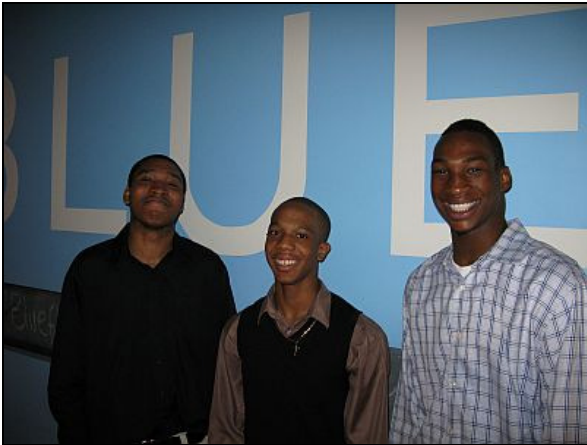


# Word on the Street

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## Tech Bridges Summer Internship- Wildly Successful



Olajuwen, Tyshawn, and Jeff on a corporate office visit



Tyshawn working hard at his desk

We just completed the 2010 Tech Bridges Summer Intern Program. What an amazing summer! It was a privilege and a blessing for me to spend time with and get to know these young men better. I couldn't be more proud of them, and I'm so thankful for their hard work and the ways they helped me out. I'm looking forward to continued relationships with all three of them.

This year, despite the rough economy (or perhaps because of it) donors were generous enough to enable me to hire three interns for the summer. These young men helped me to repair and refurbish computers to give away to other NYC ministries, they provided technical support for our office, and they helped me with a variety of office-related tasks and administrative projects among other things. I worked to build them up in a variety of aspects of their lives including giving them job skills, teaching them about careers and working in office environments, doing Bible studies and having discussions about faith, and even just talking about life in general.



Fruits of their labor, ready to be donated!

In the next newsletter, you'll have a chance to hear from some of them as they talk about their experiences. For now we wanted to let you see some pictures, see some quotes from the young men. If you'd like, you can see them talk for themselves about the internship on YouTube. Please type in the following link on your web browser:

**YouTube Link- <http://www.youtube.com/theshenks>**

Here are some memorable quotes from the Internship:

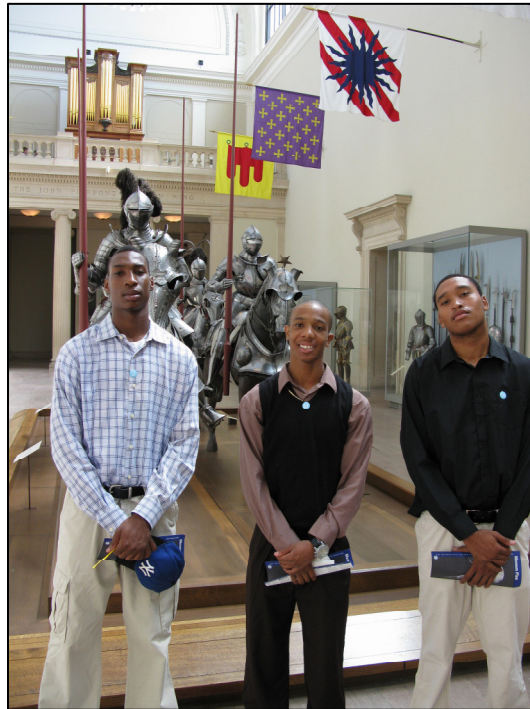
- "I feel like I really understand Christianity for the first time."
- "I feel like I can focus more and that I'm thinking about the future now."
- "I like how you (Matt) let us do things on our own, but you still help. You push us to figure out problems on our own, and that's good."
- "Having a job makes me feel good about myself."
- "It's helped me to learn how to conduct myself as a young man."
- "I've come closer to God through the internship."



One of the interns expressed an interest in exploring a non-office work environment, so one of our outings included a visit with a local artist and furniture maker, Rich McCullah.



As a reward for their incredibly hard work, Matt wanted to make sure the interns had fun. Here, they squeezed in a visit to the Madison Avenue NBA store after a visit to a corporate office in Manhattan. Matt still has bruises from the day of paintball he treated them to on the last day of their internship!



A visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other cultural outings rounded out the internship and allowed Matt to build into the young men beyond the spiritual and career aspects of their lives. It also served as a platform for talking about God's relevance and role in their daily lives and our present culture.