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Hi All! I hope this letter finds you well!

A Trip to... KOREA!

It wasn't in my summer plans, but I went to South Korea for 5 days! I still can't believe it really happened, but I was given this opportunity by Ben Thomas. He is our Global AIA Director. A team of six of us, from AIA, went to the Korea Campus Crusade for Christ Summer Conference 2011 held in Pyeongchang. We were there with 11,000 Korean students and staff. I have many highlights, but I'll tell you my favorite here (maybe I will post more on my website).

Anyway, the last night of the conference we held our main session outside in a big amphitheater. All the students sat outdoors on a grassy hill. As I sat in a tent I looked to my right and saw rain come pouring down. For the entire 3 1/2 hours we were out there it rained. The coolest thing? The Korean students didn't miss a beat. They stood in the rain praising Jesus through song. They sat in the wet grass listening to a message. It was a beautiful sight to see my Korean brothers and sisters worshipping our Lord in not-so-ideal conditions. And I remember the main speaker saying that even though these aren't the best conditions, they are going to look back and remember this night forever. I definitely will.

X-Project

I've been at X-Project and it's been a blast! It's nothing like I was expecting and to be honest I didn't really have many expectations coming into it. I love it out here not necessarily because of the Xenia, OH, but because of the PEOPLE! I've always said life is all about relationships. First to God, second to others.

I've gotten to know so many people out here, from AIA staff to our 16 interns from around various universities. A couple of people I'd like to highlight. Jared and Erin Wellman are my host family. They've graciously let me stay with them for the 5 weeks I'll be out here. To say the least, they are the best host family! Travis Reish is the guy I'm discipling. He just graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University. It's been a privilege being able to share my life with him and really help him develop his relationship with the Lord.

Our theme for the summer has been *Engage*. Each week we engage a different topic such as *Engage with God*, *Engage the Lost*, *Engage Purity*. Our interns have really done a great job with each week. And I think they've done a great job bonding with the staff as well as each other. It is awesome to see the potential and unique talents each of them possess.

One highlight I'd like to share was an outreach event we did at a 5k race. We went and served at a 5k race for the GLBT community! The Christian community has done a poor and ineffective job in reaching the GLBT community. So we were there to hand out free sunglasses and help them set up and tear down the event. It was a pretty fruitful event as many of us were able to engage in conversation with people to show the love of Christ and do damage control on the bad reputation some Christians have given us.

Serving Him & Others,
Jeremy



Our X-Project Group at the low ropes course of our sports complex doing some team building! Here starts the bonding of some awesome relationships.



Our AIA Global Team after a workshop for the Summer Conference in Korea.



A prayer session at the Summer Conference. Koreans have an inspiring dedication and commitment to prayer.