean, you can make it as fun as you want it to be.

EDDY

What would you know?

JENNIFER

Anyway, let's finish this. I want to go back to the dorm now.

Everybody keeps working on the basement.

DYLAN

(excited)

Oh look! It does shine on the dark!

BLACK

INTRO.

EXT. BMA BUILDING - DAY

The sun is high and shining. Some kids are getting into the school.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

Hello again, my friends. I'm glad we are back on the BMA buildings and ready to keep on this amazing journey.

INT. CHURCH - DAY

All the kids are gathered on the church and there are some teachers at the front giving some instructions. They are all

wearing the yellow tshirt of *Bible Lab*.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

As part of the school courses, students at BMA has a special program called Bible Lab. This is the time where all students drop their backpacks and notebooks to grab a shovel, a plastic bag or even a nice smile, anything that can help the community.

Melissa is sitted in an especific spot by herself.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

As bible workers, all the students go to the places where there might be people with needs and they supply them. It's such an experience I would say. You might get a few tired foot, but you will earn a warmest heart.

At the first row with a smile and a little backpack with different tools is Dylan. Next to him is ALLISON (14), a girl with black curly hair. She seems a little excited, but not as much as Dylan. Jake is sitten at the corner of the benches. A few spaces next to him is BENJAMIN (17), a tall and bearded guy, trying his best to listen to the pastor instructions. An asian PASTOR is at the middle with the mic.

PASTOR

Okay, so are you all ready to start this adventure?

EXT. BMA BUILDING - DAY

The kids are getting in some different busses and vans with the BMA logo. All of them go in a different way.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

This is often divided by small groups and the task always change. Sometimes you could be cleaning the backyard, some other you could be sharing a bag of supplies. It's not hard to find ways to help the community.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

The kids are getting down the bus. Benjamin is counting the kids who gets down and gives them everyone a plastic bag. In

that group is Jennifer, who just takes her stuff and goes to start picking garbage.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

Even when every group has a staff supervising, BMA believe in the young leaders. So every group has a student responsible that makes sure everything works as planned.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

The kids are walking by the Hamburg streets going door by door with supplies and stuff to give. Roberto, who is the leader of that group is giving them a little example of how to do it. Nugget is in that group and has a little of trouble understanding the way she does it.

NARRATOR (V. O.)

That way, everybody feels involved and gets enriched by the multiple benefits you could get by this fun activity.

EXT. OUTSIDE A HOUSE - DAY

A group of students is supposed to be raking the fallen leaves from a tree. Melissa and Erika are in that group. The teacher is on the car while Melissa awaits for her.

TEACHER

I'm going to find a spot to park. Can you start giving them the instructions to start? You have everything in those papers.

Melissa just look at the papers a little nervous. The teacher moves the car, leaving her alone. Erika approaches her enthusiastic.

ERIKA

So? What's the plan?

MELISSA

What?

ERIKA

Come on! You're the leader, show us what to do.

Melissa look at the kids playing around with the cleaning tools. Erika runs to the other guys. Melissa walks slowly

looking if the teacher is coming already, but she's nowhere to be seen. Melissa gets to the center where everybody is doing their stuff but work. She tries to get everybody's attention, but is not very effective

MELISSA  
(kind of slow)  
Hey guys.

Nobody notices her nor even Erika.

NARRATOR (V. O.)  
For Melissa, doing a common task like getting the group's attention, could be really challenging. She didn't like to raise her voice that loud, nor yell, so she had a real struggle dealing with this apparently simple situation.

Melissa tries to say something again but nobody realizes it. After thinking for a while dealing with her ideas, she sees Erika and something comes to her mind. A little more confident goes straight to Erika.

MELISSA  
(nervous)  
Eh... can you help me?

EXT. OUTSIDE A HOUSE - DAY

A GENERAL SHOT shows the house that has to be cleaned.

ERIKA  
(yelling)  
Everybody! Pay attention! Instructions will be given right in this second.

Erika is above a small rock trying to reach everyone's attention. Besides her is Melissa. Everybody is paying attention now.

ERIKA  
Now, listen to Melissa, she's going to tell you what to do.

Everybody turns to Melissa. She gets a little closer to the center.

MELISSA  
 (still a little nervous)  
 All right, we're gonna do this.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Eddy is on the same group as Anna and Adam, so he feels kind of excited, but also nervous. They are all picking garbage. Eddy is just walking by trying to seem like he is doing something. He seems a little concern of the punishment that can happened so every now and then he just picks something up. He kneels next to Adam and pretends to be putting something inside.

EDDY  
 Hey Adam. Do you think over there they  
 need more help?

Adam turns his face and sees Anna talking to TREVOR (16), both seem kind of relax. He sees everything perfectly fine.

ADAM  
 I feel like they are fine...

The menace in Eddy's face makes him think about it again.

ADAM  
 (kind of fast)  
 ... but not fine enough.

EDDY  
 Yeah, right? So I'm going to need your  
 help with something.

ADAM  
 Just say it boss and I'll do it.

EDDY  
 I feel like Trevor is no longer needed  
 there. We can help them just right,  
 don't you think?

ADAM  
 (getting ready)  
 Yeah. We are always better.

EXT. OUTSIDE A HOUSE - DAY

The teacher comes back from parking the car, she sees everybody working already and doing a good job. She comes next to Melissa who is also working with a rake.



TEACHER

Wow, this is looking nice! Sorry for the delay, finding a parking spot nowadays is impossible!

The teacher looks around and sees everybody working.

TEACHER

I see you managed well, good job, eh?

Melissa just smiles.

MELISSA

I got some help.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Jennifer's group is giving some supplies door by door. She and Camila, her roommate are a little behind than the others.

JENNIFER

I mean, I could be doing some other stuff, but you know, those classes aren't going to be passed just by being there. You actually have to do the homework and the extra readings. I'm telling you. This is going to kill me someday.

Camila is walking next to her while she eats an apple.

CAMILA

(to herself)

Bruh, I literally just asked you for the hour.

JENNIFER

(turns and sees her)

Hey! Don't eat the supplies.

CAMILA

Oh, relax! I brought this one back from the dorm. Want one? I have another one in my backpack.

JENNIFER

No, if the teachers see that they won't find that funny and perhaps we could end up being punished.

CAMILA

You worry to much for a high schooler.

JENNIFER

On the contrary, you worry to little for a high schooler. How can you be so chill about everything?

CAMILA

Well, I guess I just enjoy my time.

JENNIFER

But do you realize the time is running and fast? When you less expect it you'll be already going to college and just by chilling you'll not find something likeable to you.

CAMILA

Well, worrying too much is not going to help me get into the art faculty anyways.

JENNIFER

(surprise)

Oh! So you already know what do you want to do?

CAMILA

Well... yeah, who in high school doesn't?

JENNIFER

(nervous and trying to seem ok)

Yeah... who doesn't, right?

CAMILA

I mean, is just a matter of trying a lot of stuff, different stuff, during your early ages and find something you will like above all of them. That always helps, it's impossible not to find something likeable if you try everything.

JENNIFER

Try everything...

Jennifer stays a little thoughtful and Camila takes out a quarter of watermelon and starts eating it.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Dylan is very excited picking up the garbage in his group. He is about to pick a plastic bag with his hand, when a plastic mechanic hand picks it up faster than him. Dylan raises up his head and in front of him is Allison.

DYLAN

Wow, that's a cool tool!

ALLISON

I know it is. You know what's cooler?

DYLAN

What?

ALLISON

There are only three of this kind in Pennsylvania.

DYLAN

How do you know that?

ALLISON

I just know.

DYLAN

A little bit doubtful, but interesting anyways. What's your name, by the way?

ALLISON

Allison. You should know that by now, we've been here more than a month already.

DYLAN

There are so many people in BMA, that everybody seem like a new face to me. Well, my name is--

ALLISON

Dylan, I know that.

DYLAN

How do you know my name?

ALLISON

I told you, I know things.

DYLAN

If that's true, tell me what day is

today.

ALLISON  
September 17.

DYLAN  
Uh, she's good! I always forget that.

ALLISON  
I told you.

DYLAN  
Hmm... well... I bet I don't even need  
a robotic hand to beat you picking up  
more garbage.

ALLISON  
I bet you can't.

DYLAN  
I bet I will!

ALLISON  
I bet you won't!

Both of them start picking garbage really quick. Nick who is  
near to them looks at them.

NICK  
Jesus, those kids are super energetic!  
We cannot allow that. Rody, let's show  
them how the professional do it.

Nick and Rody both start also picking garbage really quick.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Trevor and Anna are talking while they pick up the stuff  
around.

ADAM  
Hey Trevor, come here, man. There is  
something cool you would like to see.

TREVOR  
Nah, bro I'm not...

Adam puts a serious face trying to crack his knuckles in a  
dissembled way, so Trevor kind of nervous gets up and walks  
through him.

TREVOR

I... I'll be back... eh... I mean...  
it was nice to...

Suddenly he leaves. Anna look at them kind of weird. They both walk away with their arms around their necks while they talk. She keeps picking up the garbage when Eddy tries to approach her. He throws some garbage near to her so he can get closer with the excuse to pick it up, but when he is about to try it, Lucy picks it up a little annoyed.

LUCY

Hey bro! What do you think you are  
doing?

Eddy freezes a little nervous. Lucy holds the garbage in her hand and pointing at him. Anna looks behind to see what is going on.

LUCY

Do you think you are so cool throwing  
away some garbage?

EDDY

(nervous and with a crack voice)  
No... no... I was just--

LUCY

You were nothing! I saw you throwing  
it to her while she is working. You  
guys just don't do anything right,  
don't you?

EDDY

(nervous)  
Is... is... not what it looks like.

Adam and Trevor at the distance look at Eddy having some troubles. Anna make an eye contact to Eddy, who doesn't stop sweating.

LUCY

I don't like to deal with your kind.  
So you, come with me. The two of us  
will work over here.

EDDY

But--

LUCY

Is that clear?

Eddy nods nervous trying to avoid eye contact with Anna. Lucy starts leaving and gives a sign to Eddy to follow her. They both leave Anna alone.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Jake is working with a bunch of guys who are supposed to take branches from a tree. All of them are big guys and are picking the branches and leaving them in the big container. In the group is Will, who is just sitted in his wheelchair looking at the guys work. DANIEL (17), a sophore and Benjamin are also in the group working with Jake.

DANIEL

My cousin pays real money for a gym,  
and here we are doing it for free.

BENJAMIN

And we're getting the benefit of that.

Benjamin see the owners of the house looking at them with a big smile.

DANIEL

(pointing dissembled at Will)  
What's with him? Why did they assigned  
him on this group? He's not helping at  
all.

Jake turns and look at Will who is opening a juice box ready to drink.

DANIEL

He took somebody else's place. Some  
good helping hands.

BENJAMIN

Come on guys, he's a disabled guy.

JAKE

He might be in a wheelchair but still  
has a pair of hands, doesn't he?

DANIEL

Yeah, but you aren't gonna tell him to  
get to work, right? You can't tell him  
that. Disable guys are exempted.

JAKE

We'll see about it.  
(yelling to Will)

Hey, yo', man! Are you gonna give us a hand or what?

WILL  
You think I can give you a hand?

Will puts the straw in his juice box and starts drinking.

JAKE  
Yeah, why not?

WILL  
(stopping drinking)  
That's were you're wrong. Sorry mate but I can't help you with that.

DANIEL  
Just leave it, man. I've seen that guy, he's stubborn as a--

Jake approaches him with a bunch of branches and puts them in Will's hand.

WILL  
What are you doing?

JAKE  
Take it to the container.

WILL  
I can't--

JAKE  
You're just gonna have to hold them, I'll push you to the container.

WILL  
This is not any regular wheelchair, I can't just be playing around with...

Jake pushes Will's wheelchair to the container, Will tries to dissuades him on the short way.

WILL  
... it, the excess of work might damage the wheels. Hey man! Stop it!

JAKE  
Well, we made it and nothing happened.

Jake takes the branch in Will's arms and throws it in the

container. Will says nothing.

JAKE

We'll do that again, but now well.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Jake is taking Will on the wheelchair, this time his arms are completely and extremely full of branches, we can barely see his face. Daniel and Benjamin watch from the distance

DANIEL

Who would've thought it, disabled guys are really helpful.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Eddy is picking garbage with Lucy. Both of them are in silence. Eddy try to find Anna with his sight, but she is not near.

LUCY

How are you doing, boy?

EDDY

I'm working. I'm working.

Adam gets next to Eddy to help him.

ADAM

Hey Eddy--

LUCY

Oh no. You keep working over there. When you two are together none of you work. You two are laziest than a pair of koalas.

Adam walks away nagged and ashamed. Eddy keeps working a little ashamed that he is being put under control. While they are picking all the garbage Eddy realizes that some garbage is getting heavy to hold, and is getting torn and damaged in the way as they are putting everything in a spot to be picken up. Suddenly he realizes that Anna is trying to push his bag, so he rushes and and goes to help her.

EDDY

(a little nervous)

Here... Le... let me help me. I mean... help YOU.



ANNA

Oh, thank you.

Eddy tries to lift the bag, but is too heavy so it kinds of breaks a little. Eddy moves a little nervous, then look around and runs to grab to big branches that are near. He torns one of his bags and make some knots with it in the branches and tie it as an improvised wheelbarrow. Anna just look at him a little curious.

ANNA

Oh, that's cool!

EDDY

Me? Well... I'm not that bad...

(getting nervous)

Oh... you meant the wheelbarrow?

Yeah... that is cool too.

ANNA

Well, I guess you have everything under control. Thanks for the help anyways.

Anna starts leaving. Eddy stays kind of thoughtful thinking what to do.

EDDY

(to himself)

I'm an idiot. Why didn't I asked for her name at least?

Some kids approaches to him.

KID

Hey man, can you help me taking mine too?

Eddy turns to look at her. They are pointing at the wheelbarrow.

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

Lucy turns trying to find Eddy, who had seemed to vanish.

LUCY

(annoyed)

That little rascal!

Suddenly she see how Eddy is helping the other groups to take all the big bags and putting them with the others. She smiles

kind of convince that he is doing well.

LUCY  
(happy)  
That little rascal!

EXT. HAMBURG CITY - DAY

A lot of garbage has been picked up and both, Brandon and Allison have a pile of garbage in their plastic bags. Both of them are exhausted and done for the day. The place looks cleaner and better.

DYLAN  
I think I beat you.

ALLISON  
I think "I" beat you.

DYLAN  
Hmm, I don't know about that.

ALLISON  
Well, all I know is that we definitely beat them.

Both look at Nick and Rody who have a smaller amount than them and are way more exhausted than them. Brandon and Allison start laughing.

NARRATOR (V. O.)  
Days like these are not the easiest, but definitely are some of the most satisfactory ones. Nothing can beat a group of young people working together for the good of the community.

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

The students are back from Bible Lab and they're now eating in the library resting for a while. Melissa and Erika are sitting in the floor. Erika is telling her something she finds cool while Erika listens. Jake is at the back sleeping. Anna is by herself when ZOE(15), her best friend, arrives.

ZOE  
Wow, what a day! You won't believe what happened to me!

ANNA  
Really? What happened?

Eddy is next to his friends playing around, but he is still looking at Anna a little nervous. Will is trying to throw the crumbs of his meal on the the trash can, but there is too many people around that he has to avoid them.

WILL

Passing thru! Passing thru!

Jennifer is writting on her notebook a title that says: TRY EVERYTHING. Camila at her back takes out from her backpack a bag of potato chips. Lucy is speaking with Benjamin and Daniel. Nick and Rodi are telling Nugget how much work they did.

NICK

Bro, seriously, we pick a lot.  
Something like this. You wouldn't believe it. We were the best ones.

NUGGET

Nah, you are lying, man.

Dylan is eating really happy. Next to him is Allison, both of them do a lot of expressions while they eat. The Pastor gets to the center and then gives a few words to the students.

PASTOR

Wasn't that experience wonderful? I bet we learned a lot about service during this short period of time. Let me tell you guys, helping the community not only helps you to do an action of good to others, but also helps you to become better versions of yourselves. This is gonna help you not only to be better citizens but to developt a good discernment, serving others, and become a great leader in your community. Tomorrow when you graduate and leave BMA, we want to know that you are leaving not as the same students that arrived, but as prepared leaders who are ready to take any challenge they face.

All of them seem kind of touch, but specially the ambassadors who look kind of appealed to the words the pastor just gave.