

I'm Brian McGill - a graduate of RB High and a sophomore at University of Arizona. This past summer has been my most rewarding summer ever. God did amazing things in my life as well as in the Santa Monica community. There are so many things that God revealed to me that I could talk for hours about it. My days in Santa Monica were busy with work during the day, meetings, bible study, quiet time, and evangelism. I met a ton of students from around the country and developed wonderful, lifelong friendships.

Our mission was to go into the community and share our faith and learn about the beliefs of the people in Santa Monica just about every day. The very first full day, we shared our faith on the Third Street Promenade with no help whatsoever. It was a nerve-wrecking experience, but God helped me push through and to take the step of faith to engage in spiritual conversations with people in the community. We shared Christ with over 1,500 people and 14 people accepted Him. It was definitely a challenge, but I learned so much more about how great our God is and His love for us.

What really helped me grow more in my faith was being immersed in a strong Christian community of Campus Crusade for Christ, where everyone was positive, supportive, and constantly in the Word. The weekly meetings and bible studies helped me learn more about the Lord and also how everything is focused on Jesus dying on the cross. This has helped me live a more cross-centered life. I loved my small group so much. We were so open with each other and are always going to be there for each other, to listen and help each other as we continue our walk with the Lord.

Spending the summer in mission has made me on fire for the Lord and I want to go on more mission trips. For summer 2009, I'm thinking about doing a missions trip to Israel, China, or the Dominican Republic. I'll have to see where the Lord sends me!

Thank you again, Missions Committee, for being so generous in supporting me on my missions trip to Santa Monica. It has truly been a blessing and I'm so glad that God wanted me to do this project this past summer.

God Bless, Brian McGill