

Dear Supporters and Prayer Warriors,

Thank you for all your prayers for the Campus Crusade for Christ summer project in Wildwood, NJ! Aaron, my fiance, and I just returned from our 7 weeks there and are quite exhausted. Our days were extremely full but the project was amazing. I loved discipling four girls from the Northeast, walking beside them in their questions, struggles, and triumphs. I was so choked up saying goodbye.

Attached is our project newsletter, where you can read specific stories from the summer thus far. Our students are still on project in Wildwood until the beginning of August (students transitioned into our staff roles) so please keep praying for them!

*Giving Praise to Him,
Jenn Bennett*



Aaron and I



My favorite picture from project: all the staff women surrounding the project girls with prayer



Me with my four girls: Salina, Melissa, Sarah, and Esther

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Wildwood and the World

THE NATIONS WE'VE CONNECTED WITH THIS SUMMER:

Azerbaijan	Kyrgyzstan
Belarus	Macedonia
Bulgaria	Malaysia
China	Moldova
Columbia	Paraguay
Egypt	Russia
Ecuador	Saudi Arabia
Ghana	Serbia
Greece	Spain
Honduras	Taiwan
Israel	Thailand
Jamaica	Turkey
Jordan	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for a smooth transition as staff leave and students take leadership of the project.
- Pray for the growth of those in Wildwood who have professed faith in Jesus.



Auzy and his action group leader Mike

Each summer over 200,00 vacationers come to the island of Wildwood, NJ and the tourism industry draws over 1,000 students from around the world here to work and practice English. These students represent a wide array of countries, many of which are from some of the areas in the world that are least reached with the gospel.

Since 1974, a group of college students from around the country have come to Wildwood to reach out to the people here and grow in

their relationships with God. The potential impact is incredible!

Wildwood Summer Project is a great opportunity for Christian students to not only grow in sharing their faith, but also to treasure Christ in their own lives and walk in the freedom of God's grace. This summer, the book of Galatians provided a great foundation for understanding

the grace of the Gospel and the need to break free from performance and legalism. As students embrace this freedom, they are able to share it with those around them here as well as back on campus in the fall.



Project Students enjoying a meal together

One of the unique blessings of this summer has been the participation in the project of Auzy, a deaf student. His presence brings new logistical challenges for the project, but it has been a great chance to learn about the deaf community which is a largely unreached people group here in the US. He has been making an impact for Christ in Wildwood.

Auzy met Joe, a local man who is also deaf, at a church in the Wildwood area. Joe

Getting the Gospel

had significant Christian background and had been attending this church for about a year. However, like many deaf people, because of communication barriers and isolation in the deaf community, he had never come to truly grasp the Gospel even as a regular church attendee. When Auzy and Joe met, their common bond facilitated a quick connection. Auzy asked the simple question, "What did you think of the sermon?" and from Joe's answer grasped that he did-

n't truly understand the sermon because he didn't understand the heart of the Gospel. Through asking more questions and correcting some of Joe's long-held misconceptions, Auzy was able to clearly explain the Gospel. Joe deeply desired the fellowship with Jesus that he had never truly experienced before and put his faith in Christ that afternoon. Since then, Auzy has continued to meet with him to discuss foundational aspects of the Christian life.

God at Work (Literally)

Dan and Richard's story began in the McDonald's kitchen. Dan, a summer project student met Richard, a student from China, while they were both working at McDonalds for the summer. In addition to more traditional initiative evangelism, summer project has a special focus to evangelism in natural settings, most notably the students' summer jobs. We train students to reach out to their coworkers by asking good questions and listening well—two of the best tools for building a relationship and sharing God's love and truth. As Dan got to know Richard, he repeatedly invited him to the project's "International Café," a weekly event when the project offers free internet

access, grocery store rides, and English conversation tables to serve the international students in the area. Eventually, Richard came and Dan was able to walk with him through "Solarium," an evangelistic tool in which people choose photos to communicate their

thoughts on life and God. When asked what God is like, Richard chose a picture of a dark bridge with a light in the distance. Richard described it as representing hope, but he was not sure where this hope could come from. Dan shared the Gospel message and how we can have hope through Jesus. Richard was intrigued and receptive.

Two days later he met up with Dan again to "accept the gift." Dan explained the Gospel again, this time with a bi-lingual gospel presentation and Richard prayed a prayer of repentance and faith in Chinese. Even more encouraging is the fact that Richard is already taking steps to learn more about God and grow in the Gospel!



Dan (center) and the project students who work at area McDonalds restaurants

Grace in Action

We say that we believe we don't have to do anything to receive salvation, just accept God's gracious gift, but how often do we live that out? Keren is a witty, personable freshman who seeks the truth and is not afraid to ask hard questions. In conversations this summer with her staff Action Group leader, she explored these questions and eventually concluded that she was living under a performance mindset because she had been taught her whole life both directly and indirectly that you have to work to please God

and if you are not living a good enough life then you are not going to heaven. As they explored this further, she began to understand grace more and how performance is not consistent with the gospel. She asked God to help her understand and accept grace. By the next week, she was excited to share how God had really been making grace clear to her and showing her how much He loves her no matter what she does. She shared that God showed her how much she has been able to forgive family members for

some very hard things in her past because she loves them so much, and how much more He does that for her. That same week she got to experience grace when she apologized to a friend and not only was forgiven but was also encouraged. She was so excited and is continuing to grow in the understanding that God desires her to live in freedom. When Keren returns to campus, she will be a powerful counter cultural force in the performance driven campus world.



Keren and her action group Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! Your help makes amazing opportunities such as summer project possible. Each staff member played a

significant role in bringing to fruition the vision of treasuring Christ and making Him known. Staff led small groups with 3-4 students and met weekly with each for discipleship appointments to nurture and challenge each student in their areas of need and strength. Trainings and events equipped students with ministry and leadership skills and helped them grow

Thank You!

in eternal perspective and God's heart for the world. As the staff transitioned out, we trained the student leaders and encouraged each student in their roles for the rest of project and ministry in the fall. Pray for God to work in amazing ways during the rest of the summer as students begin to own the project and are able to shape the project with their own gifts and ideas.