

# JEREMY AND HEATHER REDDY CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

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## Ocean City Summer Project 2006

Dear «Greeting»,

Forty-two years ago the senior pastor at Ocean City Baptist Church looked out across the boardwalk and beach and saw thousands of college students that were completely unreached by the gospel. His heart broke because he knew his church did not have enough people or resources to impact all those students. He called Bill Bright, the founder and former president of Campus Crusade for Christ. He asked Bill if he would send college students to Ocean City to share the good news of Christ with the many students who invaded the beaches and boardwalk every summer. Bill said yes and the Ocean City Summer Project was created.



**4,360** That is the number of people who heard the life changing message of Jesus Christ in one week. *Killing the Giants* was the theme for the third week of the Ocean City summer project. It was a week in which we were stretched in the area of sharing Christ with the lost. At the beginning of the week our project director had each student and each staff member prayerfully write down a faith goal. This faith goal represented the number of people that we wanted to trust God to allow us to share the gospel with that week. After tallying up the total the goal came to 4,301. Reaching this goal was not easy. Four to six hours a day students and staff were out on the boardwalk and the beach initiating conversations about God by using a spiritual life survey. Every night the 3 mile long boardwalk would fill with vacationers, college students, and recent high school graduates on their Senior Week.

Saturday evening rolled around and, as a whole, we found ourselves 200 gospel conversations short of reaching our faith goal. We tried to make this week less about numbers and more about trusting God for big things, but it was quite obvious that the students were disappointed by not reaching the goal. By faith we went back out on the boardwalk for one hour to try and talk with 200 more people. After the hour ended we re-tallied and found our new count to be 4,360 gospel conversations!



(back row) Kyle (Michigan), Matt (Ohio State)  
John (UC Santa Barbara), Jeremy  
(front row) Pete (USC), Stuart (Toledo U)

We moved into a time for students to share individual stories of what God did during that last hour on the boardwalk. Story after story began like this, "I didn't want to go back out, I felt like God didn't show up, that he didn't do his part, but I went out anyway and ended up having the best conversation of the whole week." **Ten people prayed to receive Jesus Christ during that one hour!** The lesson that was learned by all students and staff was that God is in control. If we hadn't been short of our goal we would have never gone back out and initiated gospel conversations with those ten people who placed their faith in Christ that night. Praise God!

I had the privilege of working with the five guys pictured to the left. I could tell you a ton about each guy, but that would take a few pages. They grew so much in the short 7 week window that I saw into their lives. The coolest things I saw was how five very different people united as one. Personalities clashed, room cleanliness differed, amount of sleep need varied, but in the face of these problem causing issues these guys came together to begin real, life changing friendships.



*Heather and Jessie*

This summer looked very different than the previous summer we had spent at Ocean City on summer project. My top priority for the summer was to walk deeply with the Lord and to really dig into His Word. I wanted to leave the summer with an unquenchable thirst for the Word of God. God completely answered my prayers above and beyond. The Lord gave me a deep love for the Word that I have not experienced in long time. Along with that I was able to get to know one of the student women, Jessie. Jessie was one of the project childcare workers when we were in Ocean City in 2002, so we were excited to see her back this summer. Jessie not only took care of Ethan and Sydney most of the summer, but she and I were able to meet on a weekly basis. We talked about our time in the Word, her future, and how the Lord was using her in sharing her faith on the boardwalk. During Killing the Giants week Jessie spoke to a 19 year old girl named Dana. Dana completely opened up to Jessie about her life. Dana spoke of her addiction to drugs at the age of 12, being raped at the age of 14, putting herself into rehab at 16, and losing 4 friends and 2 boyfriends to drugs and car accidents in the last 2 years. Her life was so bad that she began to long for some good news. She wept as Jessie told her about how God loves her and wants a relationship with her. When Jessie asked her if she wanted to have a relationship with God she promptly said yes and prayed to receive Christ. Dana then set up a time every Sunday to meet with Jessie to go to church and talk more about what it means to have a relationship with God. Dana called Jessie later on and told her that she knew that Jesus was real and that she knew her life would never be the same again. It was so fun to be able to meet with Jessie and share in her joy at seeing this young woman come to know the Lord. I am also excited that I will continue to see Jessie because during the summer she decided to go into full time ministry with Campus Crusade. The Lord did some incredible things this summer.

## CHANGED LIVES

I asked Dustin what he learned thus far this summer...he writes: "I came into this project expecting big things to happen in my life and heart. My junior year at Ball State is just around the corner; my "life" is about to begin, and I see myself at some type of crossroad, or maybe just on the verge of beginning a new stage in my life: manhood. Never before had I seriously considered the implications of being an adult, let alone being an adult who follows Christ with all his mind, heart and strength. My prayer this summer was that God would dramatically alter the way I follow Him, see Him, embrace Him and represent Him. I had no idea what that looked like. All I knew is that He has big things in store for me, and in order to get them done, He would have to be in complete control. And He has done just that. Through the Word, prayer, discipleship, fellowship and a crazy-busy-hectic schedule, God has revealed Himself in ways I've never seen. I can't say that every part of me is completely mature and perfect, but I can distinctly see what He has done in my heart and in my life, especially when talking about my social role in the body of believers, and it is nothing short of a miracle. While I still must strive daily in many ways, this summer project has really provided me a gateway to experience Him in a difficult, but refreshing way."



*Dustin, Ethan, Jessie, Nate, and Kristina*

Now that our summer project is over we are both exhausted and excited. One of our desires for the summer was to spend and be spent for the sake of the gospel. We did just that. On the other hand we are so excited about what God did in the lives of the students on project, and even more excited about how that is going to transfer back to their universities. I've already had many conversations with Nate and Dustin about how we can bring the things we learned about evangelism and discipleship back to Ball State. All in all God moved in mighty ways this summer. We could not have done it without you. Thank you for all of your prayers this summer!

Trusting the Lord to move even more,

*Jeremy Heather  
Ethan Sydney*