

# Spring Report, Summer Opportunities

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## Going Global

Student Venture's Global team, and our Leadership Development team help to send and care for Americans serving on short term and long term teams in several countries where Campus Crusade has ministry. Several of our international projects returned from spring break in several countries, some supporting teams of Americans already there. One of the strategies we use is to host English camps, which give us opportunities to build relationships and share Christ. Here's a report from one of hundreds of changed lives:

"It was an overwhelming site to see 155 Russian students and teachers pouring out of the train for English camp. We saw it as no small miracle after enduring months of disinterest and being shut out of many schools.

Just as thrilling for us was the joy of having a total of five other St. Petersburg ministries partner with us and our project team! Represented was Logos Baptist, Young Life, Youth for Christ, Calvary South, and New Life. Add in all the Russian interpreters, and the work force totaled around 55. This provided the numbers needed to really serve the students attentively, bridge the language gap, and sow broadly the message of Christ's love. It also built in natural connections with a variety of local ministries for any new believers or spiritual curious students who wanted to pursue a relationship with God after the camp.

Sometimes I wonder if what we do is really different. But those Russian students who have been to other English Camps answer resoundingly 'yes.' This camp is different because we don't just try to meet an academic need. We are there to befriend the loners, to assign worth, and pour out God's love on anyone who would receive it...to offer truth that sets us free. I love our matchless creator and I love how He loves people.

Sasha became the first Russian student to ever share his testimony at our Good Bye party this year. In 2008 he came to camp hoping to party and was disappointed that the rules prohibited drinking alcohol. But as the week went on, he realized how much more fun he was having without alcohol and how superficial his friendships were. On the outside he looked cool but on the inside he was depressed. He laughed as he shared how awful his attitude was that year and said to many in the audience, 'You remember what I was like.' Sasha had heard enough at camp to say this prayer, 'God, if you're real, will you help me give up drinking?' By English Camp 2009, he had. When he heard about Jesus Christ that year, he became a believer and got connected with a local church. Since then, God has given him the joy you see radiating from his face in the picture, and even healed various physical problems."



## Summer Ministry

Please pray for our various summer ministry opportunities:

- Two summer Getaway conferences in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina June 13-18 and Estes Park, Colorado June 15-20.
- Overseas Missions Projects in East Asia, Hungary, Venezuela, Russia, Croatia, and Kenya.
- Several new staff who will attend our 5 week new staff conference here in Orlando, taking Bible classes, preparing to do ministry, and learning how to raise their initial ministry support.
- Several outdoor discipleship backpacking trips in the Western US called Life of Adventure.
- An Education's majors project to help prepare future teachers for ministry opportunities they could have.
- Ongoing summer ministry in our cities across the US and Globally.
- Our work on further developing our new staff training and new local leader curriculum and development environments.
- Our oldest son, Jordan, as he is on a Campus Crusade summer project in Colorado.
- Our personal support development. Thank you for all those who give and pray for us already!!