

# SEND – Reporting Back

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob, and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” Isaiah 49:6



*Retelling the Creation Story in India (Miriam, Year 3 Geography Student).*

Firstly we want to say a massive **thank you** to everyone who has been supporting and praying for us all over the summer – and **what a summer** it has been!

50 students were sent out from Southampton, across the globe to quite literally the four corners of the earth.

**Praise God!**

Look out for photos and comments throughout the newsletter from some of the trips.

The term began with ‘DeSend’, an event which gave students the opportunity to **reflect** and share with others their experiences, as well as **encouraging** each other with hearing about mission trips and gap years.

We had guest speaker Andy Stevens who gave an **inspirational** and practical talk about considering long term mission. Our prayer is that God will continue to be at work in the **hearts** of many who went, inspiring people to seriously consider possible **long term** plans.

*“I went to China for nearly 3 months this summer. I faced the initial difficulties with not speaking Chinese but I embraced the challenge of getting stuck in with projects such as; teaching English, visiting patients, and chatting about the bible with people I made friends with(...) and then worked as an occupational therapist in a children's home. **The trip was an invaluable experience in which I saw God clearly at work and He gave me an increased heart for this country and affirmed my desire to want to serve Him overseas in the future.**”*  
(Emily, Year 3 Occupational Therapy Student).

We also held a **Health Care Mission** event, focusing on the idea of using professional skills to reach the world with the **gospel**. The evening was for all health care students to find out more about mission in a health care setting, how to cope and to hear about other people's recent experiences.

There was a chance to talk to mission organisations afterwards, who provided helpful **advice** and information for those considering different options.

Many people turned up, including students from

Bournemouth University. Praise God for the **encouragement** of seeing so many people interested in this and pray that people will consider how best to use their **skills** in the future.



*Community Project in Malawi (Hannah, Year 3 Geography Student).*

Our next event is **'CU in the World'**, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. It will be an afternoon dedicated to exciting the CU into seeing what **God** is doing across the world and will give people an opportunity to seriously consider how they can **serve** God abroad.

It will also give those who have been abroad a chance to **share** with other members of the CU what they have been involved with. Pray that people will be stirred by what they hear and that new **passions** will be ignited for God's work in **mission**.

*"With not-yet-Christian parents, no money, no contacts, no knowledge of God's detail plan, no Spanish skills, **God called me to Mexico** alone for 3 months in the last summer.*

*But with prayer and our **faithful and mighty GOD**:*

*Plenty of translators and abundance of money were provided (Matt 6:33), parents' hearts changed (Ex 3:19-21), invitations from churches and projects came while I was out there (Jer 29:11), no sicknesses had touched me (Isaiah 43:1-2).*

***God is not only true in black leather; we can experience Him now and here! Hallelujah!**" (Ray, Year 2 Economics Student).*



*Community Project in Ecuador (Matt, Year 2 Engineering Student).*

Please Pray:

- Thank God for His faithfulness and for the many examples we have heard of His protection and provision over the summer.
- Praise God that His gospel has been shared in many countries across the world and that many were saved.
- Praise God that the Swine Flu outbreak didn't affect any of the trips!
- Thank Him for the success of the two events this term and pray for people's interest and enthusiasm in mission to grow.
- For the upcoming event 'CU in the World', that many would come and that God would be at work in the hearts of those who attend.
- For the new SEND team that we would continue to listen to what God's heart and direction is for SEND in the coming year.



Summer Camp in Israel (Sarah, Year 2 Archaeology Student).

*"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-22)*

Many thanks for your support,

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