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Wonder and Waiting

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The portion of May between the end of school and the start of summer assignment is a time of expectation and wondering. As this year's date approached, we realized our project in Ocean City, MD would be short on students; disappointing, not because we *needed* 40, but because we know how instrumental a summer project is for students being effective representatives of Christ on campus. But as always, God was more than faithful, creating group dynamics and a community in Ocean City where life change has been ongoing and growth evident.

Of the 28 students on project, we were collectively discipling nine before appointing leaders and leaving town, as is standard Summer Project practice. Here are the stories of two...

A Soldier in Whom there is no Guile

One of the guys that I (Jayson) had the chance to work with was Randy, a 22 year-old sophomore at Slippery Rock University. For a year and a half, his unit served in Iraq, where he experienced 145 degree heat, flew remote aerial surveillance equipment and drove a humvee as it was hit by a road-side bomb (by God's grace, no one was injured).

As I got to know Randy, I know what Jesus meant of Nathaniel when He declared one "in whom is no guile," (John 1:47). He is genuine and honest, gentle and intentional, laid back and inquisitive; also, he leads consistently out of a spirit of serving. This year he'll be leading the men's ministry at school, and had been a little overwhelmed (daunted) by the responsibility. Randy has never led in any sort of ministry capacity; not a Bible study, not outreach, nothing. This summer has turned out to be one of "firsts" – he initiated an evangelistic conversation for the first time while we were out on the boardwalk, and when we left I charged him with leading the Bible study that I had been leading with him and three other guys.

I am excited for Randy; his eyes are fully on God, and he wants to see people know and experience Him. Even though SRU isn't one of 'my' schools during the school year, I'll still get together with him to help him grow in skill and passion.

Higher ground...

For me (Carrie), one of the wins for the summer has been a deeper grasp on discipleship, as the word itself often incites a mix of genuine excitement and utter terror. (It's great in theory, but where do you start?) But this summer, the path set itself, especially with Heather, a straightforward, inquisitive freshman from Ohio with a love for the arts.

In our first small group time, an inexplicable batch of tears attacked Heather as she gave her brief life story, and it seemed like she was getting to know herself as the five of us were. As we met one on one and discussed the summer job she wasn't fond of, her fear of talking to strangers, and her older boyfriend with periodic anger issues, I had the feeling it might be an intense summer for Heather.

While it's hard to see quantifiable life change in four weeks, it's been cool to see glimpses of "Spirit fruit" in Heather through the summer project community. Just before we left, she drew some hard lines that ended her relationship, and

even since we've gone, she's seen a stranger accept Christ after a conversation with her and a friend on the boardwalk.

- Pray for all 28 students still in Ocean City; that they would continue to grow and see people come to Christ. Pray especially for safety and health.
- Pray for Randy, as he leads the Bible study; that he would learn the skills and the faith that will be needed as he leads the men's ministry back on campus.
- Pray that Heather would find a good mentor in a local church to enable her to be a solid leader for the next 3 years on a campus with relatively little staff presence.
- Pray for student leaders who are not in a great community of growth this summer; that they would continue to make fellowship a priority and keep sight of goals for campus in the fall.

Thanks again for your prayers!

Jayson & Carrie

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