



As twenty-five staff are scurrying around making final arrangements for the arrival of 60+ students, you can feel the “buzz” in the air. A week of preparation, planning, and praying has passed and we are ready. So many things are flying through my mind, but the main thought that keeps returning is how every single student is going to be drastically changed by Jesus in only eight weeks! Four hours later the Palm Motel is overtaken by countless crazy and ambitious college students. Ah, can you feel the “buzz” I’m talking about?! Well if you do, then you understand one of the reasons I love my job.

As I begin meeting the students I will be discipling, my mind is brought back to the summer of 2004 when I was a student. Many of them are young in their faith, yet eager to learn and be changed by Jesus, much like I was. Since I work with mostly upperclassmen during the school year, it took some time getting readjusted to the simple questions and ideas from them. But it was refreshing to be brought back to the “simple things” of the gospel - being justified and growing in Christ by our faith alone. Be praying with me that Matt, Nick, Tyler, and Brian would each let the simple truth of the **gospel go deeper in their life and the Holy Spirit would claim more of their hearts every day.**



My favorite part of summer project was encouraging these men after our men’s conference. The conference is an evening where we test their physical and spiritual boundaries and put them through obstacles that emphasize their need for community with their brothers in Christ. For many, it was the *first time they saw tangible effects of how their sin hurts the body of Christ.* They all came away with a deeper understanding of unity in the body of Christ.

SUMMER TRAVELS CONTINUE...

Every two years we have a national staff conference where roughly 12,000 staff overtake the campus of Colorado State. It’s a wonderful time of connecting with old friends, regaining vision for the ministry, and being encouraged from God’s word. I’ll be flying out on Monday July 18th and will be there for a full week. Please pray for all of us, that **we would meet with the Lord intimately and seek His face without reservation.**

In mid-August I’ll be traveling back to S.C. for a friend’s wedding and then spend the rest of the month connecting with many of you, and potential future ministry partners. *If you know anyone who would be excited to hear about our ministry, please don’t hesitate to share with them.* I want to make the most of the time so please let me know how I can get in touch with them asap. Blessings to you!

- quality time with my family in August
- patience with being single; wisdom to find a noble, Godly wife
- wisdom as I become senior staff in the fall and take on more responsibilities

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