



What a bittersweet summer. A month ago I gathered with 16 other staff and 30 students for a summer full of fun, growth, laughter, and tears. There was so much to learn and grow through and at the same time, it was a summer intentionally spent seeking rest and personal connection with the Lord. Many of you often times ask what our summer missions schedule looks like or what I actually do => Our summer consisted of our students working at Morey's Piers and other places on the boardwalk from 9-5. The hope is that they would meet coworkers and begin to build relationships with them, invite them into a Christ centered community, engage in hearing their stories, and begin to share their faith. During this time we as staff have various meetings and planning times. As part of the leadership team, I had additional planning meetings, coached two staff women, and tried to grab 1-on-1s with at least every woman student. During the evenings from 7-9, we had different activities planned each night. Monday nights consisted of International Cafe where we invited international students to come and hang out with us, hear their stories, and share American culture with them. It was such a fun night seeing students from all over come and join us and seeing our students engage in sharing about Jesus with them. Tuesday nights we had Action Groups, which are small groups where each group went through the book of Acts through the Discovery Bible Study method. Wednesday nights we had Family Night where we came together as a team to learn more about one another, have fun, and share in one another's joys and pains. One of my favorite times this summer was during a family night where we had a Cook Off celebrating and giving voice to the Hmong, Lu Mien, and Filipino students on our team. Seeing how excited they were to share a part of their culture and history with us was so empowering and made me proud of what we get to do in giving shared voice and power to those marginalized. Thursday nights we had Men's/Women's time and Friday's were our days off. Saturday mornings we had development times and afternoons of outreach and Sundays we partnered with two local churches and then had another afternoon of evangelism training and going out on the boardwalk to talk with people. Sunday evenings were our prayer meetings and Late Nights with Jesus. It was indeed a full summer and through it, there were moments of lament, grieving, and celebration.

Thank you for continuing to journey with me and through your prayers and generous support, giving me an opportunity to continue to walk in the fullness of the Gospel in my own life. Would you continue to pray as I spend the next few days with 6000+ staff at our staff conference in Fort Collins, Co and to continue to pray for our students who are finishing the summer missions?

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