

QUESTIONS:

1. What is your full name?

Tiffany Amber Maple

2. What is your graduation year?

May 2006

3. Where are you from - hometown?

Greentown, Indiana

4. What is your major/minor?

Elementary Education

5. What does philanthropy mean to you?

To me, philanthropy means giving back to the community.

6. Why do you volunteer?

I feel God has blessed me in many areas of my life, and I want to help those who may not have been as fortunate.

7. Where do you or have you volunteered in the past?

During my freshman year, I volunteered 6 hours at Vernon Manor in Wabash, which is a home for severely mentally and physically handicapped children. While I was there, I spent time reading them stories and helping them make crafts.

I have volunteered to help at the Haunted Forest for the last two years. Last year I helped out with the "safe zone" for young children and those who were too scared to go through the forest (this was sponsored by SEA). This year I actually was a tour guide for a couple of hours.

For the last two summers, I have volunteered a week to be a church camp counselor at Rainbow Christian Camp. The first summer I was with 6th and 7th graders in the Jungle Huts, which are African style huts suspended about 10 feet in the air, and last summer I was with 7th and 8th graders in the Thai Huts, which are Thai style huts suspended about a foot above water.

I have been involved with Operation Christmas Child for the last three years. Operation Christmas Child is an organization sponsored by Samaritan's Purse that sends shoeboxes full of school supplies, hygiene products, and toys to needy children around the world at Christmas time. The first two years I made some boxes to send to children. This last year; however, I was in charge of organizing this program on campus. This year we sent around 120 boxes and about \$600 to cover the \$5 shipping cost for each box.

For the last two years, I have worked for Indiana Reading Corps. This year I am one of the part-timers for Indiana Reading Corps. I am also a reading coach, which means I meet with a child who is struggling with reading twice a week. As a part-timer, I work in the office every week. In the office, I help organize the library, make book folders, and train reading coaches. We also sponsor programs in the community where we hand out literacy information to parents, have literacy activities for children, and give away free

books.

This last spring break I went to Mannheim, Germany for a missions trip with a group of MC students (Emma Lowman, Greg Robison, Joe Hoover, and Kyle Wyatt). Rose Burkholder, a MC alum, is in Germany on a Fulbright scholarship, and she organized service projects we could do in Mannheim. Mannheim has a very high unemployment and crime rate, one of the highest in the state. As a result of the high unemployment, there are a lot of beggars on the streets of Mannheim. We wanted to do something different than just merely give them money. In small groups of three we invited a beggar to eat lunch or drink coffee with us. We ate with them and talked with them for awhile. Another day, we worked at the Heilsarmee which is the German version of the Salvation Army. They were preparing for commencement in a few days, so we helped them by cleaning. Later on that day, we went to minister at Haus Bethanien, which is a half-way house for socially challenged men. We led them in some singing, I gave a devotional, someone else gave their testimony, and a couple of other students talked about two U.S. holidays. When we were finished, we divided into small groups to sit and talk with the men one-on-one over coffee and cake. Also while we were in Germany, we prepared baskets full of things such as tea, cookies, candy, and chocolate with an attached note to give to pastors around the area. We met with these pastors to give them these baskets as well as pray for and bless them. We talked with them over coffee and cake. Our purpose was to show them how much we appreciated their hard work. We made baskets for a total of six pastors from the Mannheim area.

8. How does it make you feel to volunteer?

Volunteering makes me feel important in that I can have a positive impact on other people and can make a difference in their lives.

9. What activities are you, or have you been, involved in at Manchester College?

- * I have been a member of the Student Education Association (SEA) for the last 3 years.
- * I have been a member of Intercollegiate Ministries (ICM) for the last two years and currently hold the officer position as the Christian Service Coordinator.
- * I have worked for Indiana Reading Corps. (IRC) for the last two years and am currently one of the part-timers.
- * I have also been a member of Students Following Christ for two years.
- * I have played intramural softball and sand volleyball for two years as well.

10. What, if any, plans do you have for philanthropy in the future?

* I plan on continuing giving through Operation Christmas Child. I have even thought about making it a classroom project for my students in the future.

* I would also like to sponsor a child or two in the future.

* I also have contemplated volunteering at a women's center like Crisis Pregnancy Center. This center is designed to help teen mothers or mothers in poverty by being their

support system, providing parenting tips, and helping them with the financial burden of infant products such as bottles and diapers.

* I would also like to implement a program in my school system that is designed to help upper elementary and junior high girls with positive self-esteem and body image.

11. What is your favorite quote, or life motto?

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

- Isaiah 40:31