

JULY TEAMS

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South Africa East: May 26 – August 11

PTL for Unity in Christ – “These past two weeks have been great. We took the senior youth on a winter retreat at Cumberland campgrounds for 3 three days. It was SO GOOD. God definitely met us there and had a purpose for that weekend that none of us really saw coming until it arrived. We taught through Romans 12 and focused on unity in Christ. We did a lot of activities that spoke to unity and also gave examples of what disunity could do to the body of Christ. Aimee gave the lesson/sermon the first night on spiritual gifts and how the same Spirit works in us all. She did great - really great. I talked/taught the next night around the campfire on the rest of Romans and then we addressed questions and concerns that the senior youth had. (They wrote these down earlier the second day during their devotional time and we went through them with Pastor beforehand to

make sure we were all on the same page about how to address them.) The last day, everyone went on a hike and Jerry gave the last lesson that summed up the weekend and encouraged the senior youth to not let this weekend go to waste.”

Team Blog: www.southafricaeast2010.blogspot.com

Micronesia: June 6 – July 13

PTL for lessons learned — *An expert from the team’s leader on being home and the lessons God though the team in Micronesia* “This is a BATTLE. A battle to proclaim that we have seen mysteries and glory revealed. A battle to proclaim (mostly to our own Souls) that God, who IS faithful to complete each good work which is started in us, will be faithful to weave the lessons of that distant place into the pathways we walk here. And perhaps (I’m not sure but it came to mind); perhaps the memories of those lessons might have to die, in some senses, in order for the lessons to be reborn and bloom once again into their mysterious beauty. Speak the truth to your soul ok? What I mean is, when those whispery sneaky snakey lies slither in - tell ‘em whats up! Tell ‘em from the TRUTH you know about your identity, God’s promises, and our lessons in Micro.”

Team Blog: www.teammicro2010.tumblr.com

Indonesia: June 11 – July 24

PTL for hospitality — “The people here are absolutely amazing! It is very nice having conversations with the students at the Islamic college in town and at our home stays. I think we as Americans can learn a lot from the Muslims that live here and from the culture of Indonesia. The concept of hospitality is at a whole new level here than in America and it is a beautiful thing when you are a recipient of Indonesian hospitality.”

Team Blog: www.joshsglobaltrek.blogspot.com





Peru: June 10 – July 25

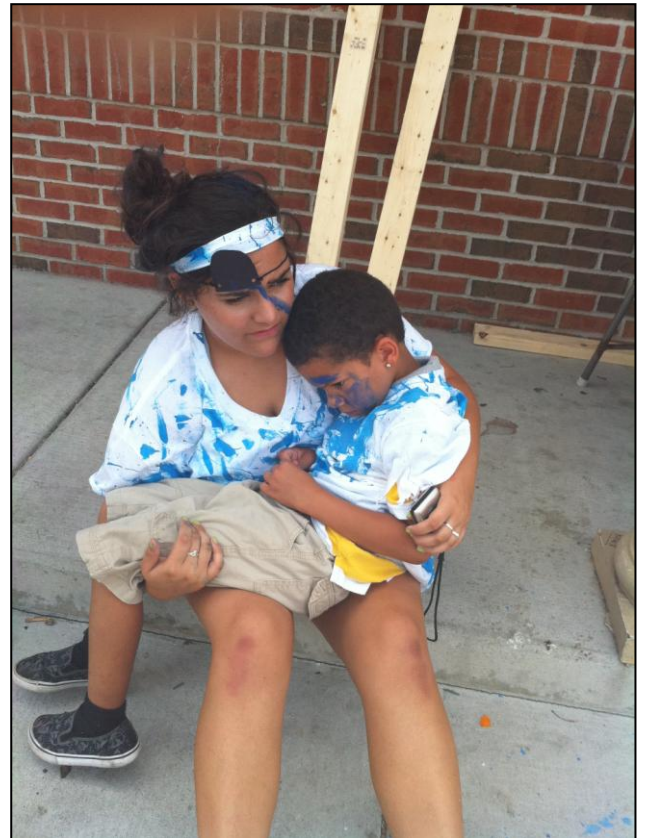
PTL for unexpended blessings– “At the top of the mountain (on debrief), we randomly started talking to these two young guys from Israel. We had an awesome, hour long talk at the top of Waynapicchu about religion, Judaism, Christianity, etc. They haven’t been allowed to learn about Christianity, so they had a lot of questions. Their only concept of Christianity is the things they saw on t.v. or in movies... “forgive me, Father, for I have sinned...” etc. etc. We met up with them again in Aguas Calientes, at a coffee shop, and had another 3 hour long conversation. (they brought another friend to the coffee shop too). They are such nice guys, and we were sooo blessed to be able to talk to them. It was a good experience for them as well as for us, since they taught us many things about Judaism.”

Team Blog: www.cuteandcatchy.wordpress.com

USA-Camden: June 23 – August 13

PTL for seeing hope — “When I look at Camden, New Jersey, I do not see a broken city that has no hope for redemption. I see people with stories waiting to be told. I see injustice bursting at the seams, waiting for an advocate. I see hope. I recognize that there are individuals who may be settling, but I truly believe that they are given no other option. When day after day, they walk the streets seeing house after house boarded up, how are they to believe that there is another life? I cannot imagine how it feels to walk by a house that I once lived in, seeing it labeled with "Public Works," knowing I will never be able to set foot inside once more. There is so much more than Camden's appearance. I challenge people to look beyond the exterior and read between the lines. I have been challenging myself to do the same, wondering what I am actually doing to benefit this city. I realize that I am one person in a huge world, but I do not doubt the potential impact that I can have. I dream big. I see redemption in this city. I see a community working together, empowered by their own strength and determination, to improve their circumstances. I look into the faces of the kids that I have been blessed to work with, and I know there is hope. I see the twinkle in their eyes as they sing of how great our God is. I see their joy and excitement despite their circumstances. I strive to be like them. It is because of the role each of them have played in my life that I choose to take up the armor of God and fight injustice, for when you put a face and name to an issue, you cannot help but be passionate.”

Team Member Blog: www.rachaelincamden.blogspot.com/2010/07/i-was-between-two-worlds.html



Haiti June: June 21 – July 24

PTL for amazing, encouraging people — “We learned so much and saw so many things. One of the most challenging things that we saw was visiting a Leper colony. This was a challenge for all of us but it was so amazing. God was teaching us all different things. We met people who are literally on their last days of life and still praising God. It was very humbling to see these people praise in such pain. But the highlight so far for all of us has been the young couple of Anthony and Julisa. He is an ex-leader of the gang the "Latin Kings" He is now a street evangelist and rapper. He is so good by the way!! His story of redemption is so encouraging to us. He is so amazing. His wife is also a miracle she is the one who saw him in the streets as a gang member and was doing ministry in the streets. She said, "What are you doing with your life? You are so stupid." That got his attention. Anyways these people have spoke volumes to our lives and their dream is to preach in Compton! What a dream, huh?”

Team Blog: www.ahavainhaiti.blogspot.com

China: June 28 – Aug. 11 PTL for new revelations – “After meeting together, a girl continued to process. “God just wants a relationship with me?” she said, “Then I have to tell people about Jesus; it’s my job.” While this was simply a cognitive recognition, her child-like understanding is beautiful and we have hope she will intimately know Christ soon. Many like her, who have some understanding of what it means to be a part of the Body, still have a great deal of confusion due to twisted and legalistic teaching. The issue of being a ‘pure Christian’ has arisen many times due to people thinking they cannot follow God if they do not go to church at certain times or so many days of each week. With the hope to break down false teaching the devil has used to mask their spiritual eyes, we studied the Bible together. Many of them do not have their own copy so we read from Chinese, Korean, and English texts. The response from this was great. All of them asked to read it for themselves and expressed a desire to have their own copy. We will be working with the Korean worship team to provide the Word to all of them by the time we meet again next week.” **Team Blog:** www.china2010team.blogspot.com

USA Arizona – Navajo Reservation: July 7 – July 19

PTL for worshipping with one another “The Navajo Vacation Bible School had its largest turn out of Navajo attendance to date. Last year the average attendance was around a 120, with one day maxing at 137. This year we had 150 on average with our highest attendance day numbering 167 Navajo coming to hear the gospel. Over our week of VBS 27 children, youth and adults accepted Christ as their Savior. There were many gospel based lesson, recreation games for the children, and crafts for all our Navajo guests. As a team we also worked with our host family weeding corn fields for the elderly Navajo. We also gathered and cut fire wood to leave a stock pile for the harsh winters that they have on the Reservation. During our lunch and dinner times, after our VBS was done for the day we had many Navajo join us to hear our personal stories, our testimonies, and to worship with our team made up of members from 8 different churches of different denominations and Azusa Pacific University. Thank you all for your prayers.”



Kenya: July 20 – August 15

PTL for delays — “Our flight from Belgium had been canceled due to some technical issues so we had to spend the night in a hotel there. After praying as a team for God to use the delay for his good, we met a man who was also stuck in Belgium because of the same situation. He was going to the US Embassy in Nairobi and was traveling alone. God let us become friends with him and he ended up running around Belgium with us for that day. Each of us was able to have conversations with him and see that he is in need of some spiritual encouragement. His job makes him travel all over and the lack of stability is very hard for him. I think us being there gave him a refreshed sense that there are always helpful people willing to be friends even if it is because of a plane delay. Before we left we wrote him an encouraging note along with including the contact information of a pastor in Nairobi if he ever wanted to get plugged in. I truly believe that God used the situation of plane delays to let our team be an encouragement to him.”

AUGUST TEAMS

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Look out for PTL August report, coming soon!