



BULLETIN  
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## Summer Staff and Interns

Summer is a wonderful time for us to train inner-city leadership, and to recruit future missionaries.

During the summer, we intensify our outreach to young people with additional Bible clubs, Bible studies, Vacation Bible Schools, day camps, field trips and summer camps.

### URBAN ROLE MODELS

Summer's increased activities provide us with perfect opportunities to employ faithful urban young people with whom we work. What a wonderful venue for practical training! They minister with us daily—some move in with us. There is no better training for ministry than a life-on-life encounter 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Hundreds of urban children, teenagers and adults benefit from increased personal attention and all the extra wholesome activities. Former Bible-club children teach Bible clubs and lead camping activities. They are great role models!

### RECRUITING MISSIONARIES

Summer is also a great time to expose Christian college students and others adults to the joys and heartbreaks of inner-city ministry. Many summer staff serve on church-plant teams or at our camping programs; others teach in our Christian schools and Bible clubs. Some assist in our medical ministries or work in our offices. Many are called to full-time missions after they experience urban ministry.



## MORNING STAR RANCH

*Jean Butts*, a senior at *Bethel College* (Kansas), is studying social work. As a summer camp counselor, she ministered to inner-city children from Dallas, St. Louis and Wichita. She says, "I grew in my relationship with Christ and learned to be more focused on the Lord." Jean plans to pursue a graduate degree in social work and become an inner-city social worker.



*Jesse Bailey* is a freshman at *Kansas State University* studying Computer Science. When he was young, his parents were missionaries with World Impact at *Morning Star Ranch*. Jesse has fond memories of when kids from the city came for summer camp. Last year, as a camp counselor, he compassionately ministered to children and youth. He says, "I learned about God, His love for the kids and how He could use me to reveal that love to them."

## LOS ANGELES



*Joanna Fuller* is studying Education at *Biola University* (California). Last summer, she tutored students at the *Los Angeles Christian School*, and ministered at the *Powerhouse Church* in Watts. God nurtured her heart for teaching in the inner city. As a result, she is completing many of her education-program observation hours at a public school in Watts. There, Joanna interacts with children from *Powerhouse Church* and other neighborhood students.



Peter Dunn, a graduate from *Azusa Pacific University* (California) with a degree in Political Science, grew up in Malibu, CA. Through various short-term mission experiences, God grew Peter's heart for the poor and led him to World Impact's one-year internship.

Peter served faithfully as the P.E. teacher at the *Los Angeles Christian School* and at the Watts *Powerhouse Church*. Peter developed a friendship with a homeless couple, Keith and Virginia. As the church ministered to them, Keith and Virginia obeyed God by getting married and baptized. Peter was Keith's best man! By interning in the inner-city, Peter saw how new disciples are made and how the Church grows.

## FRESNO

Last summer, Austin Pettigrew, a junior at *Huntington University* (Indiana), saw many needs and challenges facing people in the city.

Austin remembers, “The missionaries were great examples. I learned so much. Church planting is a sustainable and empowering way to care for the poor. I was reluctant about coming to California, but seeing so many good people doing so many good things changed my preconceived ideas. I realize that I should not put people in boxes.”

Austin helped at THE OAKS camp, and with our Bible clubs and teen programs. He played bass for a church plant and trained someone to play for the church when he left. Austin was a good role model for young men. When he first came the kids shouted the name of our missionary, “Doug, Doug, Doug,” like he was famous. By the time Austin left, the kids were chanting, “Austin, Austin, Austin.”

Austin shared with his college advisor about his great experience and how real learning is hands on—how summer ministry makes book knowledge real. Now, the questions in class are not as theoretical; instead, he thinks of specific cases where the principles he is learning apply. We hope to have many more interns, like Austin.



## THE OAKS

*Biola University* student, *Lorraina Armenta*, has served as a counselor for three summers. She pours herself into the campers; they feel her care for them. Lorraina says, “I measure my spiritual growth in relation to what God has done in my life each summer.” As Lorraina completes her education, she is considering future involvement with World Impact and serving the urban poor.

*Rachelle Blades*, from *Eastminster Presbyterian Church* in Wichita, Kansas, served faithfully as a lifeguard and used every opportunity to share Christ’s love with those around her. Rachelle is one of the finest guards and swim teachers we have had. She was creative and went out of her way to make each child feel loved. During swimming lessons, she encouraged the campers and helped them succeed. Rachelle was active with the drama team and had major roles in skits at the evening fire circle and worship activities. Rachelle brought joy to every area of her involvement.

Dear Christian Friend,

Every summer we invite inner-city teenagers and young adults, and short-term missionaries from colleges, seminaries and churches, to live and minister with us.

## THE BENEFITS ARE ENORMOUS!

- \* More staff allows us to invest additional time and give extra individual attention to our neighbors. This is important as they experience the love that Christ intended for them.
- \* Many summer staff hear God's call to continue to minister in the city. Some will stay. Others will return to World Impact after they finish college or seminary.

*Adam Cargill* from *Grace University* in Indiana headed to California for the summer, not realizing that it would become his home. He is preparing for his fifth summer at THE OAKS! He has served as a counselor, program intern and Assistant Director of Youth Ministries. Adam's huge heart for the kids was evident from his first summer as they climbed on his back, sat on his lap and sought him out every time they could. Having grown up in Cabrini Green, Chicago's most infamous Housing Project, he considers himself "blessed with a burden" to impact kids like himself with the love of Jesus Christ.



Our summer workers need to earn \$800 per month; \$200 will underwrite one full week of Christian service. This enables students to return to school.

Some collegians raise their support from their church, friends and relatives. But several need our help, especially those coming from the city. I do not want to turn down one summer intern who is called by God to minister with us because of insufficient funds.

I need your help now to know how many Christian collegians and short-term missionaries I can accept. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your investment in missions and these fine young people who will serve as missionaries.

May God bless you richly!

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