

Shauna's in Oz!



G'day High Woodlands! For those of you who don't know, I'm writing this over in Australia where I am a full time volunteer! Yes, the glamour of living in Australia (right off the Great Barrier Reef, I must add) with constant warm weather and palm trees has been quite enjoyable. Youth With A Mission (YWAM), the organization I volunteer with is a Christian international organization with locations in almost every country of the world. We equip young people to know God and bring positive change to nations by making God known and meeting practical needs.

I spend every Saturday with a youth event called *Youth Street* which provides a positive environment for about 80 kids to be a part of multiple teams: Skate, Dance, Music, Media, Art and Sport. As the leader of the Music team, I and my staff help about 20 kids per week in their music ability. They get to receive instruction, practice their instruments and play in bands. Some even record their music in our music studio! Many kids come from very broken homes where they don't know what it's like to be valued or loved. Saturdays are a time when they get ALL of our attention. We love them by listening to their stories (no matter how silly they are), hanging out and encouraging them in their talents.



Some Youth Street kids playing in their band called *Youth Experience*

Reef to Outback, Townsville where I live also offers training courses such as Health Care, Media Design, Biblical Studies and Music which are accredited courses under YWAM's international university. During the week I work full time in Personnel where I help equip students coming to Australia to train in order to go out and use their skills to transform nations!



This is where I work! (I'm only wearing long sleeves because I'm in air conditioning)

Seeing as this is only a glimpse of what I'm doing here, I will continue to update you all. I really do miss you and will be missing you even more as the pool season comes (that will be my winter). I would encourage you to check out Reef to Outback's website at www.reeftooutback.com to get a greater understanding of what I am doing here!

Cheers!

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