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This summer, we (Alex and Taryn Bell) were on the Summer Mission leadership team in North Myrtle Beach. We had 49 students, 22 staff and 9 staff kids with us. We desired all of our staff and students to walk away having God's heart, specifically for the lost, for reconciliation among all peoples and for the world. Everything we did came back to this vision.







AMBER-Sophomore at University of South Dakota

KATELYN-Senior At Edgewood College In Madison Last summer, Katelyn came as a student to experience North Myrtle Beach. She loved it and saw God transform her life. This summer she returned as a "student staff" to serve on our staff team. She was so nervous! Katelyn had never discipled before and wasn't totally sure what she was getting herself into by staffing a summer mission. Fast forward 6 weeks; Katelyn had an incredible summer. She grew in leadership and confidence that God can use her... so much so that she wants to intern with Cru after she graduates!

One of the students Katelyn discipled this summer was Amber. Amber is spunky, fun and brave. She actually chose to raise \$4,000 and leave her family for the summer despite suffering from health issues... AS A NONBELIEVER.

For the last 5 weeks, Amber has been battling whether or not to commit to a relationship with Jesus. Her illness presented a major barrier to her accepting that God was good and trustworthy. The day before us staff left the students to finish leading the summer mission, Amber pulled Taryn aside and with tears in her eyes said, "I did it!" What an answer to prayer and a sweet gift that we got to be there to celebrate with her. Amber's health will ultimately prevent her from staying for the entirety of the summer mission, so we are beyond thankful she was able to make a decision before she left for home. Praise God!