

Remembering Our Summer Of Change

Little did we know what God was going to do in our lives four years ago that would change the course of our lives for the next several years. Four years ago we were both preparing to go on summer projects with Campus Crusade for Christ. After much prompting from Emily's sister and brother-in-law, Laura and John, we decided to devote the summer after our junior year of college to missions in two different parts of the world. Nate decided to go on an 11-week summer project to Yellowstone National Park (see picture below), and Emily decided to go on a cross-cultural summer project to Chiang Mai, Thailand (see picture above right).

What is a summer project? A summer project is an opportunity for college age students to experience full-time ministry in a life-changing summer which includes: building relationships, sharing the Gospel and reaching the lost, working alongside other college students and Campus Crusade staff, and growing deeper in a relationship with Christ. In the summer of 2004, while on our separate summer projects, God greatly impressed upon our hearts the need for the Gospel message to be spread throughout the world. Our priorities were realigned, and we realized that there is no greater joy than sharing Christ with other people. It was that summer that God initially called us into full-time ministry, and here we are today working full-time with Campus Crusade.



This year, twelve Rochester area students have shown an interest in participating in a summer project. We are so excited for each of these students because we know how God can use a few weeks away from home during the summer, serving Him, to change a person's life.

Meet Rebekah!

Rebekah (see picture right) is one of the twelve students in Rochester applying for a summer project this year. We asked her a few questions about the summer project she applied to:

What summer project did you apply to go on?

New York City Tribeca: Arts Track

Why did you choose this particular summer project?

I've always had an interest in art and grew to realize I can get lost in it, but I never knew how God wanted me to use it for His work. When I heard about the Tribeca Arts, it seemed like a direct way for me to find this out...this track is an awesome way for me to combine my passion for creating art with my passion for pursuing God and how He wants to use me.

What are you hoping God will do in your life this summer?

I'm hoping I can just dedicate this summer to God and allow Him to change and mold me. I've wasted far too many summers safe in my own selfish comfort zone...I know that if I do go on summer project, I will be putting myself completely in God's hands, which I have very rarely done

What is one excitement and one fear of going on a summer project?

The excitement would be to live and work in a city I never would've dared to think about living in focusing solely on two things that I love that need cultivating—my art and evangelism. My fear lies in my problems of anxiety...I've allowed it to control me...I get heightened anxiety going away for an extended period of time...I know summer project will be a challenge, but that's where God steps in...He has shown me His strength through my weakest times...He will lead me through this summer victoriously.

For a closer look at Campus Crusade's summer projects visit www.gosummerproject.com



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