

IMAGINE!

Thank you for teaming with us in reaching people for Jesus.

It's been a summer of missions for students everywhere.



Daniel Gurry, 25, on his mission trip to Haiti.

Howdy Friends!

Greetings from within the beautiful state of New Jersey! We hope the God of the Great Commission fills you daily with more of His passion, as He is doing for us.

It's been one of the most fruitful summers Jenn and I have ever experienced. With new staff training, new converts and plenty of students going off to do world missions, Summer 2010 will forever be a memorable season.

Ever since June 8th when we totaled our car, the Lord has been continually giving us more opportunities to place our full trust in Him. Whether it was getting to Florida for training after the Virginia crash, or getting transportation for our season of ministry partner development or simply believing He is big enough to meet our every spiritual need, Jesus has been unwaveringly faithful to His word and His promises. We're so grateful we get to serve such a great King.

One of the most encouraging events this summer, though, comes not through our time in Florida, but through our friend Daniel's four weeks on a mission trip to Chamburn, Haiti.

Daniel Gurry, on staff with the Boys and Girls Club in Jersey City, N.J., went with Campus Crusade for Christ's campus ministry to minister to the displaced and broken alongside other Christ-centered laborers in Haiti, including staff with Crusade's Global Aid Network and The Jesus Film.

"I didn't go to the trip with many expectations," Daniel told us, "If I'm being honest, I expected miraculous healings all over because [Haiti] is a place in dire need. But I saw the simplest of miracles: people receiving Christ as savior."

Daniel's group of full-time Crusade staff and sixty-one students from all over the United States visited the internally displaced people's camps (tent cities) to share the gospel tent-by-tent, family-by-family.

One woman, who had been angry with God because of the quake, ended up recommitting herself to the Lord and naming her newborn son Samuel, a symbolic act to the student missionaries who had prayed hours earlier for godly leaders by reading Hannah's prayer over Haiti.

The three Crusade ministries in Haiti collaborated often with Nehemiah Vision Ministries, a local outreach focused on providing displaced people with a hospital, a disaster relief center, an orphanage and a school for children. While

there, the most immovable obstacle to building said facilities was the government.

"Six layers of the Haitian government was holding nine containers of supplies for months because they wanted a percentage of the worth of the goods inside," Daniel explained.

Nehemiah Vision Ministries had several skilled workers ready to commence the project, and it even pressed through an earlier roadblock of 35 individual landowners, whose property they slowly bought over the last several years.

Rather than giving up, the Lord inspired Daniel to suggest a food and water fast. Twenty-eight of the sixty who started fasting actually were able to endure the fast through Haiti's scorching climate. Unfortunately, little by little, the enemy created interpersonal frustrations, animosity and regret during the fast.

Daniel was discouraged quickly.

"How dare they not fast, I thought," Daniel vulnerably admitted, "If everyone doesn't fast, God won't do it. I hope this is good enough for God."

After an entire day of critical tension, the team ventured out to a nearby tent city and was surprised to see a trailer driving the other way to their camp. Daniel was certain the truck had the containers the group was fasting for, and it did! After months of waiting for the government to release the containers of supplies, the Lord heard the cry of his people and within twenty-four hours of fasting and prayer, He sent them their needs!

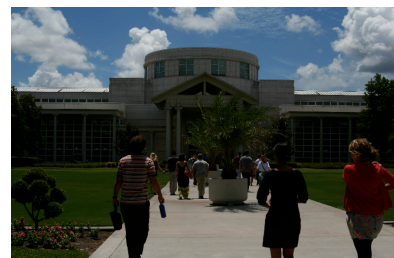
So often we envision God as one who only gives when we work overtime for it, but in the case of Daniel's fast, the Holy Spirit decided to honor the sincere hearts of the few who fasted, despite many who were not able, by releasing those containers from six layers of bureaucratic nonsense. What a picture of the immeasurable grace our good and risen savior, Jesus, continually pours out on His people!

Jenn and I are overjoyed to be in His service. We're excited to see how Jesus continues to work in Daniel's life and heart, as well as in the lives of the dozens who've committed summers to world missions.

Warmly,
Joey and Jenn Sforza

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Pics from New Staff Training Summer 2010
A time of serious growth, fun and preparation for the college missions field.



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