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Last month we shared about our time in Yellowstone and the great time we had with our students. This month we thought we would let you hear first hand from some of our students about their Summer Project experience in Yellowstone.

Matt—Eastern Kentucky University

“One of the coolest parts of the summer for me was interacting with all of the international students that came to Yellowstone to work for the summer. Half way through the summer a group of Taiwanese workers came to work at Old Faithful. On the fourth of July I took a Taiwanese student named Alan fishing, and while we were on the boat on Yellowstone Lake I shared the gospel with him. Afterwards he opened up to things that had been going on in his life and he expressed great interest in knowing someone who he could always count on and go to. So I was happy to tell him that he could find that in a relationship with Jesus. As time went on throughout the summer Esther (another girl on project) and I continued to meet with him to read the Bible and talk about life. As we did this he continued to open up and eventually shared with us that his life was full of emptiness, and that he sometimes wished he wasn't even alive. His life was filled with so much hurt and loneliness. Upon further meetings, when we talked to him about love, he told us that he could not think of an instance in his life when he had felt loved. Through this, Esther and I expressed how we loved him and also how God loved him and how God's love is unconditional and never failing. By the end of our trip Alan expressed a real desire to look into and investigate what it means to follow and obey Christ. Even though we had limited time with Alan this summer, and he never truly accepted Christ into his life, I feel that for once he could see love through us and our interactions and as I continue to stay in touch with him I hope he may accept God's love for himself.”



Hannah—Columbia College, Chicago

“This summer I had a ton of personal growth, more than expected really. God started by breaking my need for control. Then He started working on breaking me of pride. Many times in my life I've been made aware of my pride, but this summer was honestly the first time I feel I was broken in my pride. For example, I take a great deal of pride in the fact that I can DO a lot. I spent a year before school working 16-hour days at two jobs. So this summer, working a 7 or 9-hour day was very humbling. I would literally cry on the bathroom floor almost daily. In this I was reminded of how desperately I need God in every moment. Beyond just struggling with work I was emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually exhausted. I was having trouble smiling at people in the employee cafeteria, which made it difficult to engage in a conversation with them. Then I was supposed to lead a Bible study 2-hours later? Ultimately this summer I was able to experience what a Holy Spirit lead life looks like. On the days that I had nothing to offer I simply prayed for the Holy Spirit to be present, and to lead me and love through me. And those were the days that were the best. This whole year leading up to project I was learning more about the Holy Spirit in my small group, but it was so cool to get to experience the Holy Spirit leading me this summer—not just learn about it.”



Brian—New Hampshire

“I was working with a kid named Corey, a 24-year-old from California. I mentioned I was with Campus Crusade for Christ and described what we were doing this summer at Yellowstone. He seemed very interested in our group and asked a bunch of questions, which quickly raised the conversation to a spiritual level. He told me one of the main issues he had with Christianity was the way the church treated homosexuals, and told a couple stories about friends who had been mistreated. Seeing that the stories had really gotten to me (they had), Corey asked me how I felt about the gay community in relation to my faith. I gave him the best answer I could think of, which was, we are all in need of a Savior not one person more than another. After that he didn't say much, but I later learned that he was himself gay, and towards the end of my stay he thanked me for showing him a side of Christianity he'd never seen before. He said he hoped to meet more Christians like me in his life.”



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