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Crusades: missions worth going the distance for

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Traveling to the Middle East, Europe, South America and the Orient sounds like a tourist's dream, but for students in Campus Crusade for Christ, it's a mission.

Every year, Chapel Hill's Campus Crusade sends 20 to 30 of its members to countries all over the world for the purposes of converting people to the Christian faith and building the organization's members in their faith, according to junior Bill Dowdy, who joined Campus Crusade his freshman year after attending one of their dorm Bible studies.

"Basically what it (the international program) does is form teams (with one partner from North Carolina and another from somewhere else in the United States) and sends people to the Middle East, South America, Europe and the Orient," said senior Margaret Smart, a Campus Crusade member who took part in last summer's program in the Middle East. "It varies country to country as to what is actually done, but in every country we do Evangelism — like in Japan and Europe, there's a movie on the life of Jesus, and it's shown on college campuses, and the whole summer program will be showing this movie which has been translated for that country's language.

"We looked for English speakers first, since that's the only way we could talk to them, but we didn't have much of a problem (communicating), since most people spoke English. But for instance, in Argentina though, you had to go through the college students (first) or (already know how to) speak Spanish," Smart said.

One of the students' main goals, however, was to try to learn some of the native language. In their training programs, they were given a list of things to buy at the market and maps as guides, Smart said, but the guides could only help them so much. "We had to learn how to communicate with the people first," she said.

"In our country (a country in the Middle East whose name can't be disclosed for protection of the type of missionary work going on there), my partner and I made friends with the natives and shared our belief in Christ and the New Testament and on who Jesus was, and we also showed the Jesus film," Smart said about her two month stay.

"There were 50 people there, half girls and half guys, from all over the United States, and you and your partner would walk around and meet people," Smart said. She still writes five of the native girls she befriended.

Junior Karen Thompson, who spent two months in Argentina with Crusade, also made close ties. "There was a tremendous response. Personally, I was in a country to go and learn about people by camping out with the natives or sleeping on dirt floors with them. They accepted us and took us in and were really open to the Gospel," Thompson said.

Pharmacy student Kathy McClure, who has never been overseas, is planning her one-month summer trip to a country in East Asia or Central Europe. "I've been doing research on the country I'm going to, and I'll get trained for it in July and

then go straight over there," McClure said.

She has been collecting items to take over, including T-shirts and souvenirs. "You make friends and you want to leave them with something because they love American things with English words on them. It's obvious that you're an American when you're overseas so we'll just be walking around mainly talking to

people, getting to know them," McClure said. "As Americans, we can let them know what it's like to be an American Christian, and we explain that Christianity is more than just believing what is right and wrong. We try to explain to them that it's a personal relationship with Christ."

About 1,000 to 1,300 American students from Campus Crusade

groups throughout the nation went overseas to places like Europe, the Middle East, Argentina, the Philippines, Africa and Asia. This summer, Paris will also be included in this list, according to Byron Peters with Campus Crusade.

"There's 50 (students) from all over the country. Each has their own job and responsibilities for the testimony

testimony of the real Christianity, and the kids are just super. They all have impeccable morality, kindness they're just good kids, and good PR for Christianity," Peters said.

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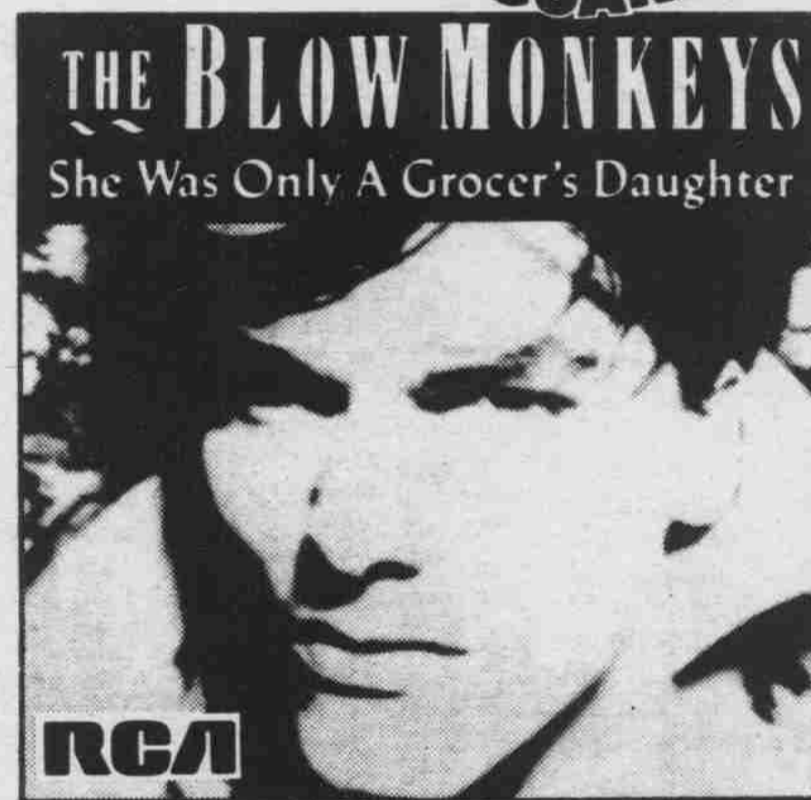
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