

Please Pull Out My Teeth, Mon!

Simon Shung

This is obviously not a phrase we hear often in the States, but for people who suck on sugar cane, this is what the Jamaicans deprived of dental care tend to say. Getting into dental school was definitely by the Grace of God, and one of the main reasons for my matriculation into school was so I could provide dental care in the missions field. Through the Christian Dental Society, I was able to go with a group of dentists and dental students to a town called Mavis Bank. Mavis Bank, located in the same mountains that produce the famous "Blue Mountain" coffee, is not quite like the beautiful beaches of Montego Bay, but is also beautiful by God's blessings.

Blessed is one word I would use to sum up the trip. It all began with making it through customs with three bags full of sharp everything! The customs agent understood our cause and let us through without any complaints. Driving there was a blessing to my LIFE! I was kept safe while the drivers maneuvered along the narrow, windy roads adjacent to 100-ft. cliffs. God blessed us with a beautiful Bed and Breakfast to stay in. However, geckos and mosquitoes were common visitors of the bedroom at night. Another blessing was protecting us from Hurricane Chantal, which hit us briefly after we had finished a day's work. A big problem for that area was power outages; fortunately, the power went out only once while we were working, and when it did, extractions could just be performed under a flashlight.



A patient smiles, blessed through the work Simon (r) and others did.

A typical day consisted of waking up around 7:00 for breakfast and having group devotions. The trek down to the clinic was about 10 minutes walk down a steep hill. The clinic was a church that was converted into a medical clinic. The conditions were less than ideal; OSHA would have had a field day. Of the two available rooms that we used, the first had three dental chairs with equipment; the other had none. We converted a table and two standard chairs for cleanings and pulling of teeth. We worked from about 9:00 to 5:00, depending on the number of patients each day. Some days were so busy that we had to keep the people from trying to sneak in or cut in line. It was amazing seeing patients having their teeth pulled in regular kitchen chairs under the light of a headlamp. Aside from the poor conditions, many patients were helped through God's blessings.

This trip made me realize how much God provides when doing His work for Him. In total we saw about 300 patients in the 4 days we worked. God placed me in the dental field for a reason, and it was great returning Him a favor. He showed us great weather, good food, and a fulfilling experience. It was a tiring 5 days and I never felt so happy when I stepped foot in Atlanta International Airport. I almost cried when the immigration agent said, "Welcome back to the United States, sir." Missions work maybe tough and tiring, but the rewards far exceed the hardships, and I'm definitely headed back for more.

Simon Shung went on this short term missions trip this past summer. There are short term missions opportunities for the upcoming summer; contact Pastor Tom if you're interested in learning more!

Pray for Peace

Prayer Meeting Information

- **Mondays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**
Wright-Rogal Chapel (UC Chapel, CMU)
- **Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
Amberson Apts. Tower 2, Apt. 67 (Buzzer #55)
- **Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**
Wright-Rogal Chapel (UC Chapel, CMU)
- **Fridays, 5:30 p.m.**
Chinese Room, Cathedral of Learning (Pitt)

Remember prayer ACTS: adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. For more information about prayer meetings, contact Danny Bang at hbang@andrew.cmu.edu.



Jesus Week: Campus Evangelism

Ron Urwongse

Here we go again. Except we're starting a little earlier, we're involving more of the Christian body on campus, and, most importantly, we're going to pray continuously for God to do His thing on the campus of Carnegie Mellon University. It's going to be a wild ride.

So, before we talk about Jesus Week 2002, let me tell you a little bit about Jesus Week 2001. The theme of Jesus Week 2001 was "Revealing the Real Jesus" – and what we hoped would result from the forums, talks, service activities, and concerts was that the student body of Carnegie Mellon would better understand who Jesus was, is, and what he has done for all of mankind.



So, what happened? The events were held, and attendance was pretty high, though most of the attendees were members of the fellowships on campus. We gained a lot of experience in planning for large events, and we were able to meet and fellowship with other Christians on campus, but there was surprisingly little evangelism going on.

For Jesus Week 2002, we want to be sure to focus on students who are not Christians. Through prayer and planning, we hope to hold events that are sensitive to the interests of non-Christians but that do not dilute the message of the Gospel. This means that we'll address topics that are both interesting to non-Christians and relevant to the Gospel. This also means that we'll serve the campus by giving out free drinks, washing cars, and setting up prayer tables.

All of this is going to require, first of all, a lot of prayer power, and second, a lot of manpower. So, I urge you all to start praying for God to prepare the campus and prepare us for some intense evangelism this coming spring. If you are interested in getting involved in the planning process, I encourage you to e-mail me at ronu@andrew.cmu.edu so that I can add you to the d-list. Thanks for your support!

Ron Urwongse was one of the coordinators of Jesus Week 2001. You can find out more about Jesus Week by visiting www.jesusweek.org.

Cell Culture

<http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/~acf/cellleadersF01.htm>

Cell groups are taking bigger roles in ACF, but not many people may know what they're up to! So, we asked the leaders of each cell group what the focus of their cell group is, what was one fun activity they did as a group, and to name one of their group's servant evangelism projects. So gather some friends (and some food) and read what they have to say:

H2O

The focus of our cell group (H2O: His 2 Own) is to deepen our relationships with God as we also grow closer together. Our funnest activity was our servant evangelism. We cooked a dinner for friends that we invited... we went shopping at the strip district the day before and bought tons of stuff, and then we split up into 2 groups and cooked for 3 hours each. We had sooo much food left over, but it was definitely fun.

LT

Our cell group's name is LT, which stands for Living Testimony... or Liang Tzai ("hottie" in Cantonese... Yedeh is our best face for that though :))

The focus of our cell group is [to] build up and encourage one another through intimate sharing, worship, and bible study. We seek to be living testimonies of the new life that God has given us through the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ. We welcome anyone who is interested.

Fun activity... well... we all like to eat. So as often as we can, we try to get together for dinner, lunch, or any meal... other than that... we just like to rest in the fact that we are cooler than the other cell groups. :)

His Beloved

Focus: Get to know God and each other better. Support one another in prayer. The greatest commandment, loving God (heart/mind/soul/strength) and others as ourselves. Doing that is our focus.

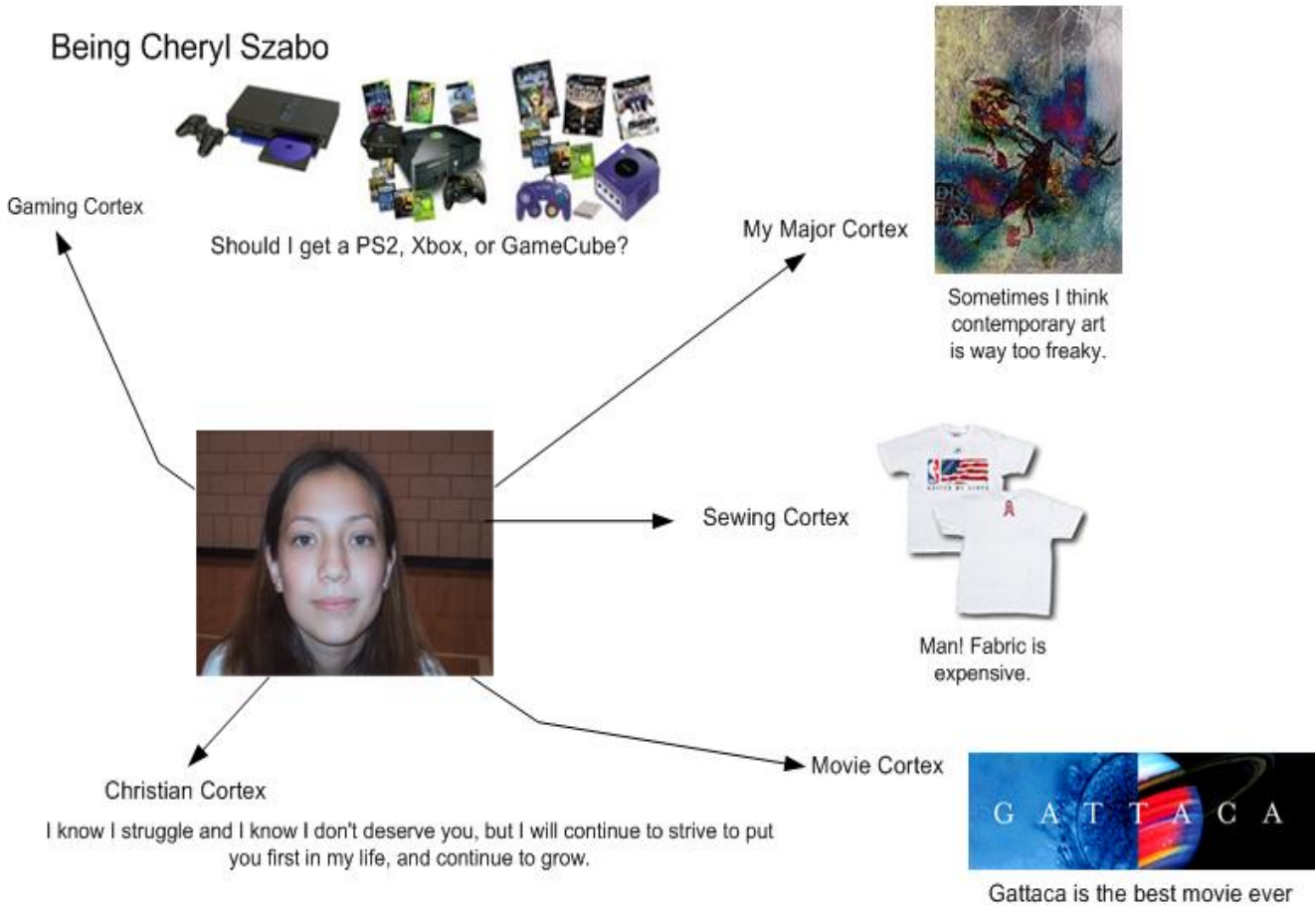
Fun Activity: We often go out for dinner together as a cell. We like to discover new places with good food together. (E.g. Dinner at Vietnamese noodle house, movie.)

Servant Evangelism: Grocery run, making origami with seniors (as in elderly people, not 4th year college people. We visited the residents at Independence Court and made origami boxes with them.)

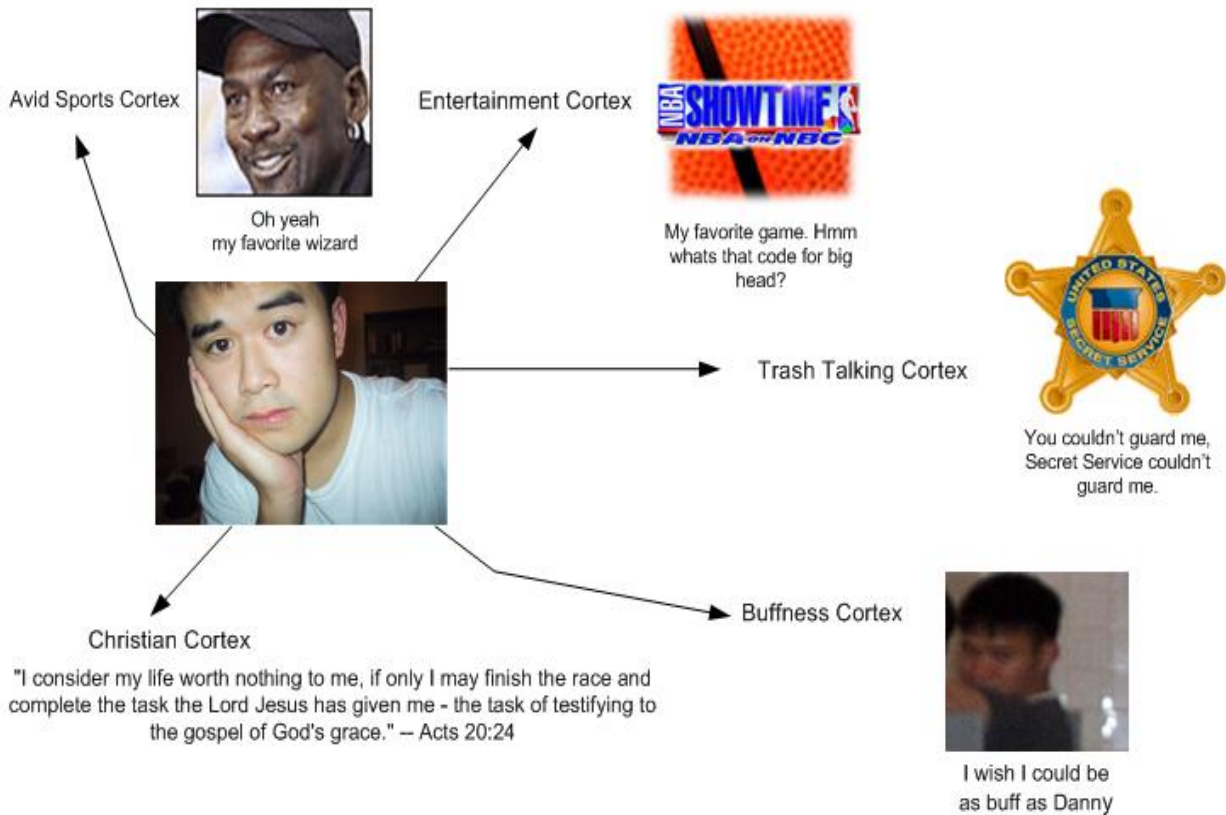
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Being Cheryl Szabo



Being Stanley Wang



This look into the minds of ACFers has been brought to you by: Stanley Wang. He enjoys watching, playing, and talking about sports.

Cell Culture

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Panting Deer

Focus: Acts 2:42!

Fun Activity: Had a spaghetti dinner, and attempted to watch glory, but failed.

Servant Evangelism: Free Krispy Kreme donuts!

Fight Club

Focus: The focus of our cell group is to mature in our relationship with God so that, at the end, we might be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7"

Fun Activity: See below. :-) Seems like everything we do that's fun is also an evangelistic event.

Servant Evangelism: We held a video game extravaganza in which people were invited to play N64, PS2, and Dreamcast to their heart's delight. Food and drinks were also available. It was great to meet and hang out with people at the end of a week of classes.

WWF (Warriors With Faith)

Focus: Our focus is to study the Word together, to encourage one another in our walks with Christ, and to evangelize this campus for Jesus.

Fun Activity: hmm... maybe the Light Up Night?

Servant Evangelism: Pearl Ice Tea for the dorms during "high stress" days.

Want to know more about Cell Groups? Women, contact Grace Choy (gchoy@andrew.cmu.edu). Men, contact Jon Nedel (jn2v@andrew.cmu.edu) or Chris Lin (lin3@andrew.cmu.edu).

December & January Birthdays

December

- 2 – Rosella Cheung
- 4 – May Wong
- 12 – Bonnie Hu
- 12 – Judy Ko
- 15 – Philip Chang
- 16 – Jon Nedel
- 17 – Yin Ling Tan
- 18 – Angeline Wong
- 25 – Neil Christopher
- 30 – Jonn'e Cheah



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We want to celebrate your birthday! Let Angeline Wong know when yours is by emailing her at alwong@andrew.cmu.edu.

January

- 3 – Ren-Yi Lo
- 6 – Eugene Lim
- 9 – Julia Chiu
- 10 – Terry Koontz
- 30 – Janet Tao

December Calendar of Events

<http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/~acf/schedule.htm>

- 7 – Talk 2: Fundamentals of Christianity
- 14 – Sharing / Prayer / Worship
- 21 – Unofficial Christmas Get-together

Watch your email inboxes for more information!

Events begin at 7 p.m. on the specified Friday. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at the First Baptist Church. Rides, as appropriate, leave from the UC Circle (CMU) and Wm. Pitt Union (Pitt) at 6:30 p.m.

Retreat!

Winter Retreat 2002



Get ready for some fun in the Son! This year's Winter Retreat will be from Friday, January 25, to Sunday, January 27. It will again be held at Whitehall Conference and Retreat Center, 1.5 hours north of Pittsburgh.

This year's theme is "The Roles of Men and Women." Speaker Andy Tso will discuss leadership and submission as part of what it means to be holy men and women. And, taking it one step further, how this fits into having godly relationships.

Of course, all the familiar elements of ACF's Annual Winter Retreats will be present: powerful worship sets, team-building games, thought-provoking messages and workshops, snowball fights, tubing (there's a great slope on the premises), "spur notes," an evening of reflection and sharing, food, and plenty of fellowship!

So start praying in preparation for this year's retreat, and stay tuned for more details, including registration information!

If you would like more information about Winter Retreat or would like to help out, please contact Tim Lo at tlo@andrew.cmu.edu.

A big "Thank You!" goes out to everyone who contributed!

Thanks for a great semester working on the newsletter! - Angeline