JUNE/JULY 2009

## **COAST 2 COAST**

WITH CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST



Bible study and hot chocolate after a day out in the cold!



Boundaries bike ride learning about limits and when to say "yes" or "no".



Becca and me getting ice cream with Ling, a Vietnamese woman we met in town.



Hanging out and playing cards on a rainy evening in one of the local coffee shops.

## **Acadia Summer Project**

I am now home after five great weeks in Acadia National Park, ME. The purpose of the summer was to help students grow in their relationships with themselves, others, and God. We used outdoor adventure to help students experience a grace and truth environment that can be applicable to everyday situations. We focused on bonding, boundaries, good/bad, and adulthood. Each week we also implemented virtues: faith, hope, love, joy, wisdom, patience, self control, honesty, purity, perseverance, and humility.

I also had the pleasure of mentoring one of the nine students, Becca, a soon-to-be Sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill. She summed up the summer well; "Each week we focused on different virtues and through hiking, biking, rock climbing, and sea kayaking, the staff helped us to learn life applicable lessons centered on the virtues. One of my favorite activities was focused on perseverance, and after riding a bike up Cadillac Mountain, I better understood the discipline and dependence on the Lord it took to persevere through tough situations. With the small number of students on project, I was blessed to really get to know the staff. Courtney and I really: connected and we got to go get ice cream with a lady we met; while doing outreach, and we got breakfast twice. It was awesome to get to talk to Court and be encouraged by someone who had already been through college and many of the same struggles I currently face. Summer Project taught me many things about the virtues, brought me closer to God, and gave me many lifelong friends!"

The Project was also a great time of growth for me. It was great planning programs with the staff and discussion with the group. As a staff team, we read a chapter in Proverbs a day. A common theme throughout the book is to turn to God for wisdom and to put your treasures in Him and not in things of this world. This is something I'm trying to keep mind this upcoming year.

"For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her." Proverbs 8:11

Lots of Love, Courtney