Summer missionaries crusade for Christ

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"Where are you going this summer?"
This is probably the most frequently asked question around this time of year. The answer to this question varies from student to student.

While many students will be headed home to work, take summer courses for less expensive college, or just work on getting a job, others will give up their summer break to minister in a foreign country.

Sophomores Ginger Rowlett, digital media studies major, and Nicole Leeber, Spanish and Christian studies major, will spend their summer in Peru. Rowlett and Leeber will assist the missionaries in Arequipa, Peru.

Leeber, a Spanish major, and Rowlett, a Spanish minor, will serve as translators for the mission teams that come from the United States.

Three of the weeks will be spent with a missionary in Lima. By setting up feeding centers in the mountains, they plan to evangelize to villages in the mountains.

Feeding centers provide food to the needy in remote villages. The end of the summer that God will have used me to lead at least one person to Christ, because that’s what I’ve been praying for,” said Rowlett.

A group of six students will spend their summer in Senegal, which is located at the western tip of Africa and has a population of about ten million people.

"In Senegal the group will be ministering to the Senere people group. The majority of the Senere are Muslim who view Christians negatively," said Rowlett.

The group will also be working with Philip and Karen Brown, missionaries there. The group consists of freshman Jennifer Koonce, undeclared, sophomores Reagan Carfield, psychology major, Ben Dockery, Christian studies major, Erik Marple, music major, Casey Stafford, psychology major and junior Tammi Guinling, political science and social work major.

Dockery, Marple, and Stafford will use the "Bread of Life" ministry. "Bread of Life" is a newsletter that has illustrations of a variety of Bible stories on them.

They distribute these papers in the markets to people who will be able to build relationships with them. "I’m excited about being emerged in the culture, and I am also praying about believers to start a church over there,” said Carfield.

The group has already been meeting together to pray for the people they will be ministering to. "Stepping away from all that is comfortable, and seeing God through a different world-view is what Stafford anticipates.

June 1 through Aug. 2, junior Annie Jeffries, social work major, will travel through Celtic lands. Jeffries will assist the Celtic Languages Team in developing media resources for missionaries to Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Wales, Cornwall and Brittany. She is the Zula States Baptist media team of four students from various colleges.

The media team will travel to the six Celtic nations capturing the landscape, history, culture and daily lives of everyday people. The resulting piece will provide future missionaries with an idea of what to expect before they arrive.

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The group is being divided into smaller teams consisting of four to five students that will be assigned two to three classes of approximately 20 German students.

The group will also be working with local churches to prepare worship services. The students plan internships for summer

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Instead of traveling home to visit family and friends, many students will apply what they have learned this summer and intern for businesses all over the country.

"I’m very excited. I look forward to seeing how this might shape my future," said junior Autumn Alcott, Christian ethics major.

Alcott will travel to Washington D.C. to assist the Fellow Director and Public Policy Manager for Chuck Colson’s Wilberforce Forum.

The Wilberforce Forum, a diverse group of evangelical Christians, is a think tank for Christian world views.

The team will also be able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Celtic translators in a relational yet intentional way.

"I’ve never been out of the country, so I’m excited about that, but I am also excited to get to know other cultures, and travel around,” said Carfield.

Freshman Lauren Webb, chemistry major, will spend eight weeks in Venezuela accompanying and assisting Venezuelan physicians of Fundabrez. Fundabrez is the Zula States Baptist Association Medical Clinic.

Webb will be on a team of six college students from various colleges who each have a different position.

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