

Summer Missions Project

Lisa Jones Ministered in India

by Kelly Massey

As the residence halls opened for upperclassmen, the topic of conversation among students was their past summer vacations. Few students, however, had as interesting a summer as senior Lisa Jones who spent eight weeks in India as a missionary.

Jones, along with a team of six other students, left for India on June 11 to teach the good news of Jesus Christ. They ministered through games, songs, interaction, and nightly devotionals. "The biggest way that we ministered to the people was through staying in the villages and building relationships with them," she said.

This opportunity was made available through a student Christian fellowship program at North Carolina State University called Intersity Christian Fellowship. This organization sets up interested students with a missions agency, and places them in a Student Training in Missions (STIM) program.

Jade Garden

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large enough for two people. The prices are reasonable. Two people can easily eat dinner for under \$20.

The atmosphere is typical of most Chinese restaurants: dim lights, a lot of red and black, and soft Chinese music.

Jade Garden is located at 1207 Hillsborough Street. It's easy to pass, so once you see IHOP, keep a sharp eye on the right.

Intersity Christian Fellowship also trains prospective summer missionaries in areas such as culture shock and self acceptance.

Hyderabad, India was the base city of their trip; however the team spent most of their time out in the neglected parts of India. Sleeping in church buildings, sometimes unfinished ones, they would awaken at dawn many mornings to find the villagers staring at them in awe of their white skin. With very little privacy, and even fewer modern commodities, Jones realized that she could actually live without a lot of what seems a necessity in America.

Devotionals were held nightly in an open-air meeting place. The summer missionaries walked through the village and the villagers filed out of their homes and followed them. "It was like a massive following of people," Jones said.

The nightly devotionals consisted of songs, scripture lessons, and the sharing of testimonies. Even though a translator was needed, it was as if "we had an immediate

bond with the Christians over there because we have the same savior," Jones said.

She stated that although she did not have any immediate plans of becoming a missionary full time, she "feels very open to the possibility in the future."

Focusing on Women's Safety

How Can I Stay Safe? is the topic of INSIGHT 101 next Monday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Bob Hayes with the North Carolina Division of Crime Prevention will discuss women's safety issues including date rape and he will also teach some self-defense techniques.

INSIGHT 101 (Informing New Students on Individual Growth and Health Topics) is a continuation of Orientation designed to provide information to freshmen which will enhance their freshman experience.

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