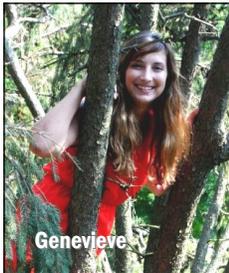


## A Summer Filled to the Brim by Genevieve Hamilton

My name is Genevieve, and I am from Charleston, S.C. I am so excited to be a part of the X-Project internship at the AIA Headquarters this summer. Debbie asked if I would put together a few words about what God has been doing in my life throughout this whirlwind eight weeks.

How can I possibly sum up in a few sentences the whole summer in Xenia? Two things: the peals of laughter packed tight in someone's basement at 11:00pm. My head is on someone's shoulder; someone else's elbow is on my knee. A guitar is pulled out and of course there's time for a few more worship songs, because we have to wring out together every last drop of each day so no opportunities are wasted.



Genevieve

And the second—those times when we are alone, resting in the presence of a Savior who makes the community we experience with one another a feeble shadow compared to the intimacy He wants with each of us. Here for two months we have been given a rare opportunity. We are being poured *into* by one another and phenomenal staff, and are learning how to pour *out*—whether working as a team in the



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office and sports complex to complete projects, building relationships with total strangers at outreaches, or dragging each other on roller coasters at King's Island.



Debbie teaching Audience of One study to X-Project students

When we all go our separate ways at the end of July, we will take away so much more than a solid resume and lifelong

friendships. Here we are a group of brothers and sisters learning and *living* what it means to go from just teetering on the edge of a life hopelessly devoted to Christ to choosing to plunge deep into the adventure of His presence from the 7am alarm to the midnight crash.



Ed & interns talking to a runner after 5K race outreach in Columbus



Enjoying some fellowship at the lake



Having fun at putt putt



With England hosting the Olympic Games, AIA is hoping to join forces with Agape UK (the Campus Crusade International ministry there) to integrate sports ministry into their successful outreach programs in England.

The Road2London project – AIA’s collective outreach effort at the Games – is intended to accelerate that partnership further. The project involves serving and reaching Olympians through the 11 AIA chaplains (out of 35 total Protestant chaplains) at the Olympic and Paralympic Village, as well as a training and outreach project Aug. 3-13 called “London Eternal Triumph.” All total, AIA will have 160 people on the ground at the Games.

It also includes the first Legacy Breakfast, planned for August 10 in the Central Methodist Hall and co-sponsored by More Than Gold and Agape UK. The cornerstone of the Legacy Breakfast will be the awards presentation. The Athletes in Action Lifetime Achievement Award will honor an individual in the sports world who serves as a positive role model to his or her family, teammates and community. Similarly, the Eric Liddell Award will recognize an athlete or coach for his or her legacy of faith and service.

Although Ed and I will not be going to London, Ed has had a part in helping to find ministry partners to financially support the Road2London Project. You can read more stories and blogs about our Olympic outreach or sign up to be a prayer partner on our Web site at [www.athletesinaction.org](http://www.athletesinaction.org).

### *From The Heart (by Debbie)*

*Wow! This summer is flying by, and we have had a blast so far! I can't find words to express how much joy I have found in the Lord as He has given me strength and energy to accomplish so much over the past few weeks. I also find it hard to explain how fun it has been to have a mate to serve along with me this summer. I have enjoyed watching Ed's interactions with the interns. He has done a great job of connecting with these students and challenging them to grow.*

*I have also found great delight in co-leading a Bible group of five interns. We studied the book of Daniel. We had some great discussions that inspire us to stand firm in our faith in the midst of a culture that does not worship the Most High God.*

*Thank you so much for investing in us so that we can invest in the many lives that God brings into our path through Athletes in Action! We hope you are having a fantastic summer! Blessings to you!!!*

## Upcoming Events...Prayer Coverage Needed

Please pray for our ministry with these upcoming events:

**July 7-27:** X-Project Interns take on leadership of X-Project. Pray for them as they continue with Bible Studies, Team Times, Outreaches, Men's & Women's Nights on their own (without staff leadership).

**July 12:** Greene County Parks Ultimate Challenge on Low Course

**July 13:** Kids in New Directions on High Course

**July 26:** New Bremen High School on Low and High Course

**July 27:** X- Project Final Banquet

**July 28:** X-Project Interns depart. Pray for safe travel, re-adjustment to life back home, and continued spiritual growth & impact.

**August 6:** Central State Univ Orientation on Low Course

**August 8:** Oakwood HS Girls Soccer on Low and High Course

**August 9:** Wright State Univ Women's Soccer on High Course

**August 10:** AIA's Legacy Breakfast in London. Pray for this event.

**August 10:** King's HS Boy's Soccer on High Course & Warren Co. United U14 Girl's Soccer on High Course

**August 11:** Greene Co. Parks Family Camp on Low and High Course

**August 13:** Bethel College Men's Soccer on Low Course

**August 14:** Carroll HS Girls Soccer on High Course & Bethel College Men's Soccer on High Course

**August 15:** Tecumseh Elementary Teachers on Low Course

**August 20:** Univ of Dayton Men's Soccer on Low Course

**August 23:** Sinclair Community College Baseball on High Course

**August 25:** Old Dominion Univ Tennis on High Course & Group Initiative Activities with Warren Co. United U8 Girl's Soccer