

# Oregon: God put this place on my heart

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**Student Missions Blog:** It's been almost two whole months here in Portland, Ore. Time seems to be flying by. But you can be certain God continues to do what he promises.

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# Mission Arlington: Ninja Turtles, robots and dignity

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**Student Missions Blog:** I looked up in the busy, chaotic room of waiting people. Some had been there nearly an hour, many with hyper children, waiting for someone like me to grab their clipboard and call their name.

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# Oregon: Happiness not tied to a place

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**Student Missions Blog:** I'm going to be honest. I think the biggest lesson

God has taught me this summer in Portland so far is not what I was expecting to learn at all.

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## Rhode Island: A girl who never heard of God or the Bible

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**Student Missions Blog:** Growing up in the South, it seemed as if everyone had heard of God and Christianity. That was just the way life was. That all changed on July 13.

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## Southeast Asia: Lessons from Ramadan

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**Student Missions Blog:** I am living in one of the largest Muslim-populated countries in the world. I got to experience life here before, during and after two of the biggest Islamic holidays—Ramadan (fasting month) and Eid al-Fitr (festival of breaking the fast).

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# Peru: Teaching English and learning lessons

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**Student Missions Blog:** We have been teaching English three days a week. It is funny, because English is not my first language.

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# STCHM: Camp Inside Out

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**Student Missions Blog:** Church camp is that amazing week when you stay up late, run around all day, sing songs, talk about Jesus, play water games and fight for victory in silly competitions.

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# South Asia: Penetrating questions and honest answers

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**Student Missions Blog:** Soularium cards—basically glorified picture

postcards, used as a witnessing tool to help spark conversations about spiritual subjects—were scattered across the kitchen table, and six of us sat around it holding photos in our hands.

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## South Africa: Lessons learned

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**Student Missions Blog:** Serving at an orphanage here in South Africa, and having the opportunity to read a bunch of great books and hear some awesome speakers, I've learned—or relearned—some important lessons.

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## Rio Grande Valley: Smiles transcend language barriers

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**Student Missions Blog:** Since I live in the Dallas area, it definitely was culture shock at first when our 14-member team arrived in the Rio Grande Valley, along the Texas/Mexico border. But within a few days, it felt similar to home.

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# New York: Connecting with parents by loving children

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New Yorkers are known for living in tight areas and making the most out of their homes and space.

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## STCHM: Still a child

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**Student Missions Blog:** I am 20 years old. I still have a way to go in life, but I am slowly and surely gaining responsibility and freedom.