

NORTHSTAR[☆]

Impact (im pakt')n. the power of an event, idea, etc. to produce changes, move the feelings, etc.

This word, more than any other word, most accurately describes the Northstar '88 Summer Project. Not only were we as a team able to make an **impact** on the lives of people in Europe who had never heard the gospel, but this summer also had a tremendous **impact** in my own personal walk with Jesus.

Let me share with you some of the responses we encountered while sharing the good news of Jesus.

- One man, upon hearing the gospel, asked "If I reject Christ now, what will happen to me when I die?"
- Another young man, after hearing the gospel, was asked if he would like to accept Jesus into his heart. He said, "Yes, I want to cleanse my soul."
- This same man, upon receiving his first Bible, said "I will use this to defend myself from evil."

We had a tremendous opportunity to spend time with a student named Arthur. After sharing the gospel with him we challenged him to read the book of John and formulate any questions he had. Here is an example of some of the questions he asked us as the Holy Spirit worked in his heart.

- Tell me about the first covenant God made with Abraham.
- Who baptized Jesus? Was it the Holy Spirit?
- Tell me about this man Nicodemus.

After spending seven days getting to know Arthur, we left praying that he would someday make a decision for Christ. Arthur, like many people we met, is counting the cost of living a life for Christ instead of living for himself. Of course, much of our work was planting seeds. But God really showed me how needful this is, as some of our team members actually met some young people who had heard the gospel last summer as a result of our project. This summer, they committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

Personally, God showed me many attitudes I needed to change. Phil 2:14 became a reality in my life as God showed me the tremendous opportunity we have in America, not only for fellowship and growth in Christ, but to reach out to others and have a tremendous **impact** on their lives. This is what excites me.

Please continue to pray for Arthur and the others we shared with as they are followed up by the Northstar staff members.

In Christ's love,