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Meet Adrianna
She will be interning this summer to help expand our Deaf ministry branch. The child of Deaf parents, she grew up in the Deaf community and desires to share Christ among the Deaf worldwide!

From my heart...

I have been living in a bubble. This really warm, cozy, protective bubble full of beautiful people and fun cookouts and lots of laughter, but I think I sucked all of the air out and suffocation ensued. For the last few months, I have been asking the Lord to make my time in the USA mirror the wild, passionate, life altering experiences of the mission field. I intended for the Lord to add a few unbelievers into my bubble, but in His infinite wisdom and mercy, he took a straight pin to my safety wall. As I stepped over the rubble on to God's agenda, I found myself in strange and uncharacteristic places, meeting incredible people with stories that usher tears and laughter all at once. I loved all the things in this bubble I created; I just learned that we were never meant to be trapped in a bubble. He did not take away my community or my cookouts; He simply tore down the barrier I had unintentionally placed between the hurting and myself. All Sons and Daughters song "Called me Higher" challenges me every time. The lyrics say "I could be safe...and never let these walls down/But you have called me higher/you have called me deeper/I'll go where you will lead me Lord...let your mercy light the path before me" The old me begs for conformity with her dying breath as His spirit inside me comes alive in the risk and discomfort. I thank our persistent King for this season of growth and joy. This time I'm really glad someone busted my bubble!

International Day

International Day 2013 is coming up just around the corner. It is one of my favorites days of the year when the international students from our community join together for a big welcome festival. This year I am the program director and lately I have gotten the opportunity to meet with international students and talk about their hopes, struggles and joys when they came to the US. I left our meeting with a mind full of exciting ways that we can love and welcome students better. But let's be honest, the best part of this story was not the new ideas; it was the incredible joy of getting to sit with 9 different nations in a park in southwest Missouri. We also designed opportunities for the students to be more involved in the planning which means I get to spend more time with these students!

Our deepest prayer for international day is that every student would develop a meaningful relationship with a passionate follower of Christ. I also ask that you would pray for the students I will be meeting with throughout the summer! I know the Lord is doing big things and I am excited to see lives changed for eternity.

*A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.
-Proverbs 16:9*

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Our partners went back to the small village we stayed in last January. He wrote to tell me that all of the villagers' first question was "Where is Jen-naa?" Tears of love flowed and excitement burst as the memories swirled with the anticipation of the Gospel reaching my sweet friends. The fragrance of Christ is intoxicating and so pronounced with or without language. Please pray that this village will have the chance to clearly comprehend the Love they have only begun to experience.

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