

STARCHER SCENE

AUGUST 1, 2006

REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS ~ JOSH

NEWS TIDBITS:

We'll be in CA for 2 weeks visiting all of you, our ministry partners. We would love to see anyone who is in town.

Fremont: September 16 to the 21st

Davis: September 21st to

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise: IBS went really well. Amanda learned a ton about communicating God's word
- God's guidance about how to get involved in serving at our church
- Us, as we start new projects at work
- That Emily (see article) will feel God's love in her times of loneliness and make new friends soon
- College students going back to their campuses and freshmen entering college. Pray they will be open to hearing the gospel.

"There was a bomb in a trash can... four people were killed... all of our STINTers and staff were okay. The summer team had just arrived the day before..."

I received this email from Lisa Smith, one of our field staff responsible for coordinating Short Term International (STINT) mission trips. She continued:

"Drew, the STINTer who called me, needed the phone number of a teammate who had just returned to the States, so he could let the team's

family and friends know that everybody was safe. How did I find that phone number? Thankfully, I keep the STINT Intern Tracker as one of my 'favorites' on my laptop at home. So I grabbed my laptop, pulled up the Tracker and gave him his teammate's U.S. information."

- Lisa Smith

The Intern Tracker that Lisa referred to is an online database that I developed, and have been working on this past month. As part of our ministry team, your impact is felt *around the world*. Thank you!



STINT team from the "closed country" mentioned above.

WE ALL NEED FRIENDS ~ AMANDA

I remember back to my freshman year of high school. I lost a lot of friends going into that year and I felt all alone. I remember wandering around school during the entire lunch period because if I just kept moving no one would notice that I didn't have any friends. I even felt this way at youth group. It was a time of transition for me, a time for me to make new friends.

Well, skipping to the present, I recently received an email from

a young girl named Emily who feels much the same way I did. She contacted me through a CCC website called everystudent.com.

Emily was also going through a change of schools. She asked about verses she could read to help her with her loneliness. She also asked if I had any other suggestions for her about reading the Bible. She said she had tried reading the Bible in the past but never understood it.

I was able to tell her about my

own experience. I was able to encourage her to really hold on to God and to step out and start making new friends.

I also suggested that she try getting a New Living Translation of the Bible and read John and then James.

Will you pray for Emily with me? Please pray for her to experience Christ in new ways and for her to be able to understand what she reads in the Bible.