

# June PTL - Praise The Lord Report

Focus International Teams



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### Laos: June 1- July 2

**PTL for "the Harvest!"** — "We are called to be planters... to scatter the seeds, water the crop and only He can make it grow. It's been such a blessed opportunity to come alongside our new partnership this year. (names/co anonymous) It's been hard work. However, we knew the work we got into would not be easy. Working under the blazing heat, but seeing the magnitude of God's creation is priceless. We've kept 2 rules. (SIS) Suffer In Silence & (SIA) Smile In Adversity! The Workers are few, but the harvest will be plentiful! AMEN! We are thankful for the work that we were able to participate with World Vision Lao PDR with human trafficking awareness, money and savings, drug use prevention, and HIV/Aids education. Good work is being done!"

**Team Blog:** [www.aputeamlaos2010.blogspot.com](http://www.aputeamlaos2010.blogspot.com)



### Micronesia: June 6 – July 13

**PTL for "clicking"** — "This week we started youth camp for the first time. Although we struggled on how to interact and connect with the youth, in just one day we were able to click with one another on some levels and learn much from them though we know there is so much more to learn. Our numbers increased from yesterday, and we've become more comfortable with each other. Tomorrow is our last day; we are excited for the fun and sad that the end is near."

**Team Blog:** [www.teammicro2010.tumblr.com](http://www.teammicro2010.tumblr.com)

### Indonesia: June 11 – July 24

**PTL for new "homes"** — "The team and I have made friends and we are starting to call our home-stays "home." We have fallen in love with our first home-stays. Almost every night Pac Olan (my home-stay dad) and I talk about theology, religion, politics, and culture. Most of the conversations are very rewarding and extremely deep. I am going to miss him and his family. Tonight the entire team will be at his house for a traditional Javanese dinner. We are all very excited for this. Tomorrow night will be the last night with our first home-stays. We are all going to miss them very much."

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



### Peru: June 10 – July 25

**PTL for new perspectives and heavy hearts** — "Today we had older girls' club... 12 -17 years old. We made them breakfast, taught a lesson on how to dress modestly (this is a big issue in this village of 2,000...many teen pregnancies here!), and Ayumi taught them origami. We then went to visit a few families of girls in the club. One girl's mom is dying of cancer, she is a Christian, but her husband is not...it's really rough on the family. They are living in extreme poverty, they live in a hut. Another girl's mom suffers from an unknown illness that is leaving her completely emaciated and weak, the doctors here tell her it's anemia, but we suspect it might be aids."

**Team Blog:** [www.cuteandcatchy.wordpress.com](http://www.cuteandcatchy.wordpress.com)

### USA-Camden: June 23 – August 13

**PTL for "good to flourish from their city"** — "The beauty in Camden is that power lies here within the people. It has been an honor to work alongside people who want to see nothing more than good to flourish from their city. Although, the government may have turned their back on this area God resides here amongst the people, our team is honored to be a part of this movement." **Team Member Blog:** [www.rachaelincamden.blogspot.com/2010/07/i-was-between-two-worlds.html](http://www.rachaelincamden.blogspot.com/2010/07/i-was-between-two-worlds.html)

### Ireland: June 16 – July 16

**PTL for seeing God and faithful host's** — "Last night we were able to run the youth group, which was also really exciting. We were teaching on loving God and loving our neighbors, which seemed to be something good for them to hear about. They are a rough group, but in the end it seemed like they were really taking it all in. I loved being able to be a part of this and see how God is moving here. The Nolan's, Andy and Trish, and everyone at Dundalk Community Church have all taught us so much about faithfulness in ministry and loving complete strangers."

**Team Blog:** [www.teamireland2010.tumblr.com](http://www.teamireland2010.tumblr.com)

### Ghana Accra: May 30 – July 5

**PTL for servant hood** — “God has continued to amaze and bless us by bringing people across our path who have modeled what Christ meant by servant hood. Time and time again we have seen these people bend over backward to make us comfortable or even just to show us how thankful they are of our presence. I am learning a lot about the nature of humility and what it means to be a servant. Also, He has been reminding us of just how big He is and how truly small we are! I think that I get this backwards all too often, but God is gracious in the lessons that He teaches. I think that for many of us, that has been what most of time here has been”

**Team Blog:** [www.ghanaccra2010.wordpress.com](http://www.ghanaccra2010.wordpress.com)



### Haiti June: June 21 – July 24

**PTL for a new pace and new language** — “Our team has been adjusting to Haiti, the weather, culture, and language barriers. It is insanely hot and humid here—we’ve never experienced anything like it! We’re never dry and we’re always sweating. If you were to count up all of our bug bites, we’d have over a hundred. The pace of life is sllllloowww here. They work when they want depending on how hot it is outside and which world cup games are on TV. It’s quite different from the United States mentality of ‘going going going’. We’ve met a few people who speak English but the main languages here are French and Creole. We have been hanging out with a few students here who are helping us with our Creole, while we teach them some English. So far we’re all happy and healthy and eating well—the daily breakfast of mangoes and pineapples is glorious! Please be praying for our time here in Haiti and that God would bring us divine encounters where we can serve Him with open hearts and minds.”

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

### China: June 28 – Aug. 11

**PTL for new adventures** – Team China has been enjoying the beauty and culture of China for the first few days of their journey.



They will soon start teaching, which they are all very excited about. The team’s blog has been blocked but all are doing well. They have been able to meet and enjoy fellowship with the Chinese and start discussing what the students would like to learn in their classes. It has been a honor for the team to be in the home country of one of the leaders who in an international student at APU.

### Himalayas: May 26 – June 26

**PTL for opportunities** – “Kolkata: served in Mother Homes and partnered with Freetset. Darjeeling: preached, taught and prayed with rural and urban church fellowships. Bhutan: prayed through the nation and encouraged the expanding persecuted church. Witnessed the testimonies of the people, saw the Lord move in miraculous ways, and blessed our host/hostesses. A bible was given to a scholar who has read the whole Old Testament and has only “heard” of the New

Testament! PTL for the promise that the ‘word of the Lord does not come back void’!

### India: May 26 – July 4

**PTL for “the untouchables”** — “As a team we really learned to stand in AWE of who God is - He is so much bigger and more beautiful than we could ever imagine. To see the BEAUTY of the people He has created - to remember that everyone is made in the image of God and seeing so many different types of people gave us the opportunity to see a more real and complete picture of God's face! We saw Him move in small but MIRACULOUS ways - through conversations, through prayers, through sitting with a woman on her bed for hours and just singing to her and rubbing her back or holding her hand and just loving her. To allow God to redefine beauty and love and joy and hope and contentment. To be reminded that our God is IN CONTROL ALWAYS and when we really surrender it all to Him HE TAKES CARE OF IT. To see the HOPE for what God is doing in Kolkata - for the street kids, for the homeless, for the poor, for the "untouchables" - God is showing them His love and making HIS PRESENCE KNOWN.”



### Nepal: May 24 – July 5

**PTL for “street kid”** — “July 1st, 2010: Who knew that a 16-year old Nepali, scarred, glue sniffing, broken English speaking, let alone street kid, would have such a profound effect on me?”

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*Look out for PTL July report, coming soon!*