

News from the Ends of the Earth!



Hello dear family and friends!

I know these updates are few and far between. I am sorry for this. I write to you with such joy and excitement. The Backpacker DTS that I am staffing is in its 5th week of lectures. We have had teaching on backpacker evangelism, Lordship of Christ, Father Heart of God, and Character/ nature of God. This is the 3rd time I have gone through these lectures and I have to say I think they are finally hitting me. Not that I didn't get anything out of the 1st or 2nd time I went through these lectures but every time God does a work in my heart. The first week our 21 students were here, the staff had a chance to teach. I was given the topic of Hearing God's voice. I never look forward to speaking in front of crowds but I am always up for a challenge. So I got up I didn't have to much planned but I felt good about it. As I started words just flowed out of my mouth. It was like I was speaking from my heart. It was so great. I have never felt God move like that. I spoke for about an hour and showed a quick video and then moved into some ministry time, to apply what they had learned. It was so amazing. Everyone was encouraging each other and stepping out in hearing God's voice. I stood back in awe. God is so cool!



I am not going to explain week by week but I will share a week that impacted my life mucho! The



second week these guys Jamie and George came to speak on Backpacker evangelism. These guys have a huge heart for backpackers and are networking around the world with Christians who have a heart for backpackers. They have many contacts around the world that own hostels and are dedicated to these nomadic youth. For the first time I was able to talk to people who have the same dream as I do. It was so amazing to sit down and bounce ideas off of them and to get feedback. I have felt for a long time that God has called me to work with backpackers but I didn't know how to go about this and if I would be the only one out there with this

dream. I was like God you are so so good! The doors have been opened for future plans ministering to backpackers. I have also been asked to pray about possibly using a house that the YWAM base owns and turning it into a ministry house to backpackers. This would almost be like a hostel. There would be a 3 month trial period and then if it kicked off I could stay and keep it running. These are the things that have been on my mind and a focus of prayer. If you could lift these up in prayer as well that would be amazing.



The school as a whole is doing great. They are a sweet group. The guys are very chivalrous. Really they are. They let all the girls go before them in the lunch line to show respect to all of girls. I have had some great conversations with the guys and girls here about life and it is so encouraging to see what God is doing in their lives. I have a group of girls who are searching for a deeper relationship with the Father, and I am so privileged to see come alongside them on their walk. I have been pretty busy with this school. I am in charge of outreach preparation times. This is where I organize activities for the students to prepare them for outreach. I also equip students for outreach on Friday nights. Giving them different opportunities for outreach and helping them get over the fear of the big E word. Sometimes I don't know where the day goes. I think that is a sign of getting older.

Finances willing I will be co-leading a team to Australia December 20th with a 1st year staff named Steven. I still need about \$3,000 and have received so much help from friends and family. Thank you so much! Our focus will be reaching the huge group of backpackers that flock to the Australian coast. This is a great opportunity to make an impact on these youth that are traveling around the world to find meaning. Most have



been partying and trying different religions. Our goal is to be the light that meets them where they are at. To come along side of them and be their friend. To answer questions, but most of all be the friend that they need in a time of need. God says to go to the nations, but the nations are coming to us. Its so cool. Backpackers are so open to listen to what you have to say and give it a chance. They are out of their comfort zone and they are pumped that someone cares and seems to have something different then what the world has been offering them. We will be partnering with Christians already in this field and also just going where the spirit leads. It could end up that we meet a person the first week and give them a Bible. Then meet up with them the last week of our outreach later on in our travels and they have questions or have given

their life to Christ. It's such a great way to evangelize. Its so relational and loving. Our team of 5, multicultural students is psyched to get out there and love on the lost. I feel so good about this outreach. I have such a peace and a feeling like this is where I am supposed to be. Never have a felt like this before. Having a vision is so great.

Please keep me in your prayers. Wisdom and guidance on planning outreach for Australia. I am the senior leader on the team so I have a lot of responsibility this time around. I want this to be spirit led and not Jessica led. Finances: I have always had a hard time believing that God will provide. Even though God always comes through, it's scary.

Thank you so much for reading this. If you have any questions or would like to chat sometime I love getting emails, letter, phone calls, or hey even a visit! Topics of intrest are Ohio state football, election, weather, family, friends, anything really. Don't be a stranger. One more thing if you want to send me a check make it out to Youth With A Mission and put my name in the Memo. Thank you again!

Much love from the other side of the earth!

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