

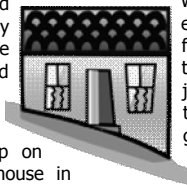
ROAD-REPORT



The following articles are written by home school students from across the United States, traveling with **ACTION Impact Missions' Frontiers Road School Mission Trip—Summer 2006**

Foundation-Finding Frontiers

Have you ever tried to build a house from top to bottom? Me neither. But I'd imagine that its stability would be jeopardized on account of the strange and wobbly foundation. How could one build a house first, and then add the foundations? In a country where pre-fabricated houses are often preferred over brick and mortar, the Mission Trip needed a different approach.



It all began at training camp on June twentieth, 2006, at a house in Dover, DE. Here God began digging in our hearts to lay solid foundations for the work that was to come. The name, "Frontiers," accurately describes this trip, which has gone to places that no AIM Team has gone before, and was the first AIM Mission Trip for several of us. During training week we would begin our days with prayer at nine in the morning, a practice that continued through the entire trip. The rest of the day was filled with intense Bible study, curriculum development and mime rehearsal. What delighted my soul most was the fact that this mission set out to seek God and His kingdom first; checking His plan book and asking His main Construction Foreman for guidance as we went. In this way, the foundation for this house was not built on external aesthetics or done with haste, but was built with lasting eternal material in the hearts of men. It was also here that our God-Answers-Prayer (GAP) list began, through which we were continually amazed at His quick and efficient response – sometimes granting us more than we could ever have asked for. In one day, three of our prayers were answered for family members and Mission Trip members almost immediately. I was very blessed to work with teenagers just as excited about God, His promises, and growing to share His life with others as I am!

Despite all the hard labor involved during training camp, God's love was being built solidly on the Rock of Christ in our hearts. He is the ONLY solid structure that has kept us growing through both torrential downpours and beautiful sunshine. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness!

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Fresh Shoots

1 Timothy 4:12 is a call to each of us to set the example, no matter our age, and God was calling the Frontiers Mission Trip to live up to this challenge, right out of training camp. We were certainly not ready to do it on our own strength, but over the next few days we

would see God use us to encourage His children in Pennsylvania, and get them ready to serve Him!

We began our first workshop (first for the trip and first ever in Pittsburg) on Monday, after arriving Sunday night.

We had prepared four classes, each intended for five to fifteen people, but God chose to change our plans, giving us just enough that we decided to work with them in one big group. Some of the guys were a bit sheepish about creative movement, but everyone grabbed onto the new modes of expressing God's truth by the end of the three days. I had been praying for God to open up a way to reach one of the guys who was hesitant to take part in either the speech or movement, but didn't yet know how to get through to him. During the day we had challenged the group that we would like to see at least one of the guys be willing to give his testimony during the final presentation, but I wasn't even thinking about asking this one in particular. To my amazement, he walked up afterward and said, "I didn't bring my testimony because I figured you'd make me to read it in front of everybody, but I guess if you want I'll rewrite it here... and I suppose maybe I could share it tonight." Wow, was that ever a God thing! I had the greatest time getting to know him and helping him prepare to share his testimony, and the best part was that there was no accounting for it, except for God!

Of course, our workshops didn't last the whole day, so we were able to engage in some other activities during the mornings. Our first day there, we were able to help a widow who needed everything ready before movers arrived at her house the next day. I think the biggest blessing there was to her granddaughter, who had taken it upon herself to make sure that her grandmother was taken care of, no matter what. It was wonderful to be able to encourage two of God's daughters. Another day we had an opportunity of a different nature – a museum. But this was no ordinary museum! This was a sports museum, filled with activities, gauges, puzzles and information on every sport from hang gliding to miniature golf. We had a great time encouraging each other in the various tests of ability, and came away refreshed, ready for another day of workshops.

After the final day of workshops we ate dinner and prepared for the final presentation, an



opportunity for the students to share the skills and message they had learned with their families, neighbors, or whoever else they or we were able to bring along. It is always our goal to provide workshop students with an opportunity to share God's truth with both the church and with nonbelievers. That was the case in this instance as well, and though no one received Christ that evening, I know there were several people in whom seeds were watered. Also, many of the families involved in the workshop are excited about the Bible study and outreach opportunities for their children, and want to start a team in their area. God is good!

In Pittsburg we were able to see God work in many great ways, but especially we were blessed to see so much grow out of something so new. Though this was the first time AIM had been through this area, the students and families picked up not only new skills, but also a new vision for what God can do with young people who are completely sold out for Him. Watch out, because the next time AIM comes through your area, we're likely to have someone from Pittsburg on the team!

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Two-Way Street

Our stop in Springfield, VA was filled with amazing experiences and opportunities. We were able to do a workshop at a local church, and had an opportunity to help the church by doing a service project. Our second day there we were blessed to meet the church's youth and family ministry team. As you can tell, our stop in Springfield was packed full of things to do!

Our first day in Springfield started around 1:00 in the afternoon, after departing early in the morning from Pittsburgh, in order to get to our destination in Springfield on time to start the workshop. As soon as we got there we had to hop out of the car and start, because what we thought was an hour early was actually right when they had planned on starting! The kids we worked with were really excited to be there, which made it very easy and fun to teach them. They jumped right into the classes we did, and also really enjoyed the bible studies. The first day we had a large group, several of the students could not make it the next day, or to the final presentation, because of prior commitments.

Our second day in Springfield brought an open door to help the church. They had a new addition to their building, to use for services in Spanish and Korean.

Before it could be used, lots of work needed to be done, like moving furniture, painting, and many other behind-the-scenes jobs. We painted a shed, which was given to the drama department for storage space. The service project was a blessing to both the church and the team. God taught us how great it felt to be mutually blessed by believers.

After we finished the service project we got to go eat dinner and discuss the material we would be helping teach over the next week. Immediately we and the church team clicked: we had the same heart for ministry, and for the kids we were going to work with at Sandy Cove. The team was a huge blessing to us, and God really worked through the joining of the two teams the following week.

Our stay in Springfield, VA was a great experience for the entire team. We got to bless the kids at the workshop, bless the church, and be blessed by meeting the youth and family ministry team. The stop in Springfield was full of incredible experiences and opportunities. God showed the team the value and rewards of working with and serving our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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A Safe Haven

We arrived at Sandy Cove on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. We weren't quite sure what to expect, because it was a different setting than the previous stops. It was "Homeschool Week", and they had the time all planned out with activities for children and parents. In addition to the regular workshops our team was doing (mime, dance, sign language and public speaking), we teamed up with a youth and family group from our previous stop in Virginia, called "YZ." They helped their leader teach on the topics for the week: "Do I have a right to be happy?" and "Guy-girl relationships," by looking at what Scripture has to say about them. It was neat watching our team work together with the YZ team while we blended into one for worship and teaching. I wanted to attend all the workshops, but God called me in other directions. He gave me the opportunity to meet and witness to a little boy and his family, who were hurting very badly. When we first met, the boy was scared and having nightmares. After praying with him, I told him to pray also. As the week progressed, other



members of our team took opportunities to minister to the family. It blessed me to see the team praying for and with people they had just met.

For four of us this was our first Mission Trip. God used this whole trip to teach us, and we really came together as a team. It was a blessing to be able to see our teammates desire to follow God and be obedient to His Word. At Sandy Cove we also met several families who are now interested in starting AIM Teams in their areas, and it's wonderful to think of how God will bless them as He has us.

Because of the variety of people attending, families drawn from many different states and cities, Sandy Cove was a great opportunity for ministry. Each of these families had come seeking spiritual refreshment. Praise God for using us to meet these needs, and may we always be so attentive to the needs of others!

*Cyndie Moody
Smyrna, DE*

In His Plans

Our team had a nice plan of how everything was going to work while we were in Lancaster county, PA. However, God had something else in store for us. He had us use this time to grow closer together as a team. When our first presentation in the area was over we were amazed at what God could do through us, even when we did not feel prepared. During this stop our team grew closer together through being transparent and open with each other. We were also blessed with amazing opportunities to minister and be ministered to by others. Throughout the week God showed us that He is in control, and no matter what we do, He remains faithful.

God brought us to the church for our first presentation safely and just in time. Even though we didn't feel entirely prepared to present, He still used us to bless many lives. While we were presenting, God taught us the valuable lesson of taking initiative on the stage, and the importance of teamwork. Our team was joyful that evening because God used us to bring glory to Him.



The workshop we had scheduled for the next day was canceled, which meant we had more time to bond as a team. God allowed us to use that refreshing time to prepare for the rest of the Mission Trip. Later on that day, He blessed us with tickets to see "Ruth" at the Sight and Sound Theater. The play communicated the important message that God can use even the most unlikely people for His purposes. We even got to meet one of the actors after the show! The play was spectacular, and we were excited to learn more about God's Word.

The next day we drove to Millersville, PA. At the local college we trained a missions team preparing to serve in Peru. They were quickly able to learn a pantomime they could use to

communicate the gospel.

The short stop we had in Lancaster was an amazing blessing for our team. God used every stop to show us His faithfulness, and the importance of transparency in teamwork. Every step of the way God was with us, and the entire time rested in His hands.

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Camp Woodcrest

Arriving at our host homes at about midnight was quite tiring, especially after getting up early that morning. But God gave us the energy we needed to get through the day. I had the opportunity to attend a Mennonite church, and it was neat to meet fellow believers of a different background.

When we arrived at Woodcrest Retreat later that day we were greeted by the local AIM Team, DRAMA Ministry. They are really awesome people, and we were blessed by them a lot. Getting to know the DRAMA team quickly chased out any feelings of pride or superiority, and we each got ready to learn from the other.

We soon met the campers we'd be working with over the coming week. There must have been at least a hundred of them! They were all friendly, and I became good friends with several of them. We were able to spend several hours each day with them during game and meal times. Before lunch time we led Bible studies with special needs campers. It was really neat to see how some of the kids taught us as much as we taught them, and their hearts for God were awesome!

"Fireside" was another time with the kids at night, in which we held a small church service for the campers. This was a great opportunity to reach out to the campers, challenging them to truly live like God is who He says He is by obeying their parents, standing up for truth, and sharing their faith with others, among other things. The kids were always ready to rise to the occasion, and it was great to see them grow throughout the week.

On the last three days we had presentations at another camp and at a town festival, and were able to see God work in each of these situations as well. It rained on and off all week, which really made the week challenging. The most exciting thing that happened while we were there was that we saw a camper come to Christ. That was awesome! Our last day, at the town festival, one of our members was talking to a kid who had lost his faith somewhere along the way in his life. I believe God really touched that kid's life through us!

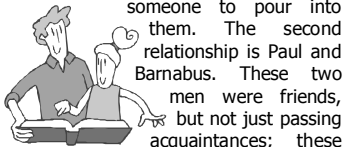
The next day it was time to go home. I will not forget the awesome people God teamed me with. I have learned so much on this trip, and I hope God continues to teach me as much as He has these last few weeks.

*Joshua Moody, age 14
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Discipleship: Water for the Soul

If I learned anything on this trip, I learned about discipleship. AIM is primarily a discipleship ministry, and outreach and evangelism naturally flow from that. What we do on stage is probably the most visible aspect of the ministry, but it's what happens off-stage and behind the scenes that make up the heart and soul of AIM. Building faith and establishing character matter far more than mime technique and clever choreographies. Discipleship is a vision God has been building in my heart for years, and it's something that I see as a huge need in our families, churches, and communities. When it happens, the results are astounding; when it's missing, it leaves behind a mass of immature, aimless youth with lots of unanswered questions - and I've seen both products.

The biblical model of discipleship is personified in three people: Paul, Timothy, and Barnabus. It's primarily about relationships. The first relationship is Timothy to Paul. Timothy was Paul's disciple; he was mentored, encouraged, challenged, and built up by this man of God. Everyone needs someone like that in their lives,



someone to pour into them. The second relationship is Paul and Barnabus. These two men were friends, but not just passing acquaintances; these men went through good, bad, and ugly together. Everyone needs a friend who's there through thick and thin, someone who sharpens you like iron on iron and doesn't think you walk on water. Lastly, every Paul needs a Timothy, someone to pour themselves into. As we grow, it's our privilege and responsibility to pass on what we've learned and open up opportunities for others to grow as well. When we don't have people in our lives who fill those gaps, our spiritual growth is out of balance. The funny thing about these relationships is that these men didn't have to have anything in common but a passion for God to be glorified.

That's something we strive to create for the students on missions trips. The leaders mentor the students, the students build each other up, and then pour themselves into the workshop participants and their audiences. As this trip concludes, and each one of us goes back to our homes to be discipled there, I know beyond any doubt that time spent in pursuit of Christ is worth our while. If for no other reason than that (although there certainly were others), I believe we had a successful missions trip.

Thank you, God, for all you teach us, for the mighty works you do in and through us every day, sometimes without us even knowing. Continue to lead and shepherd us. To you be the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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