

My walk with God is never complete and it is not perfect, I continue to learn from Him and to grow in Him! After a bit of a rough sophomore year of great growth, I was excited to see where God would take my life. I had never quite given over control of my life to God, not trusting in the plans he had for me. This summer has been an amazing growth opportunity, God has revealed so many things in my life. He has stretched in ways I never imagined or even thought I needed! He has forced me to put my faith and trust in Him not only for the future, but even for the present! He has given me the desire to follow him for a lifetime.

-Pat

To describe in a few short words the infinite ways God has used this summer to cause growth in my life would be impossible. My hope for coming into project would be that God would use this summer for a lot of spiritual growth and one of the first things God taught me was that the best way for me to grow was to allow God to stretch me beyond my comfort zone. God taught me a lot about walking by faith and how I needed to trust that as long as I kept moving, God would direct each of my steps. God revealed the gift He's given me for leadership and how to use it to help others pursue a relationship with Him. God's also allowed me to build a community of close believers and taught me how to connect with people on a deeper level. I'm excited to return to Bradley in August and use what God's taught me this summer to further my personal ministry and the Campus Crusade for Christ ministry.

-Dan

My summer has been spent in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina experiencing, growing, learning about, and sharing God in the most amazing ways. Our summer project is relatively small, just 21 of us, who have become literally a family and a body of encouragement for each other. Not only have we been blessed with each other for community, but there is also a large number of international students who come to this area to work for the summer as well. Our motel is right across from the beach and our parking lot is set up perfectly for people on the street to come join our weekly meeting and social events; and, it is so amazing the conversations we have had with so many of the international students who join us one night walking back from work, and then keep coming back once or twice a week to continue to hang out with us. Every Saturday morning and afternoon we do evangelism outreaches, and i have learned so much about the amazing power that sharing the Gospel has on the people you share it with, and the power it has on me as well each time i share it. Learning to rely on God to have the courage and boldness it takes to be unashamed about sharing the Gospel, as the apostles did through out all of Acts, which we have been studying about this summer, will probably be the biggest thing i take away from the summer. I have had some amazing conversations that I learned to initiate, some where people have just been lead to come up to me, and actually experienced someone angry at us for being in Myrtle Beach for the summer talking about Jesus. One of the main themes for our summer though has been learning how to the "battle the giants" that are in our life when it come to connecting with God and sharing the Gospel as well, which could not have been a better theme

for my summer. I came into project so excited and yet afraid to spend most of my days sharing my faith, and now i am so excited to get up each day and spend it with God and enjoy talking to people everywhere we go down here and telling them about God if the conversation so leads to it. Just learning that God desires to use us and provides us with the words and courage and people to talk to has made this summer something to remember for so many more years to come.

-Steph

This summer was a wonderful experience that only God could have orchestrated. I spent eight weeks in beautiful Traverse City, Michigan. While there I was humbled by the experience of working at McDonalds, grew in my faith in God, and developed my character. One of the best parts of the summer was getting to know other college students who each had a unique story but ended up in Traverse to learn something different from God and each other. The way God used the staff and students to change my perspective of God, myself, and others is astounding. I will never forget this summer and the things I learned here. I am so thankful for God and how He used different people to make this summer one of the best summers of my life.

-Karrissa