We also had the honor of traveling the island with a social worker, Ms. Ann John. Together we learned to analyze the verbal and non-verbal signals people display. We saw the inner parts of the island and saw how the native’s live. The contrast in lifestyles can hardly be verbalized. Let me just say that the picture above depicts some of the better housing many people had!

Lastly, we volunteered at Bel-Air, a home for orphans/abused children. Though I enjoyed all aspects of my trip, I loved the working with the “babies” and adolescents the most. They demonstrated time and time again how strong and resilient children are. These children were put through some of the toughest situations, circumstances that no-one should be confronted with and yet they preserved their innocence and love for life. (picture: Dereck “my baby” and me)
We spent 6 weeks of our summer in Grenada, an island in the Caribbean, where we were involved in a variety of activities. One of our tasks was to teach reading and math at a vocational school. The picture above shows the trainees of NEWLO waiting in front of the kiosk to get a snack. The kids I met in Grenada were some of the most caring, respectful, and fun-filled individuals I have ever met. They made me appreciate the simple things in life and offered me a new vigor and enthusiasm with which to face each day.