

# THE TRACKER INVADER

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## TESTIMONY

by Robert Munoz

This year's Nashville World Invasion Conference was an overwhelming success. The most dynamic impact came through the intense bible teaching. High school students spent nearly 6 hours a day in God's Word. Their responses below were incredible!

"The way that Gregg presented the message was very different than the other speakers that present the same message. God spoke amazing through him and made me want to talk to Jesus and ask Him in to my heart all over again. The amount that God did that week in my brothers and sisters and myself amazed me. I knew going down there that God would change me and speak to me, but I never realized how much He could do. All of the interns were great, they were so loving and always had smiles on their faces."

- **Michaela**, High School Student from Riverside Alliance Church in Minnesota.

"You taught me so much that no one has ever introduced to me before. I have such a yearning and hunger for Christ now God really opened my eyes and showed me who I really am. I've become broken, and for the first time in my life I don't want my broken heart to heal."

- **Jody**, High School Student from Riverside Alliance Church in Minnesota.

## CALENDAR

by Jason Roufs

**July 1st – 18th** Midway through the summer invasion, the SLAM Interns, staff members: Gregg, Mike Garner and Skylar arrive in Kenya, East Africa. In all, there will be 19 people in Kenya this year, 13 Interns, 2 staff members, professor Curtis Belk, and returning college students Dax Moore and April Hershberger. Keep all of them in your prayers as they spend the next 2 weeks teaching God's word, spending time in the orphanages, schools, and ministering to people in the Elmba community.

**July 1st – 31st** Please keep my wife Tori and I, Tara & Genesis Garner, Robert & Heather Munoz, Paul Olson, Joel Olson & his fiancé Rachel Brian, as well as intern Jeff Sherrod in your prayers as we keep things running here at the Nashville Headquarters. Robert and his group of Booking Agents will be booking UnNamed Servant for the coming year. Paul will be updating the website, completing the US video and making the multi-media task list for the year. Joel is perfecting the new US website and developing the SLAM MM department. Tara is closing out the financial books for last year and carrying out her daily administration tasks. Genesis is working on her conversation skills, currently it's a whole lot of noise.....and from time to time she enjoys delivering our inter-office mail.

**July 19th – 31st** The group from Kenya will be pioneering into Kenya's neighboring country, Uganda for 10 days. A few of the men at the "Training Epicenter" in Kenya have been studying, praying, and educating themselves on their friends next to them in preparation for future ministry. These 7 Kenyan men will be joining our group in the pioneering mission to Uganda. We ask that you pray for their protection and favor with the people of Uganda.

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The Tracker page has been updated throughout this month. Log onto [www.slamweb.org](http://www.slamweb.org) to read the updates, see pictures and get the latest up to date information any of the teams.

Also the Nashville invasion video is available to view for people with a broadband connection. See how the week here in Nashville was spent in service and intense spiritual training.

(Left To Right) Summer intern (Lissa) poses for a picture with a patient at the Hope Aids Hospice in Montego Bay, Jamaica; Students during the Nashville Conference were always able to encourage each other with lots of prayer; This summer's trip to Mexico once again provided plenty of time for relational ministry between students and the children of Ensenada; Two young Jamaican friends are certainly not shy in front of a camera.



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"For you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

by Tara Garner

This month and the next two can be titled "Summer Interns Extravaganza!" What an incredible group of young people God has provided! These laborers are humble servants of Jesus laying down their lives this summer in obedience to God's voice. The G.O.D. staff cannot stop raving about these young men and women and as we seem to do every year, we deem this group, "the best interns we've ever had!"

The month began in Nashville with one week of some intense and serious Biblical training and worship in preparation of soft soiled hearts to see and hear from the Lord. The second week was also in Nashville hosting a youth service conference where 75 young people gathered to serve and learn. The third week was spent in Mexico serving with our two partner churches where 90 youth came together to serve Jesus. The fourth week was spent in Jamaica, with 37 who served the needs at a local AIDS hospice, Girls Home of Safety, primary school, and the community of Trelani, Jamaica. The fifth week started out recovering and preparing for the next 5 and a half weeks in Kenya, Uganda, and England where Gregg, Skylar, and our summer interns are serving now. Please cover them in your prayers - for there's much work ahead of them. Hallelujah! Apart from you Lord, we can do nothing!

(Left to Right) The team from Knoxville washed cars as a fund raiser to help buy cows for some of our brothers and sisters in Africa; The team that travel to Mexico this month had a little time at the beach in Southern California after a long and intense week of service in Ensenada.

## Gene...

### An Encounter with God

Journal entry 6-23-04:

I made a new friend today. Her name is Gene. She is a 42 year old woman; Jamaican, a mother, and in her last dying stages of AIDS. More than the things I did for Gene or the way I "served" her, I want to remember how Jesus used her to give me an encounter with Him.

Gene had nothing to hide, nothing to give or offer anyone - or so she thought. She lay naked, frail, 50 lbs of flesh and bone, totally dependent on God and man for her needs to be met. This woman displayed a humility and vulnerability that I have never before witnessed. A frailty I've only seen on T.V., and never expected I'd have the honor to embrace. Her skin was covered in sores, scabs, decay, and her stomach empty and upset from chronic diarrhea. If I was Gene, I would have ran off any young person like myself trying to visit with her in her last hours. Instead, she took the time to speak with me, share with me about her family and even her disease. Even in her suffering, made obvious by her constant groans and tears, she held my hand, looked me in the eyes and made me her friend.

We shared a moment that will be forever etched in my heart and memory. As she wept about her disease, her pain, and handicap, I could only dare utter these words to her, "Jesus loves you so much Gene, and He is even here with you right now. He never leaves you, and He longs to be with you and care for you." She responded with a half grin, shaky voiced, "Jesus". We stared so deeply into each other without looking away, without fear, and with only a perfect Love in the room, we held each other crying. This woman I was embracing; this woman that embraced me; was my very Lord and friend Jesus Christ. His presence was thick in the room and all Gene could keep saying while holding her stomach in anguish was, "God loves me, God loves me." No matter how deep Gene's suffering ran, she consciously proclaimed God's love for her and her trust in Jesus.

God graciously gave me something I've been seeking and asking of him for the last few weeks - an encounter with Him. And it changed me right where I sat. Just as God's servant Job after seeing Him face to face, refused to present his ever so justified case/complaint before the Lord - I too had no words, no worries, no complaints, no case, because in that moment of seeing Jesus in Gene, I had my answer and my deepest needs met. In Job just seeing God, he received his answer, his resolve, his peace, his justice - and today I know Gene found hers.

Today, I refused to care for Gene to just make me feel better about myself. I despised the thought of making my time with her about me and how I could serve her. I wanted an encounter with God as Job had. I wanted my own personal, in the flesh encounter with Him - forgetting about myself - and He responded to me through Gene. Thank you Jesus for responding to your children. May your loving, peaceful arms embrace your daughter Gene until you welcome her into Your presence. Save me a seat next to her at your table.



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