

Rebekah Revisited

This past March we wrote in our newsletter about Rebekah, one of the twelve students from Rochester participating in a summer project (to revisit this newsletter go to http://www.ministryupdates.org/emily_miller. Rebekah returned from the New York City Tribeca: Arts Track project a week ago, and after talking to her it is truly evident that God used this summer project in her life in a great way. We asked Rebekah a few questions about her time in New York City. We hope you enjoy reading what God has done in her life!

What's one thing God taught you this summer (What did God teach you about yourself or other people)?

God taught me that I can fully rely on Him—for strength, hope, love, security. SO many times I was at the end of my rope and the only way physically I got through without having an emotional overload was through Him. I finally realized I can rest in Him, and it's so comforting and FREEING to know that.

What was the biggest challenge/fear you faced, and how did you overcome that challenge/fear?

The biggest challenge was our on campus time. I was physically and emotionally drained from the rest of the activities of the project. Walking up to people I didn't know was intimidating, and I'm thankful for the evangelism training that we received every Monday. Campus Crusade for Christ's focus [on evangelism] is to ask good, open ended questions that allow a person to share his/her story, and it's about being there for them at that point in



their spiritual journey. I had never viewed evangelism in that way...it was awkward at first...I felt as though I was searching for things to say, but I finally started to learn to shut my mouth and listen to what the Holy Spirit wanted me to ask.

Share one instance you were able to share the Gospel with someone.

I was able to share the Gospel with a girl named Lauren that I met at Bryant Park. Another student on the project, Beth, and I saw her sitting by herself eating and decided to ask her to do Soularium with us (an artistic evangelistic tool Campus Crusade uses— go to <http://mysoularium.com/> to learn more about this awesome tool). She was very willing! She was so open about her life in her answers to each question. We were able to answer her questions that she

had about God and life, and we were also able to share our testimonies and the Gospel. We never even finished Soularium because she wanted to buy a Bible. She expressed an interest in going to church and then asked if we were too busy for church while on project. We said that we went to church every week and invited her to come us the following Sunday. She ended up coming to church on Sunday, which happened to be within view of her apartment. It was definitely so encouraging to be able to be there for her and help her pick out a Bible and answer her questions. It was so neat to see the way God moved in that situation!

How has this summer project shaped your life for the future?

I realized that I need to be sharing Christ with others far more often than I have been. A huge thing that I have learned is that I need to just simply put more faith and trust in the Lord and in His plan for me, that whatever He calls me to is the safest place I can be. He has called me to give over my anxiety to Him and just let go of my worries and impossible expectations that I put on myself. I think that God also wants me to use my testimony more often to help others through things that He has brought me through.

Pictures: Top right: Rebekah painting one of her pictures. On this summer project, art is used as a way of telling others about Christ! Bottom left: Rebekah (top row, second from left) and girls from her team out and about.

