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How can your summer make an impact?

Your involvement in a summer ministry can make a difference in someone's eternity! You can become involved in vacation Bible School, being a summer substitute in a Sunday school class, supporting an ongoing ministry in Chester, Philadelphia, the Dominican, Mexico, Spain, Jamaica, or some other country in the world. Opportunities range from clowning to offering a summer Child Evangelism club in your own neighborhood.

Your service can also make a difference in your own life. Ministry may spur you on to remarkable and noteworthy levels of maturity. Your leadership growth and your own spiritual enrichment are likely to never be the same.

In addition, many colleges view this kind of involvement as a sign of maturity—you are interested in someone other than yourself. Such a track record is a strong predictor of college success. It indicates that you are able to handle the demands that come with making decisions on your own, relating effectively to others, and adapting to challenging and new situations. These are all life skills that admissions and scholarship committees look for.

Check out some of the summer ministry opportunities in your church. Other youth mission opportunities that some of our students have engaged in include:

- * Youth Ministries International, 1 219 291 5230
- * Scripture Union, Upper Darby (see accompanying flyer)
- * Teen World Outreach, 716 582-2792
- * Teen Missions, Phone: 321 453-0350
- * Teen Mania, 1-800-299-TEEN or 1-800-329-FIRE
- * WEC TREC, Fort Washington, PA 215-646-2322, ext. 200
- * Mission Possible, Denton, TX, 800-729-2425
- * AMG Int'l, 800-251-7206
- * Youth Encounter, 1-800-65YOUTH
- * Youth With A Mission, 800-841-0739
- * Real Impact Missions, 1-800-77-GO RIM

You can also check out web sites from each of these and other groups by typing "youth ministries" in one of the search engines.