

Dear Immanuel Bible Church,

Hello!! I have just returned from my mission trip to Mackinac Island. This was such a growing experience and I saw God working so obviously. I have never been so amazed and awed by the presence and love of God in that very dark place that so desperately needs Jesus.

As many of you know I went to Mackinac Island with the campus ministry I had been attending at SVSU called His House. I started out the summer at a little shop called Twist N' Sprouts. This was not at all a good situation as the boss was unprofessional and tended to be very inappropriate. Thank you to all of you who prayed with us through this situation. I stayed at this shop for a little over a month, but then I switched to the Activity Centre at Mission Point. This was a much better situation and I was very happy there. My new boss was extremely flexible with my schedule so I could much easier attend the events with church and I had time to be with my coworkers and friends. I was able to maintain most of the relationships with my coworkers at my former job and actually stayed and grew very close to all those girls even tho I was no longer working with them.

Over the course of the summer I was able to share my testimony of our Wonderful Saviour, give some amazing people their first Bible, live life differently, and baptize two incredible young women into our family. I had the incredible joy of seeing three people very close to me accept Christ. And even those who did not accept Christ did see the difference in the girls in my group and were attracted. So even though not all the seeds have fully sprouted I know God was using us to plant seeds to bring more people into his family. I am so glad that I was able to be a part of this wonderful experience this summer, and I am strongly considering going back next summer to continue growing in my relationships with the people there who will also be returning. I know God will do amazing things no matter where I end up.

Now that summer is over I am going to be heading to New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson. I am so excited to be going with my sister as I have missed her terribly this summer, but especially I am greatly anticipating that God will teach me amazing things and give me a better idea of his plans for my life serving him.

Thank you all so very much for your prayers,
Love you all,
Leah Harder