The Sillysheep Pen Finding the lost, Binding the brokenhearted

LOOKING FORWARD

May 2010

This year marks our 5th year on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ and the end of our 4th year here in the Pioneer Valley. It's been exciting to see that in the past few years, God has blossomed our ministry here at UMass and opened up doors for us in the Asian American community here as well as at Smith College.

The student leaders we have been working with have really grown in their faith as well. Aside from leading small groups, planning outreaches and developing a heart to reach the whole campus. 5 of the students I meet with on a weekly basis are also multiplying themselves as they disciple younger students in the faith, many of whom they've personally led to the Lord. It's so rewarding and encouraging to see that the Lord is giving us a ministry of multiplication, as described in 2 Tim 2:2.

"and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

- 2 Timothy 2:2

The last 5 years has certainly been fun, exciting, funny, humbling, frustrating, amazing, overwhelming, heart breaking, joyous, tiring, and full of grace.

For this summer (in less that a week actually) we'll be heading down to Wildwood, NJ to help lead a summer project.

Summer projects are a great opportunity for students to grow in faith and leadership, as they learn to share their faith and live in a transformational community of grace and truth. (New Testament community) This year we have 4 students coming with us to Wildwood, NJ. This is

the most students to go on summer project to the same location from UMass in recent history. In all we are sending 11 students on summer projects from UMass this year. It's often been said that CCC summer projects are like a greenhouse for spiritual growth. Please pray that all of our students will grow in their faith as they trust God with their summers.

"When believers know and love and live on the meat of the gospel, we will be so gospel-filled and gospel-shaped and gospel-dependent and gospel-driven and gospel-hoping & gospel-joyful that no one will need to tell us why we need to share the gospel or how to share the gospel."

- Dr. John Piper

Lastly, we have an exciting announcement. It is part of the CCC strategy to for international partnerships with other campuses or cities abroad. In the coming year, we will be praying through and deciding on an international partnership. Please pray with us and for us, so that we may hear clearly from the Lord. More details on the various opportunities will be forth coming. Also look forward to our next prayer letter from Wildwood NJ, as we write from our first every staff project experience.





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The UMass Summer Project Roster

NYC Tribeca Summer Project – Jon Remmers, a theatre student, will be going to New York City to take part in the 6 week art & film track of this project. The focus for this track is on how to use art & film to engage a secular society and the art community with the heart of the gospel, our brokenness, our need for redemption and Jesus. Not only is this an area where we need more leaders, but Jon feels that this is part of his long term calling in life.

<u>Haiti Relief Summer Project</u> – Ray Wei, a psychology student, and Saul Lee, a linguistics student, will be going to Haiti for 3 weeks as part of the first wave of students to help establish a long term partnership with Haiti. Though our students will be focusing primarily on relief this summer, CCC is committing to stay in Haiti to see it's restoration and advancement for years to come.

<u>San Francisco Prison Summer Project</u> – Amy Wanamaker, an English student, will be ministering to women who are in prison.

<u>Boston Operations Summer Project</u> – Ann Zaccardi, an animation arts student, will be working with the Northeast regional team to provide Print, Video, Web and other media resources (brochures, websites, video ads, art) to help the campus ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ in the Northeast region.

<u>King Dominion Summer Project</u> – Luke Nesman, a computer science student, will be camp counseling for 8 weeks. The camp ministers specifically to inner city kids, who are in need of the gospel and Godly role models.

<u>SF Bay Area Epic Summer Project</u> – Liza Joung, a Smith student, will be learning about how to experience and share the gospel in an Asian American context.

<u>Wildwood Beach Summer Project</u> – Matt Han, Jeff Chan, Salina Hum and Shuyue Zhou, will be joining us at Wildwood, living out new testament community and sharing the gospel with coworkers and tourists alike. There is a significant international student population working at Wildwood over the summer, so it's a great place to minister to the world.

Prayer Corner

- Please pray for our family as we travel down to Wildwood, NJ. This is our first experience staffing a Summer Project, so please pray that we will be relying on the Holy Spirit and not ourselves as we lead in this new environement.
- Please pray that the Lord will lead us to new ministry partners who will partner with us to reach losts students here at UMass, Smith College and beyond.
- Please pray that Joe and Jen will maintain a vital relationship with Jesus.

