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Please, don't graduate!

If I could have one wish, it might be to have 25 students as sharp as Kara. As a senior sports therapy major at Slippery Rock University who's with us here at the Ocean City Maryland Summer Project, I'm sure she'll be one of the project's leaders when the Campus Crusade staff team turns over the project to the students in July.

Since stepping up to lead a Bible study on her dorm floor as a sophomore, she's influenced a number of women's lives, coordinated Slippery Rock's large group weekly meeting, and been a role model in discipleship and outreach. Kara grasps the Great Commission; coming with us to New Orleans over spring break, she was the only student to heed our call to bring a non-Christian friend. Articulate, mature, and naturally gifted in ministry, she's become a key leader in Western PA. Needless to say, we're glad she's sticking around for grad school!

Freshman faith...

But freshman Kara was in a different spot, with a story a lot like mine. Having grown up in a Christian home, she came to college as a believer, but was new to outreach and wasn't completely relying on God. Before long, He was stretching and challenging her in new areas as she took steps of faith.

"God really changed me when it comes to evangelism. I was always timid to share my faith. I began to pray for boldness, and God gave it to me. At the first outreach that I participated in, I had the opportunity to witness to a girl. We began to meet every week where she asked me questions about God and what it meant to be a Christian. Two weeks before school let out, she accepted Christ!"

"Before getting involved in CRU [Campus Crusade], I was content to just keep Christ to myself and live a mediocre Christian life. However, CRU has helped me see the bigger vision: Win [the lost to Christ], Build [them in their faith], Send [them to reach others]."

New Orleans, new friends...

The friend Kara brought on our spring break trip was Josh (not his real name), who was, when they met as freshmen, very skeptical and standoffish about God. With time and many conversations, Kara had seen Josh start to soften toward spiritual things, and this semester, God was up to something. Even though the spiritual content of our New Orleans work-trip was relatively unstructured, Josh noticed something different and welcoming about the group, a type of acceptance he hadn't experienced before. By the time our New Orleans trip was over, he had really connected with some of the guys (particularly Jayson) and didn't want to leave.

Back home, similar hobbies and interests have allowed plenty of opportunity for Jayson and Josh to hang out, and just before the end of the semester, Josh also began a relationship with Christ. Talk about a great end to a good year!

- For Josh's continued growth in the Lord & relationships with believers this summer, as he will be back home in Pittsburgh
- For staff & students here at the Ocean City, MD project to bond quickly and experience life change in this unique community
- For good relationships with the 4,000+ non-believing international students who will/have also come to Ocean City for the summer to get jobs (many are from Nepal).
- For wisdom for the staff, as we're already thinking about which students to place in which project leadership roles when we leave.

Grace & Peace,

Jayson & Carrie

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PS – Still confused about what a "summer project" is? Go to www.campuscrusadeforchrist.com & follow the summer opportunities link. While you'