

Hello Everyone!

My name is Julian Dong, and I have recently come back from a mission trip in Ocean City, New Jersey, with the Christian campus organization called Cru. I want to first thank all my supporters who have supported me to go on this mission trip, as this was an amazing and unforgettable experience. This summer may not have been possible without all of your support! This summer, God has certainly been working, and I am grateful to be a witness this summer and His servant of His Glorious plan. I will first talk about the mission itself, the evangelistic purpose of this mission, and then dive into my personal experiences this summer where God has certainly been moving.

The mission was 10 weeks long, and everyone lived in 2 side by side houses which were two blocks away from the boardwalk/beach. The layout of our schedule was pretty similar for each week. Every student had a job in the summer, whether it was locally in Ocean City or an internship, and worked every weekday. We had 2 weekly meetings every week, 1 bible study, 2 outreach events, and a night where we spent 2+ hours alone time with Jesus, whether it was reading the bible, praying, or worshipping. For the first 5 weeks, the Cru staff were present, running the whole mission for us, but after 5 weeks, the staff left and the students took on the responsibilities of the staff with different roles, and ran the rest of the mission.

Aside from the personal growth in the faith and the fellowship in Christian community, the main purpose of the summer mission was to evangelize to the people on the Ocean City boardwalk. How we did outreach is really efficient, especially in Ocean City. We would first walk around the boardwalk and approach people to talk to. We give them an introduction of our choice (it differs person to person), and then we ask them if they would like to take our survey. How we ask people to take our survey also is unique to every student. If they are interested, we get into the 5 question survey:

**1) Describe this previous year of your life in 3 words.**

- 2) **What would make the world a better place?**
- 3) **Where have you found hope in the last year?**
- 4) **How would you describe God? (Or, if you don't believe in God, how would you describe fate or belief?)**
- 5) **On a scale of 1-10, how interested are you in knowing God personally?**

After each question, we would usually ask followup questions to get to know them better and make the initiation more conversational rather than interrogational. After they answer the last question, it gives us a gauge of their interest and how we could transition into the **KGP**. The **KGP** is a small booklet tool that goes through the 4 main points of Christianity, and at the end, depending on their interest, gives them a chance to pray to receive Jesus, and to follow him. Usually, the only scheduled outreach time would be on Saturday evenings, but once a week, you would go evangelize on the boardwalk with your discipler (someone who mentors you in your faith). Some special weeks are designated for outreach. For example, the third week was called "I Must Go" week. Where everyday, if you had any spare time, you would be encouraged to go out and share on the boardwalk. There was even an event where everyone split up into two groups and one went to Wildwood, and the other went to Atlantic city. The overall evangelism statistics for the whole mission is incredible. There were **4029 Initiations**, meaning we approached them to ask them to take our survey, but were rejected. We had **3432 Spiritual Conversations**, meaning we talked about anything spiritual like God, their beliefs, etc... There were **1000 Gospel conversations**, meaning we went through the KGP and they were presented a chance to accept Christ. There were **88 people who indicated a decision to receive Christ**. We do not know if they truly did in their hearts, but we know that they indicated that they did, so we just have to trust that we have planted a seed in their hearts and that God will work in their lives. There were **80 Spirit filled life conversations**, meaning that they were already Christians, and we went through a booklet called "Satisfied" that talked about how you can continue growing in your faith and personal relationship with God. Overall there were **4600**

**total conversations.** Every initiation and conversation is a success for the Kingdom of God.

Cru defines successful evangelism as: “simply taking the initiative to share Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the results to God.”

As I have said before, this Ocean City Summer Mission '22 was a phenomenal and life changing experience. I went into the summer hoping to grow in my personal relationship with God, and be trained in evangelism, however, this summer exceeded my expectations. I was not only heavily exposed and trained in evangelism, I was also transformed in my walk with God and stretched and changed beyond return. During the summer, I learned the importance of Christian community and how crucial it is to your walk with God. After spending 10 weeks with fellow, like-minded Christians, I realized that interacting and spending time with fellow Christians who love God and constantly pursue him motivates and encourages others to do the same. This was really crucial to me this summer as it allowed me to consistently seek God, whether it was through reading the bible, worship, or prayer. Additionally, with a Christian community, I learned to be vulnerable with your fellow brothers in Christ and to lean on them. As it says in Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ”. I've spent countless nights talking with brothers and sisters of Christ, getting to know them better and being more vulnerable with each other, and many nights listening, opening up, and being vulnerable to fellow brothers in Christ. This summer has taught me the importance of having Christian brothers to lean on through all my feelings, doubts, and struggles. Throughout this summer I grew significantly in my personal walk with God. I have slowly built up the spiritual discipline to spend time with God and try to dive into His word everyday, gaining wisdom, knowledge, and the desire to consistently seek God. Additionally, I have really learned to trust, rely, and give all Glory to God. Throughout the summer, I had many doubts and struggles in my faith, but with the help of my brothers in Christ, I have found comfort that God is in control, and He does everything for His Glory and His perfect plan. We won't know fully why God does things, but we should trust God, that His plan is for good. Through all the emotions, even through the hardest

times, I learned to Trust the Lord, Praise and Glorify the Lord, and Rejoice in the Lord. Lastly, as I have mentioned before, throughout this mission, I became very experienced in evangelism and am well equipped to share the Gospel with others. The first time I went sharing in Ocean City, I was really nervous. I thought about what others thought about me, how to properly talk to strangers about this topic, and how I should avoid being embarrassed. After countless hours of evangelizing to the people on the boardwalk, I slowly learned how to respectfully and calmly guide the conversation, learned to efficiently share wisdom, knowledge, and the Love of God, and lastly learned that how I look in front of others does not really matter. I am a servant of God, doing the work of God with the Holy Spirit working through me and by my side at all times. During the summer, I have had many amazing conversations with strangers. The conversations where I go through the gospel and them wanting to follow Christ gives me such an amazing feeling. It gave me a sense that God put me there at the right place, right time, and that God is good as he is working, and will continue to work. Throughout this summer, I was significantly equipped to share the Gospel, and the plan is to continue to share with others on the University of Michigan campus.

Again, I want to thank all the supporters who donated and supported me this summer. This summer may not have been possible without all of your help! I also want to thank everyone who read this letter!! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!!

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God has certainly moved so much this summer, and His Glory will continue to be shown over and over again.

God Bless,

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