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Humility in Their Hearts

By Chris Busche | Bunere, Tanzania

My friend Cam and I are lucky enough to be working with Reach International on their biggest project yet, in Bunere, Tanzania. With over 25 workers, we are constructing 14 children's houses, a dining hall, a guesthouse, and schools.

The people here are fascinating; the average day of an African is so different from an American. In the village where I am staying it basically comes down to daily survival. The women and children fetch water from the lake and gather firewood wherever they can find it just to cook the simplest of meals, usually Ugali (corn flour and water) and fish from the parasite-infected lake. I often wonder how these Africans have energy to go about a day – their diet is so poor – but I know God watches over and strengthens them. Men with jobs, on the other hand, wake up and return home in the dark after a hard days work earning roughly 3,000 schillings or about two US dollars.

I would be lying to you if I told you that the Africans here in Tanzania are not happy people. Of course they lack many things like medical treatment, nutritious food and water, and all



Chris with a child in Bunere, Tanzania where an orphanage is under construction.

the basic everyday “needs” that we Americans have; but these people are the happiest I have ever encountered in my life! Yes, they are aware of their needs and the lack

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I have been studying for the past two or three months with seven kids and recently had the privilege of planning and assisting in their baptisms. I would have never in my wildest dreams or thoughts guessed that one day I would help a pastor baptize someone. The planning was stressful and crazy, but once we got in the water and the first wave hit me, I realized what I was apart of. All the worries and stress washed away. I offer thanks to everyone that helped me get here so I could study and assist



these kids in getting baptized. God bless you and all you continue to do for others.

It is one thing to be involved in

Walking in the Water

By Maurice Fider | Christchurch, New Zealand

helping someone come to Christ. But it is a much greater experience to walk into that water with them and take part in baptizing them. When the going gets tough and the questions start rolling, I just simply remind myself of the feeling that came over me that day.

If you every wonder if you should support a student missionary, don't think twice. You never know whom you might bless indirectly.

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Greetings from Student Missions!

By Jenessa King

I had been in Pucallpa, Peru for less than two months when our team organized our first medical campaign. Somehow I was designated translator even though my Spanish was limited.

Through tears I told God of my fears and inadequacies as I anticipated translating a language I barely knew in a subject I knew even less about. As always, God reassured me and reminded me through His words that He would “help me to speak and teach me what to say” (Exodus 4:12). All I needed to do was go in faith.

I cannot explain how I understood and translated for over 1,000 patients; it was a miracle from God. Being a student missionary taught me the importance of giving God all of my inadequacies and weaknesses. When I am weak God’s power is made perfect.

My experience as a student missionary has had a tremendous impact on my life. Through the ups and downs I learned lessons that continue to strengthen my relationship with God. It is my passion to help other students experience the blessings of serving as a student missionary.



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thereof, but this does not excuse them from having fun in every aspect of their life, something I know Americans can struggle with. I am witnessing with my own eyes that Africans have something better to offer than silver or gold. They offer love to one another.

When the locals find out I am from the United States I often hear or see jealousy, because of the life they hear Americans have. But I am quick to tell them of my jealousy for their lives. Yes, although there are many difficulties about an African life, they seem to grasp the concept of love and unselfishness better than anyone I have ever met. I know the devil is working hard in America and the distractions for everyone, especially the youth, are innumerable. Because of this, I thank God for the opportunity to be able to leave behind the distractions and experience something that I will remember for the rest of my life.

How to Help

If you would like to support the Student Missions program financially, here are several ways you can donate:

Mail:

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On the left hand side, click “Donate”
Fill out the form, and click “Submit Donation”

All gifts are tax deductible.

If you know a student who is planning on serving, you are welcome to donate under that student’s name toward their fundraising efforts. If it is for Student Missions in general, please mark accordingly.

Thank you for your support!

Crossing Cultures

By John Shoemaker | Kołobrzeg, Poland

Today I taught a class on music. We were having a really good time. Everyone was laughing yet we were still learning. We moved from question to question and I continued to play different types of music and ask the students how it made them feel. Give me adjectives. Give me descriptions.

We were making lists when I asked the question, “What do you listen to when you are at a party?”

I told them that I think parties are fun to go to, but that there are different types of parties. I told them I don’t enjoy going to parties with alcohol, drugs, or smoking, and then cautiously said, “I don’t drink alcohol.” They were absolutely shocked. Even more than shocked, they were all very confused.

Ewa, a really pretty blonde student who smiles 24/7 suddenly asked, “Do you drink wine or beer?” I said, “No.” She said, “Why?” I let out a heavy sigh. And then I told them a personal story.

One of my friends from high school used to party every weekend. He was popular, nice, and everyone liked him. But he had a problem: he liked to drink. This summer he and another friend went to a rave. He drank a lot but also did hard drugs. He was completely out of control riding in the

car going home, so my other friend tried to calm him down and inadvertently shifted the car into park. They were forced to stop and figure out how they were going to get home. But my friend never came home.

I looked up with tear-filled eyes and said, “My friend, Kyle, died this summer. He was under the influence of alcohol and



John goofs around with his students after playing a game of indoor soccer.

drugs so much that he ran onto the highway—even while my other friend struggled to keep him from doing so. A truck drove by and immediately killed Kyle. I believe my friend would still be alive today if he hadn’t drank alcohol and done drugs.”

I decided to tell my students this story

not because I wanted to make them feel depressed or tell them that I disagree with their choices or lifestyle. I told my students this story to show them what alcohol and drugs can do to people.

I wanted to tell them a story very deep to my heart to give them a different perspective on something that is so much a part of their Polish culture. Many times, HOW you say something is almost more important than what you say.

Do you think they would have listened to me if I simply said: “I think alcohol is against the teachings of the Bible. I don’t think it’s something you should drink?”

No. I don’t think they would have remembered it. But they will probably always remember this English lesson.

I would like to ask that you pray for all of my students. Pray that God will work in their lives and that they will come to know Him and His word. I haven’t asked them what their beliefs are regarding God. However, several have mentioned during previous lessons that they are very afraid of God because God is not natural, that God is someone to fear.

And please continue to pray for me in knowing what to do in these situations.

Living Like a Local with Maurice Fider

Here are some new words I’ve been taught to help me sound more Kiwi:

For five months and counting I have been in Christchurch, serving in the South New Zealand Conference as a Youth Leader/Pastor. Did I plan or picture this in my future? No. Did I know that my plans for the future are not mine to control? Yes.

A few of my responsibilities include conducting Bible studies, meetings, camp meeting staffing, youth events, kids church, Sabbath school, and more. They were right when they told us in our orientation class that the job description is only half of what we really end up doing.

~ Maurice

- Togs** - Swimming Trucks
- Jandals** - Flip Flops
- Tea** - Dinner
- Tea Towel** - Dish Towel
- Capsicum** - Bell Pepper
- All Blacks** - Rugby Team
- Warriors** - Other Rugby Team
- Hot Chips** - French Fries
- Lemonade** - Sprite
- Chilly Bin** - Cooler

