

STARCHER SCENE

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NEWS TIDBITS:

Not much personal news to report this month... Guess maybe we're working too much. :)

ANOTHER VIDEO RECRUITING CONFERENCE - AMANDA

My teammates Margaret Lee and Amy Hudkins and I are desperately in need of your prayers. We are planning and preparing for a Video Recruiting Conference that will take place November 1st and 7th.

At these Video Conferences students from local campuses will have a chance to interact with the National Leadership Team of the Campus Ministry. The National Leadership Team will cast vision to the students about what we, as an organization, are doing to help further God's kingdom. They will invite students to join with us in reaching the college students of the world for Christ. They will also give the students vision for how they can use their technical or financial skills on staff. At the end of the conference students will have about 20 minutes to ask questions of the National Leadership Team.

After the video conference is over the students will be treated to a dinner where the local staff will be able to interact with them about what their next step is in contributing to the Great Commission.

In order for this video conference to be a success Margaret, Amy and I have a lot of planning to do in the coming weeks. We need to set up all of the video conference sites, mail invitations to the local staff to give to their students, and solidify the program for the event.

Please pray for our preparation to move along quickly and pray for the conference night that we won't have any technical glitches (this is a highly technical event). Also pray for God to move in the hearts of students that they might contribute to the Great Commission after they graduate.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for a great time visiting ministry partners, friends, and family in CA
- Pray for video conference
- Pray for Summer Project Application development in light of it's deadline of Nov. 1st

SUMMER PROJECT APPLICATION TOOL - JOSH

This past summer, nearly 2,800 students participated in 140 different summer projects (mission trips). As a result, over 35,000 people heard the gospel message and 2,802 indicated decisions for Christ! We continue to seek to be even more effective each summer and we dare to dream that God will expand our borders and send even more laborers each year.

This year we are completely revamping the online system that

students use to apply for these projects, as well as the staff interface for managing their roster of who's going.

Why would we spend 2-3 months re-writing an existing system? Well, last year's system had problems. Quite a few of them, and some of them major. When I was at our San Diego Christmas conference I was encouraging one of the students to apply for a summer trip. So we went and found a computer we

could use, and I was going to watch him apply. The second page he clicked on broke. His response? "I guess God doesn't want me to go."

As silly as it might sound, that is actually a fairly common response we have heard to problems with the application. Stories like that one really hurt me. Technology is there to help, not hurt, and I don't want anyone missing out on a great opportunity because of a bad tool.