

### A JOURNEY HALFWAY THROUGH -

#### CBU STUDENTS ON THE ROAD AND ON A MISSION



Cramped together in a van, driving from town to town (*through 8+ states*), singing their hearts out is how two groups of CBU students chose to spend their summer. I was able to meet up with them at a singing engagement at Camp Harlow in Eugene, OR as they serenaded the crowd with great music, harmonious singing, and an amazing acapella; it was truly enjoyable and my little toddler dancing in the front row evidenced that. Connor Smith, currently pursuing his MA as a conductor spoke with me about the trip.



*"Tours are exercises in unity. Tight quarters make things difficult but also serve as reminders of why we are on the trip... The redemption of Christ unites us all."* And that unity was manifoldly demonstrated in spite of the diversity of the group. Though from their talent you would assume they were all music majors, there were software

engineers and even graphic designers composing the group. When asked why he is on the trip Connor responded, *"People are blessed by music and I believe that God uses music to speak into people's lives."*

**They return to Riverside on July 31 and will be having a homecoming concert on that day at the Bethel Christian Center.**

A question I forgot to ask Connor is the secret to being able to sing nearly everyday for two months straight. If you see him at the concert be sure to ask. And though the group may not be too eager to do this sort of trip again soon, the joy exhibited in their faces and performance let you know there wasn't any regret.



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#### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN OLYMPIAN?



Being three stones throws away from the USA Olympic trials has had its fair share of excitements. From the distant cheering, July 3rd fireworks that were more astounding than the July 4th fireworks, and the numerous athletes filling the streets, the thought follows: what does it take to be an Olympian?



- Courage
- Perserverence
- Self Control
- Ability
- Dedication

and even with all these qualities getting through the rigorous July 1 - 10 trials is only the halfway point of sorts as the Olympics are still to come. The true Olympian knows this but pursues the goal with all that is in them, driving oneself to the peak of their ability, in order to achieve the goal, not success, but excellence. They have achieved success long ago through their character.

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