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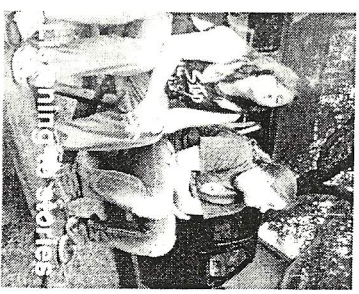
Dear Friends and Family,

I was dropping 100 feet out of the air, going 75mph at a 95 degree drop angle while screaming upside down with High School students. No, this is not the title of my next book! This is a small description of what happened at our summer Cedar Point trip with Saginaw and Bay City Campus Life students. While I just described an actual ride at Cedar Point (The Maverick), it could be used to describe spending time with young people. They are always moving and always changing directions, and that is just one conversation!



We took ten students and five ministry leaders to Sandusky, Ohio for some fun at Camp Sandusky and Cedar Point Amusement Park. Camping and riding crazy rides with high school students is fun but it's not the only reason we go. We are developing authentic Christ sharing relationships with kids. The camping and Cedar Point provide an awesome opportunity for this to happen. Sharing our stories around a campfire late at night let's students see that we as adults have been where they are today, and because Jesus changed our lives there is hope for them. Standing in line waiting for a roller coaster ride for an hour and a half is great because there is nothing to do in line but talk, or complain about the long lines. It was awesome to see our staff team really step it up this year as they pursue lost kids.

Around the campfire this year at Camp Sandusky we shared the story of Gideon with the kids and it was titled "Unlikely Hero." The point of this time of teaching was that God uses some of the most unlikely people to do amazing things and we should never doubt the patience and wisdom of God; Brad, one of our ministry leaders at Bay City Campus Life shared his story with the kids after the story of Gideon. Some of the students were really challenged by what was said. There was talking and sharing, tears and hugs and prayer at the end. Prayer with students around a campfire at night! It is amazing to see God work and move in the lives of these young people. Many of you were praying for us while we were on this trip and God answered those prayers!



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