

## AUGUST TEAMS

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### South Africa East: May 26 – August 11

**PTL for the leaders of tomorrow** – “We’ve all learned so much and we’ll have so much to process when we get back - both good and bad things (a lot happens in 3 months). Pray for Walk in the Light and for the leaders here. Pray for the junior and senior youth groups - they are truly the leaders of this place and the lights in Hanniville. Pray that God would lift them up to places that they could have never imagined - that God would bless them beyond anything they could have ever fathomed - that God would use them beyond their own abilities so that when South Africa looks at them they know that God is the one empowering them. We love this place and more than that, we love these people.”

**Team Blog:** [www.southafricaeast2010.blogspot.com](http://www.southafricaeast2010.blogspot.com)



### USA-Camden: June 23 – August 13

**PTL for the city we love** — “The hardest experience is to see people who look like you suffer. Although they were living in some of the worst situations, they still saw God as being faithful to them. There were days when they questioned why they were in the positions that they were but for the most part they were happy for the simple things. I have learned that your environment does not dictate your future. Camden, New Jersey is redeeming itself from the oppressive grasp of the world. It is working within itself to find its worth and value. The old cobblestone streets in North Camden are filled with stories of triumph and tragedy. The waterfront contains dreams of exceeding beyond the city’s limitations. The roads are filled with pain, sorrow, struggle, and oppression, but these are washed away each time a fire hydrant is opened on a hot and humid day and children find joy as they dance in its refreshment, escaping the reality of their situation for a few hours. This is the city we love. We carry it with us wherever we go, but not because we cannot let go. We carry it with us for one reason and one reason alone: now that we have seen, we are responsible.”



**China: June 28 – Aug. 11 PTL sacrifice** – “Today after my students gave their final speeches, as this was their oral exam, I had a little speech of my own. I have seen them overflowing with generosity and love to the point that I think it will change how I live for the rest of my life. The few students who have part-time jobs make about \$0.74 an hour. Upon my prompting, a girl told me today that the reason she is working during her summer break is to buy her dad a wallet for his birthday. This sacrificial love is undeniably admirable but even more it humbles me. Too much of my focus is on myself and not on others. Today my Korean neighbor bought me a coffee when he saw me at dinner. One of Brandon’s students bought all six of us treats at the market, and I’ve never met her. It may be easier to sacrifice for someone you love, but for a guest or a stranger? If I say I love Him who I cannot see, I must love my brother who I can see. I’ve been contemplating the meaning of the passage in Matthew 26:6-10. This is the story of the woman who

poured her expensive perfume on Jesus so that she could worship Him. How much do I save so that I can sacrifice for the Lord and His purposes? Our students have been incredibly gracious to us. It has truly been a joy to serve here this summer and help them improve their English. In our next week on campus we'll be doing some more one-on-one time with the students remaining in the area and we pray that lives will still be changed as the Holy Spirit opens their eyes and fills their hearts."

**Team Blog:** [www.china2010team.blogspot.com](http://www.china2010team.blogspot.com)

### **Kenya: July 20 – August 15**

**PTL for right investments** —“As we sat in our tents while debriefing in the Masai Mara, one subject kept coming up. How everyone we encountered was so happy for what they had. Our missionary put all of her time and attention into her ministry. Her sewing center looked beautiful, while her house was not even plastered, just brick and mortar. She is continuously asked why she does not invest more into her house and she always replies with “Am I on this earth to invest in myself or to invest into others and into ministry?” I believe our team learned so much from her and her family and we could tell that when you give more to others and to the Lord than yourself you are much happier. Everyone in our missionaries’ family was filled with the Joy of the Spirit. It sounds cliché to say, but it is so true: I believe we got impacted as much as we impacted those we worked with throughout our trip.”



### **Haiti August, School of Nursing : August 1 – August 20**

**PTL for relationships and partnership** —“Team Haiti August of 27 nurses has many things to thank the Lord for. Over the course of our two weeks in Haiti, we were able to attend close to 2,000 patients while running mobile clinics, partner with Children of the Promise orphanage, the Haitian Baptist Convention Rehabilitation Hospital, and with local schools of nursing in Cap Haitian. The relationships we built with the local translators, nurses, pastors, patients, and Christians has left an eternal mark in our hearts. The Lord was able to use us by allowing us to heal His people while guiding them to the Healer. Although the temperature was hot, humid, and unpredictable, our time in Haiti seemed short and left us wanting more from all that Haiti has to offer. We were so blessed to have been able to partner with the Northern Haiti Christian University and to have them host us while we were in country. We are also thankful to the Lord for the amazing cohesiveness of the team. Although we had not met as an entire team before departure, our tight bond and strong team work while abroad was stunning and mind-blowing...definitely a gift from the Lord. Lastly, we are so thankful for the faithful protection God had over each team member...every person made it back home alive and changed forever for the Kingdom. Praise the Lord for Team Haiti August!